

CWSG

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CALENDAR**Through April 6****"A Communion of the Spirits: African American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories"**

Outstanding photo exhibit by Roland Freeman; accompanied by quilts. \$3 admission. Mississippi Museum of Art, downtown Jackson (601-960-1515)

Mar. 1-31**"From Looms to Heirlooms"**

Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild annual show; Pass Christian Library.

Mar. 6**Study group: Huck**

at Marcy Petrini's. Coffee at 6:30 p.m.; study at 7 p.m.

Mar. 14**Spin-in**

at Hazel's in Canton; 6:30 p.m. RSVP, 859-4836.

Mar. 15**Guild meeting**

Details in this newsletter.

Mar. 22**Felting workshop with Julia Kubat**

at Hazel Howell's in Canton, 9:15 a.m. Bring sack lunch, supplies and folding chair. Details: Kathy Cohron, 856-6698.

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Chimneyville

Weavers & Spinners Guild

March 1997 newsletter

Next meeting: March 15 in weaving studio

Our next meeting will be March 15 at the weaving studio above the Craftsmen's Guild Gallery at the Ag Museum, Jackson. Margaret Pittman will lead a program on *Cross Country Weavers and Overshot*. No materials to bring—just an open mind and maybe a notepad.

Board meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.; program at 10; show and tell at 11:30 and business meeting at 12. Then we'll adjourn to lunch at a restaurant of our choice. (Don't forget your pink elephant!)

February meeting minutes

by *Debbie Stringer*

(*substituting for Jane Dollar*)

We enjoyed a special treat for our February meeting: a program on doubleweave pickup lead by Jill Hammes in her new studio! (More on program in a bit.)

Jill spread out the red carpet for us (it seemed like Loom Crawl!) with refreshments and lunch in her airy home in Meridian. Thank you, Jill, for giving us such a wonderful day.

Business meeting: We held the business meeting soon after arriving at Jill's, so we could get on with more important things (inspecting her studio, eating, etc.). Here's the blow by blow:

- We welcomed two **guests:** Elton Davis, Linda Gayle's mom; and Catherine Hill, Lu Harding's mom.
- Members of the nominating committee, Nancy Landrum and Barbara Mitchell, reported that they will present their **nominations** for next year's president and vice president at the March meeting.
- Rosina Echols, chairman, reported that **Sheep-to-Shawl** is set for April 12 at the Ag Museum. Sheep will be provided by Melba Nipper. First shearing will be around 9 a.m.
- Hazel Howell will host our next **spin-in** March 14, 6:30 p.m., at her house in Canton. The April spin-in, April 11 at Margaret Pittman's house, will also serve as our April meeting, as it falls the night before sheep-to-shawl on Saturday. A member is needed to host the May 16 spin-in; please call Kathy Cohron to volunteer.
- Lu Harding and Barbara Mitchell are working on details for the **spring fiber retreat**, set for April 18-20 at Nancy Landrum's country house near Meridian. They'll tell us more at the March meeting.
- Kathy Cohron asked that members pass their request lists for new **library materials** on to the library acquisitions committee for their considerations in purchasing. We have \$77 in the library fund, thanks to our pink elephants!

'96-'97 CWSG board

- **President:** Kathy Cohron, 856-6698
- **Vice president:** Nancy Landrum, 482-8823
- **Treasurer:** Margaret Pittman, 956-1478
- **Secretary:** Jane Dollar, 323-7079
- **Historian:** Marva Lee Goodman, 992-0383

Mar. 27

Weave-in/spin-in

at Kathy Cohron's, 10 a.m. until. Bring a sack lunch. For directions, call 856-6698.

Mar. 28

Deadline for slides for "Reflections: Contemporary Fiber Images," a regional juried fiber exhibit. LSASE to Judie Dysart, 1021 Old Tn. Rd. NE, Pine Log, GA 30171.

Apr. 1

Newsletter deadline

Apr. 3-6

"Southern Alternatives" 1997 Southeast Fiber Forum in Birmingham. Hosted by the Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild. Contact Jonnie Venglik, 205-822-5855.

June 6-9

Jason Collingwood Twill Workshop

Huntsville, Ala. Contact Mary Geier, Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild, at 205-967-2792.

June 13-16

Jason Collingwood Rug Weaving Workshop: Block Weave

in Fairhope, Ala. Call Caroline Bates-Hoffman, Mobile Bay Fiber Guild, at 334-928-4077.

Directory update

Please update your membership directory with this information:

New member

Georgia Polk
531 North Lake Drive
Brandon, MS 39042
825-8105

Address change

Andrea Longo
125 Pine Knoll Dr. #431
Ridgeland, MS 39157
952-0471

• Upon Kathy's request for an update, building committee chair Marcy Petrini reported that because the guild is not in a financial position to purchase a **building**, such a plan is not feasible now.

• Members voted to commit funds to buy additional materials needed to complete **name tags** for the '97 Southeast Fiber Forum. To volunteer to help assemble the name tags, call Margaret Pittman, 956-1478.

• Kathy announced she will determine if any openings remain in Julia Kubat's **felted workshop**, March 22, and if so will call those on the waiting list.

• Kathy shared an address (Chet got it off the Internet) for anyone wanting a **fiber pen-pal**: Sue Holland, Rose Cottage, Sandyhill Rd., Saundersfoot SA69 9HN; phone 01834 812544. Sue is the president of the Pembrokeshire Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. There are more spinners than weavers in the area, she says, because of being in the middle of the Welsh wool district.

• Margaret distributed directions for **crocheted candy canes**.

• Members were given an updated **directory** page to add to their guild membership directories. This sheet, which *replaces* the second page of your directory, includes our newest members. If you are a paid member and were not at the meeting, you should find this sheet included with this newsletter. Call Debbie Stringer if you don't (373-6292).

• Members voted yes on Marva Goodman's motion for the guild to host the **Southeast Fiber Forum** in 1999. Marva and Marcy are leading this effort and will need plenty of volunteers, so get ready!

• Marcy announced the guild won the **tassel contest** at Weave-in in New Orleans.

Show and tell

Linda Gayle Smith brought her wonderful striped felted hat (created per Marcy's instructions) and handspun yarn.

Nancy Landrum, our linen lady, showed her twill rug of linen, a rag rug and a towel of handspun cotton/linen blend woven in Ms & Os.

Jennifer Jacob shared a photo of a table runner she wove for a gift, as well as a color sampler she did at the end of the project (smart!).

Kathy Cohron showed a lovely pastel baby blanket.

Melba Nipper brought denim/wool blend handspun (she sells the fiber).

Program

Jill Hammes presented a program on doubleweave pickup, a technique she said she learned around 1987 from a *Handwoven* magazine article. The technique intrigued her, she said, because she wanted pictorial imagery on the loom without using tapestry. She has since modified the technique to develop her own method and results.

"This is a slow weave," Jill warned us as we gathered around her loom to watch her demonstrate her own variation of the process. Slow indeed! It takes four shots to complete one sequence, we learned. But the results are fascinating. Jill uses 5/2 pearl cotton in a simple palette of black and white for her graphic images, a preference stemming from her past life as a print-maker.

Jill also showed us how she winds two colors of warp at the same time without a paddle.

Welcome, new members!

We recently welcomed two new members into the guild: Rosalie Nast, of Meridian, and Georgia Polk, of Brandon. We're glad to have you!

Where's the disk?

During the library work day last year, a computer disk was made that contained a list of all the books and videos in the library. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this disk, please call Marva, 992-0383. It may be in the library cabinets, I just can't find it. Thanks for all assistance.

—Marva

For sale

Harrisville loom: Like new, 36-inch loom. Good beginner loom. Call for price: Barbara Mitchell, Jackson, 601-362-4570.

Mohair fiber: Kathy Smith has sheared her registered angora goats and is offering kid and adult mohair for \$6.50 per pound (washed). Call Kathy at Willow Creek Farm, 601-854-6441.

Spinning wheels:

Majacraft Tiny Tim traveling spinning wheel, one year old, \$225, plus bobbins. Ashford Traditional scotch tension spinning wheel, five years old. Includes many bobbins and lazy kate. \$150. Contact Heather Gillis at home, 601-264-6263; at work, 1-800-821-7399 (Miss.) or 1-800-321-8750 (WATS).

Dealers

(CWSG members)

Melba Nipper

(Ashford & LeClerc equipment; yarns; fiber), 601-825-3749.

Linda Gayle Smith

(Schacht equipment), 601-426-2264.

Magazine to include Margaret's towels

Early American Homes magazine has chosen two of Margaret Pittman's handwoven towels for inclusion in a special issue devoted to early American-style crafts. The editors chose Margaret's Redware Towel (red/black check) and her Stoneware Towel (navy/khaki log cabin). Ordering information will be included in the article, set for publication in August.

Congratulations, Margaret!

SEFF '99 report: Let's brainstorm

by Marva Goodman and Marcy Petrini, SEFF '99 co-chairs

We are excited about our guild's taking on SEFF '99. We think it's going to be great fun and a wonderful learning experience. We are getting ready for the proposal to bring in SEFF in Birmingham for the board to approve.

Before we even start working on the project, there are things to think about and decide: what do we want our slogan to be? our logo? what format do we want the conference to take? what exhibits would be nice to have? and, if we raise the \$1,000 that we get to keep, how does the guild want to spend it?

Although, as we explained at the meeting, the committee is under the direction of the SEFF board, there is a lot of brainstorming we can do as a guild. Convergence '96 very successfully did it by having informal sessions after guild meetings, taking one topic at a time. We would like to follow that format, starting in the fall. After lunch on the day of the guild meeting, we can meet back at the studio with our handwork and do some brainstorming, starting with a slogan for our conference. The details for each session will be announced in the newsletter. But start thinking! We need a great slogan that ties in Mississippi with fibers and perhaps with the fact we are at the brink of a new century.

We are looking forward to a fruitful two years.

Celia Quinn silk workshop

by Marva Goodman

It was a beautiful February day when Jane Dollar and I set forth for an adventure. We gathered a few spinning accessories, wheels, snacks, etc. and away we went, south to New Orleans.

As we walked into the classroom, our eyes were almost overwhelmed with such lovely silk items. Celia had set up tables with many wonderful samples and articles made from her handspun silk. She showed a blouse that had been in a Convergence fashion show. There was lots of good stuff for sale, and Jane and I both took advantage of this.

Celia passed out many silk samples for us to spin. She suggested how each should be spun, plied and recorded on cards for a silk sampler notebook. When all samples are completed, each participant will have a sample of silk fibers and blends, an excellent resource tool. She discussed and demonstrated each process, then gave students time to try each process on their own wheels. (Have you ever seen sesame milk as a conditioner for hands when spinning silk?)

We also dyed silk bells and cocoons, degummed cocoons, unreeled cocoons, and make "hankies" of the dyed cocoons. Celia had very interesting of various aspects of the silk industry, taken in India and China.

It was a good workshop, and Celia Quinn lived up to her excellent reputation as an instructor. If you are interested in learning more of the silk culture, her workshop would fill the bill.

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD
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