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## CALENDAR

**Feb. 20**  
**Spin-in**  
at Barbara Mitchell's house.  
Details in this newsletter.

**Feb. 21**  
**CWSG meeting**

**Feb. 23-25**  
**LunaSea**  
fiber retreat at Sandestin  
Beach Hilton, 10 miles east of  
Destin. Call the LunaLine: 800-  
483-8749.

**Feb. 27 - Mar. 1**  
**Huck Lace Workshop with**  
**Madelyn van der Hoogt**  
in Lafayette, La. Call 318-981-  
8620.

**Mar. 1-28**  
**"Weave It to Me"**  
Annual Dyed-in-the-Wool  
Weavers and Spinners Guild  
Show.

**Mar. 5**  
**Study group**

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## Weavers & Spinners Guild

February 1998 newsletter

### Learn about linen at our February meeting

Nancy Landrum will lead a program on linen for our next meeting, Saturday, Feb. 21, at the weaving studio. The meeting schedule:

- 10 a.m.: Program
- 11 - 11:45: Show and tell, shopping tables, coffee
- 11:45 - 12:15: Business meeting
- 12:15: Lunch at Schlotzsky's Deli on Lakeland Drive
- 2 p.m.: Convergence fabric sewing planning meeting (details in this newsletter). Bring a sewing machine and/or serger.

Don't forget your white elephant!

### January meeting minutes

by Jane Dollar

The January meeting was held the night of the 17th due to Michele Belson's workshop. It was followed by a pot-luck supper at Marcy's. And for those of you who couldn't make it, all the food was yummers!

The minutes for the previous meeting were accepted.

Marcy thanked Michele for the workshop and welcomed Julia Kubat, who came from Madison, Wisc., for the workshop, and V.A. Patterson, whom we all know.

Sheep-to-Shawl is tentatively set for April 18.

Jane Dollar moved that Melanie Bruister do a polymer clay workshop for our guild, pending cost consideration. Debbie Stringer seconded.

Weave-In for 1998 will be in Mandeville, La., on Saturday, Sept. 12.

There was a discussion of SEFF; location is still being decided.

There was a discussion of Roc Day registration. The point was made that we need to respond on time. This is due to space considerations, food arrangements, etc.

There was a letter from an art educator in Carriere needing help (see details in this newsletter).

And last, but not least, happy birthday to Julia Kubat, who on Jan. 16 was 75 years young. May you have many more, Julia!

### '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*

**Mar. 21**

### **"Weaving with Found Objects," workshop with Kim Whitt**

at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. Note location change since last announcement. Details in this newsletter.

**Apr. 2**

### **Study group**

**Apr. 18 (tentative)**

### **Sheep-to-Shawl**

**May 7**

### **Study group**

**May 27-31**

### **Third Annual SWIC Spinning Retreat**

sponsored by Spinners & Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu.

**July 23-26**

### **Convergence '98**

at Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, Atlanta.

**Sept. 12**

### **Weave-In**

in New Orleans. Details in this newsletter.

## **Educator in need**

An art educator in Carriere, Miss., is in dire need of any educational materials or lesson plan ideas. She has contacted HGA; the staff has provided her with back copies of SS&D with the children's projects. If anyone is willing to help please contact Marcy, who has the name, phone number and address.

## **Kim Whitt workshop location changed**

Kim Whitt's workshop, "Weaving With Found Objects," hosted by Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners, will not be held at the library as previously announced but in the activities area at Christ Episcopal Church, 912 Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. Hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., March 21. To register, send \$25 to Florence Donnaway, 126 Fairway Dr., Pass Christian, MS 39571. Attendees should bring a bag lunch and be prepared to enjoy a new fiber experience!

## **Roc Day report**

by *Marcy Petrini*

Roc Day was great! Several of us attended. The organizing committee did a wonderful job, visiting was fun, the food was superb Cajun fare, the shopping terrific and we all had the honor of meeting Gladys Clark who is not only a NEA Fellow, but is very approachable and fun to talk with.

Jane Dollar and I, as representatives of our guild, attended a short meeting for all involved guilds, called by the Baton Rouge Guild to discuss the problems that they had with this year's Roc Day. The good news is that Roc Day is growing. Twenty-five years ago Roc Day was held in someone's living room. Now we are at an awkward number of around 100, which is a difficult number to find a place for (remember that for 100 people who spin, have booths and have a place to eat, the space needs to be the equivalent of that for about 300 to 400).

So, the bad news is that, because of this increase in numbers, people simply cannot expect to drop in. Some people got downright ugly to the organizing committee because they had not planned ahead and wanted to attend, and Roc Day was full (and some of those people were our guild members, which reflects poorly on our Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild). The deadline was Dec. 10, 1997.

While it is true that part of the reason for a deadline is the caterer, attending Roc Day without participating in the luncheon would almost defy the purpose of going. Roc Day lasts only six short hours. This year, there was nothing nearby in the way of restaurants, and it would have taken a good two hours to go find a place. Plus, think of the logistics. If they allow more people than they told the caterer, would they give out tickets to those eating lunch?

The committee does not need to make its life any harder than it is. Quite apart from the food, once a place is chosen, rented and paid for, there are size limitations imposed not only by the physical realities of the building, but by fire codes, for example. While it's true that some people end up not going, you cannot count on it.

In the future, make sure that you follow these simple guidelines: try to register by the deadline; if you cannot make up your mind, don't expect to go if you try to sign up after that. Do not go without having been registered. This year they gave a few people a shopping pass for a couple of hours. In the future the hosting guild reserves the right to turn away at the door anyone who is not pre-registered. If you find that you cannot go, try to contact the organizing committee. Most have a waiting list, so perhaps other people may be able to go. Should you not be able to go and give your space to a friend (some organizing committee may not allow this, because of their waiting list), make sure you tell the committee. Imagine if someone shows up in your name and then you show up! The organizing committee cannot be expected to know everyone!

## 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.

Margaret Pittman will offer **space-dyed yarns** of silk, cotton and rayon—and possibly some scarf kits—at our February meeting. For information, call Margaret at 601-956-1478.

**Dundas table loom** with 15-dent reed. Weaving width is 25 inches. Eight harnesses, plenty of Texlov heddles per harness, lease sticks and a double warp beam. \$500. It is a very good loom but I need a smaller one for my purposes. Contact Nancy Landrum, 1019 Grand Ave., Meridian, MS 39301; phone 601-482-8823 or e-mail NLand85863@aol.com.

**Black Factored Romney Ram**, chocolate brown with five-inch-plus fleece length and medium crimp, owned by 4-H'er Terry Selser of Pitkin, La. The ram won 4-H Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons in Louisiana and Jr. Reserve Champion Romney Ram in Knoxville, Tenn., 1997. We want to find it a good home. See the ram at the LSU show in the Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Feb. 15-22. Price is \$250 to any member of any spinners/weavers guild. Call Rhonda Selser, 318-328-8461 (after 4 p.m. weekdays). Or write Rhonda Selser, 7435 Hwy. 399, Pitkin, LA 70656. I would be willing to work out a trade for a loom.

Most of us receive a registration by mail. If you don't, remember that the Roc Day deadline is usually around the beginning of December. Ask one of the regulars to give you a copy of the registration form. Or write the committee for one. The information always appears in our newsletter. I hope to see you next year at Roc Day, in Lafayette. Meanwhile, plan on Weave-In, which will be Sept. 12 in Mandeville.

## Weaving study group

The dates for the study group (at Marcy's house) will be March 5, April 2 and May 7, at which time we will decide whether to continue to meet during the summer. Any member of CWSG is invited to attend.

The study group met Thursday, Feb. 5. We discussed the raddle cross, weaving rep weave on two and four shafts, and 3/1 twills: the structure, how to weave them weft-side or warp-side up, and what they look like.

In the future, we will discuss summer & winter as people read the book and weave samples, at each individual's discretion, and cover other topics brought up by participants. Come and join us!

## Barbara to host spin-in Feb. 20

Spin-in will be held at Barbara Mitchell's house on Friday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Please RVSP to Barbara at 856-1838. Please note that the phone number in the guild directory is incorrect for Barbara. Her address is 453 Cedar Bluff Trail, Madison, MS 39110. A map to Barbara's house appeared in the December newsletter (please look at both sides of the sheet).

## Handout available for workshop participants

If you attended the "Ya Gotta Be Warped to Weave" workshop and left earlier than 5 p.m., you may be missing the one-page handout titled "Tie One On" on one side and "Threading Without Errors" on the other side. Marcy has a few extra copies. Please see her at the guild meeting, or call, write or e-mail her for a copy. The material had been covered earlier in the day, but Michele forgot to pass out the sheet. (As usual, seminar and workshop materials are protected by the copyright law and should not be copied for those not attending the workshop, unless permission has been obtained from the instructor.)

## Weave-In set for Sept. 12

Weave-In, hosted by the New Orleans Weavers Guild, will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Mandeville High School. Cost is \$10. To register, send fee with name, complete address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address (or all those that apply) to Maureen Preau, treasurer, 850 Lemoyne St., New Orleans, LA 70124. Weave-In is still small, only in its third year, but learn from the Roc Day experience and plan ahead to register! It's a lot of fun.

## President's letter

*by Marcy Petrini*

I have just returned from the HGA winter board meeting, which was very productive. There will be some important news coming from this meeting, so watch SS&D for details.

I had the opportunity to spend some time in the HGA office, and I was able to obtain a current list of HGA members from our state. Was I surprised! HGA membership in our state has gone down, much to my chagrin.

## Free to a good home

Hardware and loom parts for a 45-inch counterbalance loom, similar to the one currently operational at the studio. Ideal for rag rugs, as the loom was used in the turn of the century home cottage industry. A few parts are missing but easy to build. I have no room for no more looms! Call Marcy Petrini at 601-957-1423.

## Need it? Rent it!

Do you know that the guild has equipment for rent? Marcy Petrini recently donated the use of a table loom. If you are interested in renting any equipment, find out availability and terms from our treasurer, Margaret Pittman.

## Directory update

Please update your membership directory with this information:

### Address changes:

Heather Gillis  
366 Lowerline  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
504-865-1478

Kathy Cohron  
Madison, MS 39211  
(Kathy hasn't moved; the PO changed her town and zip.)  
e-mail:  
Tractors@CompuServe.com

### Correction:

Barbara Mitchell's phone number is 601-856-1838.

There are 23 HGA members from our guild, only nine from the coast (two of whom are actually folks from out of state who have moved to the Miss. coast recently), and then a sprinkling of others spread out across the state.

In our guild, the problem has been people moving out and new members not joining. So, I am hoping that the new weavers and spinners realize that they probably wouldn't be weaving or spinning if it weren't for those who preceded us. HGA is the connection between generations; HGA was vital in the formation of our own guild. And if we don't support the efforts of our national organization, our local efforts in preserving weaving and spinning may be futile. There is strength in numbers.

I will bring membership forms to our meeting. If you are not an HGA member, please join; if you are an HGA member, get a friend to join!

P.S. There is an interesting question on page 14 of the current issue of *Threads* on copyright violations. While the question refers specifically to sewing patterns, it applies to knitting and weaving patterns as well. You might find it important to read if you market your work.

## Volunteers needed to help sew Convergence pouches

by Marcy Petrini

The Convergence fabric is on its way! If you are interested in participating, please bring your sewing machine and/or serger to the guild meeting Feb. 21. We will meet after lunch at the studio and "play" with the fabric, plan who is going to do what, etc.

This is not the only sewing date. We will set up at least one all-day work day on a Saturday at the weaving studio, the date to be determined by the participants (possibly two or more days). At the end, we will have a celebration in the form of a party at my house (my new table has arrived, and it's gorgeous and BIG!)

If you cannot stay on Saturday, Feb. 21, but would like to participate, there are two ways you can do so: you can tell me Saturdays you would be free for a Convergence Sewing Day, or you can have some of the fabric to take home and sew (or both).

I am told the fabric is gorgeous and that actually it doesn't take that long to make each pouch. But, I know that as I get tired, I tend to get a bit more sloppy, and every one of those pouches has to have perfect craftsmanship. So, we don't want to have marathon sewing days.

My idea is that we can contribute, have a good time and feel really good about it. As Ben and Jerry would say, "If it's not fun, why do it?"

## A bird-friendly use for leftover yarns

Before you throw away those thrums and leftover weft, consider donating them as nesting material for backyard birds. Materials good for nest building include yarns, string, narrow strips of cloth (rag rug weft!), as well as pet hair and fleece.

To prevent stringy materials from entangling birds, cut them into lengths no longer than eight inches. Put your materials into a wire basket or suet feeder, and hang it in your garden. Or, you can drape yarns over branches or a clothesline. Your birds might reward you by nesting in your own backyard!

(Source: "How to Attract Birds," *Ortho Book*)