

CWSG

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CALENDAR**Apr. 17**

CWSG meeting
and pot-luck supper at Ag
Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 18

Sheep-to-Shawl
Rosina Echols chairs.

May 7

Study group

May 9

Sewing day
for Convergence pouches. See
Marcy for details.

May 9

**Whole-cloth dyeing
workshop**
in Baton Rouge. Details in this
newsletter.

May 16

CWSG meeting

May 27-31

**Third Annual SWIC
Spinning Retreat**
sponsored by Spinners &
Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu.

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Chimneyville

Weavers & Spinners Guild

April 1998 newsletter

Next meeting is a pot-luck supper, April 17

Our Sheep-to-Shawl is Saturday, April 18, so we will hold our April meeting the night before. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the usual place, Chimneyville Crafts building classroom. Bring a dish to share for a pot-luck supper. If you want, bring your spinning wheel, etc. to leave for your use at Sheep-to-Shawl the next day.

Lu Harding, chair of the Nominating Committee, announces the following slate to be voted on at the April meeting:

- Secretary: Jane Dollar
- Treasurer: Rosina Echols
- Historian: Marva Lee Goodman.

March meeting minutes

by Jane Dollar

Hazel Howell made the motion, and Rosina Echols seconded, to adopt the minutes from the February meeting.

Sharon Williams talked to Melanie about doing a polymer clay workshop. Melanie said it needs to be cold to do it, so we will have one in the fall.

For our trip to Memphis, Sharon said to drive to Coldwater April 4, spend the night and go to the show opening on the 5th. The show is at the Cordova Winery and will be open for a month.

Sheep-to-Shawl will be April 18. Our meeting will be the night before at the Ag Museum, pot-luck supper at 6:30. Sheep shearing will be at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nancy Landrum will have her loom set up for the shawl. We will sell raffle tickets for the previous shawl that day and at our guild sale.

Lu Harding hasn't heard anything yet from the coast guild about the fiber retreat.

Our fiber exhibit is set to open the first Saturday in September. It will be up for 2 1/2 weeks. We will have a reception and do some p.r. The show includes anything fiber.

Mary Black's "Key to Weaving" and two copies of Mabel Ross' "Encyclopedia of Spinning" are among books missing from our library. Please check your bookshelves for any CWSG books you may have borrowed in the past and return them; there will be no fee.

We will have a work day this summer to organize and put our inventory on our computer. (Thank you, Marcy!) There will be a note in the newsletter about this. Carolyn Nichols will do a mailout to former members to see

'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*

June 13

CSWG Fund Raiser

Yarn and equipment sale; raffle (tickets in this newsletter); porch of Chimneyville Crafts Gallery.

July 23-26

Convergence '98

at Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, Atlanta.

Sept. 5

CWSG fiber show opens

Sept. 12

Weave-In

in New Orleans.

Directory update

Please update your membership directory with this information:

New members:

Sandra Boldin
2734 Causeyville Whynot Rd.
Meridian, MS 39301
Home: 601-644-3089
Work: 601-693-4911

Carolyn Campbell
303-A Avondale Dr.
Clinton, MS 39056
Home: 601-924-1861
Work: 601-968-3070

Welcome, Sandra and Carolyn!

Need a directory?

If you joined the guild after the guild directories were distributed and you didn't receive one, please contact Marcy.

if they have a book they've forgotten about. We will have to purchase any books we used to have that are lost.

There was a discussion of whether to subscribe to magazines for the library. Kathy Cohron made the motion to buy *Weavers* and Jane Dollar seconded. Hazel made the motion to get *Spin-Off* and Rosina seconded; Rosina made the motion to get *Handwoven* and Lu seconded.

The motion to let Marcy Petrini buy a table for our computer passed.

The guild yarn sale will be done as a fund raiser. Guild's Fund Raiser was suggested as a name for this. We can have it on the porch of the Craftsmen's Guild building. Anyone can have a table—bring your own; it can be anything fiber related but no finished products, unless you are a member of the Craftsmen's Guild. It was suggested that an ad be run in the newspaper. Date was set for June 13. Percentage to the guild will be 10 percent. Hazel made the motion and Rosina seconded.

Margaret Pittman will weave at the Old Capitol Museum Festival on May 2 and she'd love to have a spinner for company. (Actually, the phrase was "needs a spinner.")

Update on Convergence pouches: all are serged, some are sewn. We are waiting on more cord.

Our Fiber Trust towel will be raffled at our Guild Fund Raiser. Rosina suggested tickets be \$5 each.

Show and tell

Melba Nipper: Socks! handknit, wool and acrylic. "I finally made a pair of socks!" (They were *quite* nice, just not big enough for my feet!)

Margaret Pittman: Rug, "counter help" and wall organizer; woven; cotton rug warp, recycled denim, cotton printed fabric. (Were they partially Don's old jeans, Margaret?)

Marva Goodman: Rag rug; woven; wool rags; plain weave. Project 6, p. 46 from *Rag Rug Handbook*. (The rug is to die for—soft and warm!) Also, basket of new fiber roving designs picked and carded at Little Barn, to be spun.

Marcy Petrini: Puppet; woven and embellished; cotton warp and weft, wool "hair"; plain weave and rya knots; Convergence door prize. Convergence is looking for door prizes!

Attention Convergence pouch sewers!

Please bring your finished pouches to the April 18 meeting, as Marcy has to mail them before the end of the month. She is planning a final sewing day Saturday, May 9, with the possibility of another sewing day after the guild meeting May 16. A party will be held after the last sewing session. We need your help to finish!

Footnote on fine threads

by Nancy Landrum

For those of you who had the problems I did beaming the small threads using a raddle: I saw the light. For a long time I have been reading (and Linda Heinrich has stated many times) about using a large-tooth hairbrush while beaming linen. I tried that with my sari wrap and it worked great. The brush should be very smooth plastic or wood.

After you wind on a few inches (don't try to slide the lease sticks along as you wind), take the brush and very carefully comb—you can snap the warp at this time also. Your tangles will smooth out. Wind a few more inches and repeat until you finish.

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.

I did attach my spreading reed to the back of the loom and stand at the back to beam. I held both bouts (one in each hand) and turned the beam with my foot. Do you suppose that is why it is designed with the spokes?

Special orders are in

The following people will have goodies (and bills) waiting for them at Sheep-to-Shawl, courtesy of Nancy Landrum and her son, Tim: Jane Dollar, fish print sarong, \$8; Melba Nipper, two prayer mats @ \$20; Marcy Petrini, one batik of the gauzy cotton, \$12; and Becki Jefferis, one crepe silk scarf, \$12. The large baskets are still in Charleston, Nancy says. Tim is going to mail them to her.

Showing our stuff

Barbara Mitchell demonstrated spinning March 4 at Madison Avenue Elementary school. Barbara explained the history of spinning and shared samples for touching with 240 second graders.

Whole-cloth dyeing workshop set

Bayou Yarn Benders will host a whole-cloth dyeing workshop May 9 at Melody Greenberg's house in Baton Rouge. The workshop will be led by Cheryl McWilliams. Participants will be able to dye up to 10 yards of fabric (in one-yard lengths) with chemical dyes. Full instructions and materials list will be provided when your registration fee is received. Workshop is limited to 15 people. Fee is \$30 for non-members, plus \$5 materials fee to be paid to Cheryl. For details, call Mary Lynn Jackson, (225?) 293-1416.

Win handwovens! Don't miss this opportunity to win a gorgeous hand towel or a Sheep-to-Shawl shawl! Bring your ticket(s) and money to the April meeting, or mail them with your check (payable to CWSG) to Margaret Pittman. Feel free to photocopy tickets so you can improve your odds.

Fiber Trust Towel

Raffle Ticket

\$5

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Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone number(s):

Winning ticket will be drawn
June 13. You do not need to be
present to win.

Handwoven Shawl

Raffle Ticket

\$1

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Offering great buys in weaving and knitting yarns,
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Sheep-to-Shawl

Handspinning & Handweaving Demonstrations

Saturday, April 18, all day beginning 9 a.m. Free admission
Sheep shearings around 9:30 and 11 a.m.
(Note: Event will be canceled if it rains)

Chimneyville Crafts Gallery porch
Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild members will transform fleece (freshly shorn from a sheep) into a beautiful wool shawl as you watch! They will demonstrate:

- Carding the wool to prepare it for spinning
- Handspinning the wool into yarn
- Handweaving the yarn into a shawl on a loom

This is how America's pioneer women produced clothing and household items for their families. We do it today for the *shear* pleasure of it!

Bring the kids and cameras!

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