

## CWSG

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## CALENDAR

**Dec. 5-7**

### Chimneyville Crafts Festival

at the Trade Mart on the fair-grounds in Jackson. Patron's party is Dec. 5, 7-10 p.m.

**Dec. 13**

### Loom Crawl

Details in this newsletter.

**Jan. 10**

### Roc Day

in Baton Rouge with Bayou Yarn Benders.

**Jan. 16-17**

### "Ya Gotta Be Warped to Weave"

workshop with Michele Belson of the Lunatic Fringe; Jackson. Details in this newsletter.

**Jan. 18-24**

### Introduction to Network Drafting with Alice Schlein

at John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, N.C. Call 1-800-FOLK-SCH or visit their web site:  
[www.grove.net/~jccfs](http://www.grove.net/~jccfs).

**Jan. 21-25**

### 10th January Spin-in

at Destin, Fla.; \$10 registration due by Dec. 15. Call Nancy

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# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

December 1997 newsletter

## Loom Crawl set for Dec. 13

Our next guild gathering is one of our most enjoyable events of the year—Loom Crawl! This is probably the only holiday party you'll attend that will combine fun, food and *fiber!* For those of you new to Loom Crawl, we get to eat (and eat and eat) while oogling our hostesses' looms, yarns, etc. Our kind of fun!

The party begins at Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. at Barbara Mitchell's house in Madison, where we'll have appetizers. Barbara has just moved, so this will be our chance to enjoy her new house.

Later in the morning, we'll travel to Diane Dixon's house in Vaughn for lunch. Diane, an authority on Southeastern basketweaving and weaver of museum-quality baskets, has just built a studio and has a fantastic collection of baskets. Those who have never been to her house are in for a treat, and going back is always great fun.

Convenient, take-along maps for both homes are included with this newsletter.

Holly Redford, Loom Crawl chair, is coordinating the food. If you haven't already signed up to bring a dish, call her (924-5654) to let her know what you'll bring.

If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring an inexpensive, wrapped handmade or fiber-related gift. And bring your holiday spirit!

## Minutes of November meeting

by Jane Dollar

**Program:** Sharon Williams presented an excellent program on marketing. She gave us lots of good advice about tax numbers, credit cards, paying taxes, pricing and what to consider when pricing. A good rule of thumb is to add the cost of the yarn, give yourself an hourly wage, add 30 percent of that for profit and 8 percent of it for overhead—then double it!

**General meeting:** After being called to order, we passed around a list for volunteering at the Chimneyville Crafts Festival. Marcy handed out our guild directories, Holly Redford passed around a food sign-up list for Loom Crawl, and everyone was told to bring ornaments for the Chimneyville Christmas tree to the weaving studio if they hadn't already brought them.

There were no minutes from the October meeting.

Members passed the motions that provide for:

- Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild's joining the HGA Fiber Trust at the donor level;
- Guild sponsorship of seminars, workshops, and the annual retreat (with participants paying a fee with the intent to recover all costs);
- Expansion of the guild directory to include crafts practiced by members and notes on those who are teachers or retailers;
- Earmarking of donations from the raffle of the Sheep-to-Shawl shawl for the library fund.

## '97-'98 CWSG board

- **President:** Marcy Petrini, 957-1423
- **Vice president:** Sharon Williams, 233-2990
- **Treasurer:** Margaret Pittman, 956-1478
- **Secretary:** Jane Dollar, 323-7079
- **Historian:** Marva Lee Goodman, 992-0383
- **Ex-officio member:** Kathy Cohron, 856-6698

## Calendar, *continued*

Kahrs, 850-897-5011.

**Feb. 7-8**

### Spinning Workshop

with Rita Buchanan, hosted by New Orleans Weavers Guild. Contact Jackie Schweitzer, 504-764-8094, or Maureen Preau, 504-482-3546.

**Feb. 23-25**

### LunaSea

fiber retreat at Sandestin Beach Hilton, 10 miles east of Destin.

**Apr. 24-26**

### Double Weave Workshop with Doramay Keasby

in Memphis. Details in this newsletter.

**May 27-31**

### Third Annual SWIC Spinning Retreat

at Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center, south of Alexandria, La. Deposit required by Jan. 3. For registration form, call Debbie Stringer, 601-373-6292.

## Directory update

Please update your membership directory with this information:

### Rejoining member:

Yvette De Leeuw  
112 Bent Creek Dr.  
Brandon, MS 39042

### Correction:

Barbara Mitchell's phone number is 856-1838.

### Addition:

Cynthia Crull's phone number is 228-467-9310.

Members approved our 1997-1998 budget.

Lou Harding moved that we have our January meeting on Friday night, Jan. 16, have Michele Belson's workshop on Saturday, and have an informal gathering on Saturday night. Heather Gillis seconded.

Martha Garrott sent us a letter expressing appreciation for our help with the Pioneer and Indian Festival.

The fiber show at the Step-Up Gallery in the Craftsmen's Guild building has items from several of our members.

In new business, Debbie Stringer donated a book, *The Warp: A Weaving Reference* by Blair Tate, to our library. The Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild has our retreat this year. Rosina Echols said Earth Guild is having a sale; see her for more info. Melba Nipper said Cotton Clouds will give us a guild discount on group orders. Cynthia Crull (of Dyed-in-the Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild) is looking for roommates for LunaSea; contact her (228-467-9310; [cyncrull@data-sync.com](mailto:cyncrull@data-sync.com)) if interested.

The meeting was adjourned.

Melba won a white elephant item, a fringe twister. And if I'd gotten a good look at it, I'd have stuffed the cup! Debbie S. got the KFC coupons that came in our mail (she's skinny enough to enjoy them!), and Lou got the craft pamphlets.

Lunch was soup served on the porch in handmade and painted bowls, which we got to keep. This benefitted Stewpot Community Services. And I love my bowl!

### Show and tell:

- Jill Hammes' double-weave cotton wall hanging, inspired by genetics
- Joan Henderson's crocheted felted hat of Texel wool, handspun at 10-12 wraps per inch; an original pattern
- Heather Gillis' knitted cotton socks and huck lace weaving samples of 18/2 cotton
- Jane Dollar's twisted wire ornaments, inspired by pins
- Nancy Landrum's samples of cloth for pants, handwoven of 20/2 cotton in stripe with Monk's belt pattern, from *Handwoven*, June 1987
- Melba Nipper's huck kitchen towels of 8/2 cotton and crocheted bag purse of fishing twine
- Holly Redford's broken- and straight-twill scarves of mercerized cotton
- Kathy Cohron's painted-warp scarf, handwoven in plain weave with various fibers from Lunatic Fringe kit.

## President's letter

by Marcy Petrini

This is the time of year to give thanks, reflect on the season, plan for the new year, maybe even make some new year resolutions. I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season, a great 1998 and that your future will involve lots of fiber, including Convergence.

I look forward seeing everyone at Loom Crawl!

## Guild directories distributed

The Guild Directories were compiled according to the information you provided in the information sheet, and it includes those members who paid dues by the Oct. 31 deadline. If you find incorrect information, please advise Marcy immediately so the information can be corrected in the database. This database will eventually reside in the Guild computer, so this is important. The directories were distributed to members present at the meeting on Nov. 15. Other members will receive theirs at Loom Crawl and later by mail.

Friends and exchanging guilds who would like to obtain a copy, please contact Marcy Petrini, 950 Fairfax Cr., Jackson MS 39211 (601) 957-1423 or e-mail: [petrini@fiona.umsmed.edu](mailto:petrini@fiona.umsmed.edu).

## Shopping & workshop with Michele Belson

Shopping with Michele Belson of The Lunatic Fringe will be at Chimneyville

## For sale

**Fricke Drum Carder:** \$200 or best offer. Call Sandra Melsheimer, 601-638-7511.

**Table loom:** LeClerc 15-inch, 4-shaft loom; 2 reeds, raddle. \$200. Call Kathy Smith, 601-854-6441.

**Hand towels:** Margaret Pittman is offering her red-and-black handwoven hand towels at the same price as her twill and log cabin towels. Weavers' and craftsmen's discounts apply. Offer good through December. (Margaret will have a booth at Chimneyville.)

## Members thanked for festival participation

*Letter from Martha Garrott, Mississippi Craft Center director, Nov 2, 1997:*

Dear Spinners & Weavers:

In haste, but with great sincerity, I thank you once more for a major contribution to the Pioneer & Indian Festival.

Your presence—and this year, good sportsmanship in the rain—spreads the gospel of the worth and fascination of fiber crafts in a most endearing way to the general public, who need the message the most.

We value your association with us greatly.

Gratefully,  
Martha

Crafts, Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, 4 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. You do not have to take the workshop to come shop, but the shopping will end promptly at 6:45 p.m. because of the workshop.

YA GOTTA BE WARPED TO WEAVE workshop with Michele Belson will be Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Weaving Studio at Chimneyville Crafts. The sign-up form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Please note the following: Michele suggests that each person have a warping board or mill. There are some boards at the studio, but students enrolled in the weaving class at Chimneyville Crafts during the winter 1998 session have priority over their use. For availability, please check with Marcy after Jan. 6, 1998. If you have a free-standing warping board, Michele will be bringing some equipment to secure them. You can also bring C-clamps, as suggested by Rosina Echols at the last meeting. I am sure it will be possible to share.

Please re-read the information in the November '97 newsletter before signing up. Space is on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee is not refundable. Maximum number of participants will depend on the options chosen by participants.

**Deadline for signing up is Jan. 5, 1998, unless the workshop fills up first!**

Michele says: "It is such fun to see the look on people's faces when they realize warping can be fast and not even painful." This should be a real great workshop!

Here is Michele's list for the workshop:

- comfortable clothes
- a warping board or reel
- paddle or raddle, if you have one
- scissors
- lease sticks
- a harness loom
- heddle or reed hook
- firm paper (Michele will have single-sided corrugated for sale if you'd like)
- small stool (for threading)

(the last 4 items are optional—see the November newsletter for choices on how to take the workshop)

- plus lots of energy and an open mind!

About the kits: they are cotton, dyed with only the best fiber reactive dyes, in brilliant hues. Many come with instructions for weaving. (Marcy's note: those who have used Michele's yarns know that the colors are just incredible).

## MGHW to offer double-weave workshop

The Memphis Guild of Handloom Weavers will host a Doramay Keasby workshop on double weave April 24-26, 1998. Each participant will work on her/his own loom, which will be dressed in advance of the workshop. Samples will be woven to explore a wide range of possibilities, beginning with the basic tubular and double-width textiles and extending to a variety of unusual effects. Loom- and hand-controlled methods will be used.

Registration is \$10 and will open Dec. 10 for non-MGHW members. There is a limit of 20 participants. Total cost of the workshop is not yet available. Contact Mary Jorgensen at 683-2918.

## Let's wish Mary Snider a happy 90th birthday

Mary Snider is 90 years old! Those of you who have been weaving for any length of time have heard of and have read Mary Snider's work. She has had an enormous influence on handweaving in America for many, many years. Her birthday is Dec. 8 or 9.

Her guild has asked that weavers send her birthday cards and join in her celebration. I will have a card for us to sign at Loom Crawl, and even though a bit late, I think we should honor this wonderful lady. If you want to send her a card, her address is: Mary Snider, 355 Wahl St., Clayton, NY 13624. Even if you don't know her personally, you can still join in.