

**CWSG**

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**CALENDAR****Mar. 1-28****"Weave It to Me"**

Annual Dyed-in-the-Wool  
Weavers and Spinners Guild  
Show.

**Mar. 20****Spin-in**

at Marva Goodman's.

**Mar. 21****CWSG meeting****Mar. 21****"Weaving with Found Objects," workshop with Kim Whitt**

at Christ Episcopal Church in  
Bay St. Louis.

**Apr. 1****Deadline**

for April newsletter items.

**Apr. 2****Study group****Apr. 18****Sheep-to-Shawl**

Rosina Echols chairs.

**May 7****Study group***continued*

# Chimneyville

## Weavers & Spinners Guild

March 1998 newsletter

**Next meeting: Dyeing wool with natural dyes**

Jane Dollar and Margaret Pittman will lead us through a natural dyeing session at our March 21 guild meeting. They'll prepare three dyepots that we'll use for dyeing our own wool yarns. **Bring one (one-ounce) skein of white or natural wool yarn;** take home some beautiful colors!

Don't forget to bring show and tell, white elephant, and sale table items.

**Note:** Newsletter editor Debbie Stringer will be playing in the sand (or the rain) at Gulf Shores rather than attending the March meeting, so please send or e-mail newsletter items directly to her. Deadline for the April newsletter is April 1.

**February meeting minutes**

by Jane Dollar

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

Sharon hasn't investigated the possibilities of a polymer clay workshop yet.

Sheep to Shawl, with Rosina Echols in charge, will be April 18.

Lu hasn't called the Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers' Guild about the spring retreat yet.

Nancy Olsen has checked on a site for an exhibit; Eudora Welty Library will allow us to put one up, no charge, for one month.

Marcy has donated her old computer to the guild; however, it needs a table. Office Depot has one for \$50. Debbie S. moved and Kathy C. seconded to let Marcy purchase.

Details of the Fondren Festival will be in the newsletter (see "Showing our stuff").

Marcy suggested having a guild yarn and equipment sale — yarns we won't use, etc. Maybe one day in summer we could set up tables at the Craftsmans Guild building; 5 percent of profits could go to the guild library fund, and maybe we could even advertise to the public. Marcy will check.

It was decided to put a library list in the directory next year. We can do a feature list each month to correspond to the program. Also whoever has the diskette with the library list on it needs to get it to Marva. We do have a copy of the list Kathy C. made attached to the library cabinet door. Marva went over the procedures for checking out books, etc. There will be a copy of the rules and a listing of books in the newsletter.

Sharon said the Memphis show opens April 5. We are invited to spend Saturday night with Elizabeth and Sharon and go on to Memphis the next day.

**'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*

**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.

## **Weaving class begins March 17**

Marcy Petrini will teach a weaving class beginning March 17 in the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi weaving studio, at the Ag Museum in Jackson. Beginning students will learn to set up the loom and weave a sash. Other students will work on projects of their choosing. The class will meet Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. Class fee is \$95 and includes 10-week loom rental. Looms will also be available for use any time the Chimneyville Crafts Gallery is open. To register, send your name, address, day and night phone numbers and fee to Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, 1150 Lakeland Dr., Jackson, MS 39216. For more information call 601-981-0019.

RSVP to Sharon.

Cards for Amy Evans, whose father-in-law died, and Carolyn Nichols, whose mother died, were passed around and signed.

A newsy letter from Mary Snider thanking us for the birthday card we sent her was passed around. She is a very busy lady!

Nancy L. announced that she's having a cabin day March 27. We're all invited to help!

Displayed on the the show-and-tell table were these marvels: Nancy Landrum's rag rug utilizing a two-tie unit weave and her handwoven, felted wool Hungarian riding coat; Kathy Cohron's 8 1/2 yards of handwoven and felted plaid wool fabric for a suit for her daughter; two handwoven false satin scarves by Marcy Petrini; Marva Goodman's notebook of handspun and dyed wool samples; and Hazel Howell's handwoven two-tie demin rag rug, dyed with Rit.

## **Work on Convergence pouches under way**

The sewing party held after the February guild meeting went very well. Work, under Marcy's direction, was begun on three of the five colorful, handwoven fabric panels. Marcy says she's estatic about all the help she's received, as she was not cherishing the thought of sewing 500 pouches herself! And the CO committee is also grateful; Marcy has received several messages about our work.

Our next sewing party will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at Marcy's house (950 Fairfax Cir., Jackson). One or two more sewing sessions may be scheduled, depending on how much we get done at Marcy's. A date will be set later. To volunteer, call Marcy Petrini, 957-1423.

## **Library update**

Included with this newsletter is a list of CWSG library books, compiled by Kathy Cohron. This is the same list that appears on the door of the library cabinet. It is a bit old and we are trying to update it, but we are having two problems.

The first is that some folks are not returning books on time. The free rental is from meeting to meeting; you can renew but you must do so specifically, with either the librarian (Marva Goodman) or the acting librarian. Any CWSG books or tapes you may have is now overdue, unless you renewed with Marva.

The other problem is that books are not being properly checked out, as there are several books missing that do not have checkout cards in the library box. We would like to see the library used, but used properly for the benefit of the entire membership. Members should look through their weaving books to see if they have any guild materials.

And, as always, donations to the library are appreciated.

We will start having a regular update of books, tapes and features, hopefully with every newsletter. We will keep our books database in the soon-to-be acquired guild computer.

Meanwhile, does anyone have the diskette that contains the original database that was compiled a few years back? If so, please let Marva know.

The library rules appear below. Please keep them for continual use.

## **Library procedures**

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild library contains books, periodicals, sample notebooks, and videotapes that may be checked out by members in good standing. All members are encouraged to use the library

## For sale

There are still some **Convergence pins** for sale, \$5 each. Please call or e-mail Marcy (957-1423 or petrini@umsmed.edu)

Margaret Pittman has for sale **space-dyed yarns** of silk, cotton and rayon, and scarf kits. 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.

materials.

The librarian shall have the library open for members prior to each monthly meeting.

Materials may be checked out for one month. They may be renewed at the end of that time, unless there is a request for them.

The librarian shall maintain a list of requested materials that are on loan.

All materials are due at the May meeting.

Materials can be loaned during the summer on special arrangement with the librarian.

Monthly fines for overdue materials will be as follows:

- Periodicals: \$.50
- Books: \$1
- Videotapes: \$2
- Sample notebooks: \$1

Materials overdue for three or more months shall be considered lost, and the fine shall be replacement value.

Special arrangements for using materials for a longer time can be made with the librarian if the member is engaged in a special study.

Money collected from the white elephant sales is to be used for the purchase of library materials.

Other money can be appropriated for library purchases at the discretion of the membership.

The Library Committee shall keep a list of books and videotapes suggested by members for library purchases.

The Library Committee shall suggest a list of possible purchases to the membership when enough funds are available. The membership votes on the suggestions.



## Well done!

Several CWSG members have been honored recently, among them the following:

**Hazel Howell** (shown above in the light suit and shawl) was recently honored by the Girl Scouts of America and Canton Public Schools. The Girl Scouts recognized Hazel Feb. 28 for her contributions of 48 years as a Girl Scout volunteer. In addition, a wing of the Canton elementary school has been named in her honor. We're proud of you, Hazel!

**Jill Hammes** has been honored with a 1998 Mississippi Arts Commission Fellowship award of \$5,000. Way to weave, Jill!

Congratulations also to **Kathy Smith**, who has been named 4-H Volunteer of the Year for the Capital District. Kathy represented Rankin County in the competition.

**Jessica Nipper**, Melba's 15-year-old daughter, won second place in the junior division of the Make It Yourself With Wool contest. Her entry was a

## Directory update

Please update your membership directory with this information:

### Additions:

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### Corrections:

Kathy Cohron's zip is 39110.

Sandi Tucker's e-mail address  
has changed to sandigt@sprint-  
mail.com.

## Marcy writes on cotton for SS&D

Marcy has an article on weaving with cotton in the current issue of *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot*. It is a support article for the winter LX as well as for Convergence '98, in preparation for the seminar Marcy will teach at Convergence.

## Your ideas needed

From the HGA Fiber Trust we have received a gorgeous towel. One suggestion is to obtain donations and raffle it. The other is to have an auction. Come to the March meeting prepared to tell us what you would like to do with it.

dark blue wool jumper with matching wool ruana embellished with Celtic applique. Melba showed off photos of Jessica modeling her outfit; it is gorgeous indeed! The competition was sponsored by Mississippi State University.

## Library purchases proposed

by Marva Goodman

I would like to propose that the guild purchase the following books and materials:

- "The Key to Weaving" by Mary E. Black
- "A Weaver's Garden" or "A Dyer's Garden" by Rita Buchanan
- Some scrapbook materials that are needed to preserve historical records and photographs. The acid-free materials are available from several Jackson-area sources, including Michael's, where a 40 percent off coupon, found most every week in *The Clarion-Ledger*, may be used to help defray the cost.

I also suggest that the guild subscribe to *Handwoven* and/or *Spin-Off* magazines.

So they may be considered, please bring your additional suggestions for library materials to the next guild meeting, or call me prior to then.

## Showing our stuff

Demonstrating and exhibiting are among great ways to promote fiber arts—and our guild. Following are some recent and upcoming activities by CWSG members:

### Demonstrators needed

- Spinners are needed to demonstrate April 25 at the Fondren Festival in the Woodland Hills/Fondren business area of Jackson. Call Deborah Levine, festival coordinator, at 362-6694 if you can help. (She'd love to do it herself but just won't have the time.)
- Nancy Landrum needs spinning and weaving demonstrators for her "cabin day" March 27 at her house in Meridian. She's also be thrilled to have someone willing to do a dyepot over an open fire. Call Nancy at 601-482-8823 or e-mail: NLand85863@aol.com.

### Other events

- Sharon Williams and Nell Elam demonstrated weaving March 7 at the Tipah County Historical Museum. Sharon will show and sell her work at the American Business Women's Association national conference April 17-18 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Memphis. She'll show them how to dress for success in handwovens!
- Joan Henderson demonstrated spinning at the Florewood River Plantation Candlelight Christmas Tour in December. Joan will also spin on the plantation's Saxony and great wheels during a Civil War re-enactment March 21-22 at Florewood, near Greenwood.
- Linda Gayle Smith demonstrated spinning Feb. 13 to 300 curious third graders at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel.
- Marva Goodman, Kathy Smith, Melba Nipper, Margaret Pittman and Ann Hayne will lead fiber activities during "Art at Work," a hands-on event for high school art students, to be held April 3 at the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College. Students will try their hand at felting, spinning and weaving. The event is sponsored by the Junior Auxiliary Brandon/Reservoir.

Have you been demonstrating? Having a show? Participating in a fiber-related activity? Let us know! Melba Nipper is our Community Chair, but she can't keep us informed unless you inform her.