

## CWSG

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## Membership renewals

Guild membership fees are now due! Payment by Oct. 15 guarantees your inclusion in the guild directory. Individualized membership forms for current members were passed out to those attending the dinner on Friday night or the September meeting on Saturday. The rest, including those of CWSG friends, were mailed late in September. If you didn't receive yours, please contact Rosina Echols immediately. Please include this form when you pay your dues. Also mailed were invitations to join to past members and those whose names were sent to us during the last six months. Keep on sending us names.

## Apologies

The newsletter is extremely late getting to you this month, for reasons unavoidable. I apologize for any problems this has caused CWSG members!

—Debbie Stringer

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

October 1998 newsletter

## October meeting is Friday, Oct. 23, at Hazel's

Our spinning and weaving demonstrations at the Pioneer & Indian Festival Oct. 24-25 will bump our meeting back to Friday evening, Oct. 23, at Hazel Howell's house in Canton. We'll start at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Hazel at (601) 859-4836.

The Sunday of the Pioneer Festival, Amy Evans will be in town. Amy is former HGA Rep, former CWSG president and now is on the HGA board of directors. Marcy will have a dinner in Amy's honor about 6 p.m. after the festival. Everyone is invited to see Amy or even to meet her. Marcy needs an RSVP so she can plan. Amy will arrive on Sunday and leave Tuesday morning, Marcy says, so there was really no other day to have this.

## 1998-99 CWSG board

- **President:** Marcy Petrini, 957-1423
- **Vice president:** Sharon Williams, 233-2990
- **Treasurer:** Rosina Echols, 981-7224
- **Secretary:** Jane Dollar, 323-7079
- **Historian:** Marva Lee Goodman, 992-0383
- **Ex-officio member:** Kathy Cohron, 856-6698

## September meeting minutes

By Jane Dollar

Marcy Petrini welcomed us all. We did introductions of everyone and welcomed Ann Hodges, Amy Evans' sister.

Rosina gave out information sheets to be filled out and turned in with dues (due by Oct. 15) for those who had not gotten them Friday night.

Marcy had sign-up sheets for the various committees and events.

Our policy & procedure notebook will be ready soon. In the future, officers, committee chairs, etc. will get sheets to tell them what their responsibilities are.

We went over the budget for next year; Rosina says when we buy things for the guild she needs the receipts.

We received a nice letter from Catherine Neiner thanking us for sewing the bags for Convergence '98.

Marva Goodman will get supplies to make scrapbooks for events; we will work on them after the November meeting. These will be kept in the library. Marcy donated three books to the library: Creative Silk Painting, The Complete Book of Silk Painting, and The Best of Silk Painting. She also donated a video, The Silk Painting Workshop. All three books are by Diane Tuckman and Jan Janas.

Since Nancy O. wasn't here, Marcy said we could pick up our show pieces after Tuesday at the weaving studio.

Marva and Marcy did an update on the preparation for the COE judging.

## Hazel is missing a runner

No, that's not a bad joke. Hazel Howell has misplaced the blue and white "Blooming Leaf" overshot runner she wove for her daughter's anniversary. The runner was last seen at our May meeting. Please call Hazel at (601) 859-4836 if you have any information.

## Have a lamb to lend?

Margaret Pittman needs to borrow a stuffed lamb, large enough to see from the church balcony, for a Christmas pageant. He would be away from home for about four nights. Call Margaret if you can help.

## For sale

Margaret Pittman has for sale **rainbow-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. Contact Nancy Landrum, 1019 Grand Ave., Meridian, MS 39301; phone 601-482-8823 or e-mail NLand85863@aol.com.

They also did an update on the preparations for the Southeast Fiber Forum (SEFF) in Jackson in May. If you would like to submit the name of a teacher, do so, and she will be requested to send a proposal. This needs to be done soon. We already have some proposals back.

There will be a SEFF Web page as soon as we have the logo. (Thank you, Dr. Dwyer!)

Again, we have an invitation to participate in the Pioneer & Indian Festival. This year's festival will run two days, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24-25, at the Mississippi Crafts Center, on the Natchez Trace at Ridgeland. Bring your spinning, weaving or whatever, and have a good time!

We discussed the advantages of incorporating as a non-profit organization. Marva moved we investigate attaining 501c3 status. Rosina seconded. Incorporation would make the guild a legal entity, and the non-profit status would allow us to apply for grants. (Besides, Nancy O. is a lawyer and Holly's hubby is a CPA!) This will also help when we get a building.

Lu Harding brought a piece from the newspaper about the work at MSU on historical costumes. Jane Dollar will check to see if we can help in this in any way.

Our next meeting will be on Friday night, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

### Show and tell

- \* Knitted vest in cotton, an Interweave pattern, by Jane Dollar
- \* A double-weave sampler in perle cotton, based on a workshop with Dora Mae Keasby, by Hazel Howell
- \* A cap of handspun wool/angora; knitted sweater of handspun wool; and cotton vest from a Handwoven pattern, all by Marva Goodman.

## Southeast Fiber Forum

by Marcy Petrini

Do you want to know what's going on with SEFF? Check out our Web site at:

[http://personal.lig.bellsouth.net/~mfp\\_tmd](http://personal.lig.bellsouth.net/~mfp_tmd)

I know it's a long name, but put it in your bookmarks! The cost of this to SEFF or the guild is nothing (this will become the guild Web site when SEFF is over), and the cost to Marcy is \$2 a month. Can't beat that! To have an individual name costs several hundreds of dollars a year, an expense that I don't think is worth it. The site will be linked with words for search engines soon (words like "weave," "spin," etc.)

## Weaving studio items are missing

By Marcy Petrini

We recently noticed that there are several items missing from the weaving studio—for example, shuttles, a bench and even loom hooks. These would be of no use to anyone except a fiber person. I would like to believe that these items were borrowed by someone who had full intention of returning them, but their absence causes an inconvenience for weaving students. So please, if you have anything that belongs to the weaving studio, return it as soon as possible.

And, while we are at it, let's search our book shelves for books that belong to CWSG and return them, too!

I am sure it is confusing for some of the members what the relationships among these various entities are, so let me take this opportunity to explain them:

The weaving studio belongs to the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

No equipment can be removed from the premises by anyone. The studio is for the use of students who pay a class fee to the Craftsmen's Guild. The Craftsmen's Guild has been very generous by not restricting access to the studio, and people have been known to go up there to wind a warp, for example, even when they are not enrolled in a class, provided they do not interfere with the class. (No one but students are allowed while a class is in session.) I would hate to see this access restricted because of folks taking advantage of it.

The Craftsmen's Guild has its offices and classroom (where we meet) in the building, and the Chimneyville Craft Gallery also belongs to the Craftsmen's Guild. The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild meets and keeps its library and equipment at the CG studio. There has been a symbiosis between the two groups of which I am very proud. Those of you who were at the COE may have heard Betty Smith tell us how lucky we are to have this arrangement, as many guilds struggle to find a place to meet, let alone have a library.

To borrow a book or the CWSG equipment, please see Marva. Don't be surprised or offended if someone from the Craftsmen's Guild asks you about removing equipment, if you are walking off with the spinning wheel or the carder. With the recent problems for both guilds, it is only reasonable. It would be a good idea to have any rental of CWSG equipment in writing.

I hope that the relationship between the Craftsmen's Guild and CWSG will continue for years to come. Let's all do our part in keeping the relationship a good one.

## **We have a fiscal problem**

CWSG treasurer Rosina Echols has discovered that the fiscal year in our by-laws, June to May, does not agree with the fiscal year from our IRS filing, January to December. That occurred because when the guild was formed, Marcy remembers, the fiscal year was January to December; Marcy doesn't remember when it was changed, but she believes it was because of the election of officers and paying dues.

This year the IRS fiscal year will be important because, with SEFF, we will have to do a tax return.

Our by-laws must agree with the IRS. We could change either, but it would be easier to change the by-laws. However, it is not necessary to change the due date for our membership fees or the time when our officers change. All that it would affect would be the proposed budget by our treasurer.

We need to resolve this issue before we propose a budget. We will discuss this issue at the October meeting, make a motion, vote on it next month (November), and then we will have a budget for the appropriate fiscal year.

## **Margaret to exhibit at craft show**

Margaret will take part in the From the Heart craft show, to be held at the reservoir fire station on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. She will be advertised on the flier as woven and hand-dyed textiles (scarves). Among other participating will be Kit Davis (Barksdale), Lee Everitt, Jill Everitt (Lee's mother, who handweaves antler baskets and other baskets-gorgeous!) and Phoebe Everitt (her grandmother, who does some beaded baskets and other neat stuff).

There will be 12 of us in all. There's a guy who does Christmas yard art; Deanna Barber has framed items and Christmas pins; Carrie Bickett with painted items; and JoAnn Burnham, watercolors. Someone does poured ceramics. It's a fun day!

## **Researcher needs your opinion**

What connects you to fibers and textiles? Beverlee Madere, a spinner, weaver and recent anthropology grad, wants to know for her research project on women in the textile world. Please send your answer along with your address to Beverlee at 312 Wiegand Dr., Nine Mile Point, LA 70094-3038; (504) 436-4691; [beverlee@ce-easy.com](mailto:beverlee@ce-easy.com).

## **Ashford sale on!**

MNM Farms is having an Ashford sale-20 percent of all wheels and looms; 10 percent of all accessories. Prices are good through Nov. 30. Call Melba Nipper at (601) 825-3749 or e-mail [Mtoast79@aol.com](mailto:Mtoast79@aol.com).

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Dear Fellow Guild Members:

Please accept my apologies for this brief note. I usually photocopy the newsletter and mail it. As of today (Tuesday night), I haven't receive the original, and I fear that if I wait even another day, you may not receive the newsletter in time to know of our meeting and guild activities this weekend. As it is, I will be mailing this in the morning, and that's cutting it awfully close.

**Friday October 23, 6:30 PM. Guild meeting and Spin-in at Hazel Howell's, 1468 Sunset Dr., Canton, MS. Hazel's house is easy to get to. Please RSVP to Hazel that you are coming, ASAP, 859-4836. And please do try to come to this important meeting. That is a lot going on and this is your chance to find out!**

**Pioneer Festival, Saturday October 24, 10 am - 5 PM and Sunday October 25, noon till 5 PM. At the Natchez Trace. Our Guild always participates! Parking permits will be available on site. Bring looms of all sorts, knitting, spinning wheel or appropriate animals. It is always fun and it's a chance to show off our guild.**

Amy will be visiting! **Amy Evans**, CWSG past president, past MS HGA State Rep and current HGA Board member will be in Jackson briefly. Marcy is hosting a very informal **dinner at 5:30 PM Sunday October 25**. Please come and visit with Amy!

I hope to see you all this weekend! Newsletter will be mailed as soon as I receive it.

Warm regards,

*Marcy*

# CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD

## PROFILE

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild was formed in the early 1980s by a group of handweavers who wanted to preserve and expand their craft in Mississippi. Several Guild members also belong to the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, although the scope of the Weavers & Spinners Guild is broader. All weavers, spinners, and dyers are welcome to join, from beginners to "old timers."

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild belongs to the Handweavers Guild of America, the national organization of weavers.

The purpose of the Guild is to foster weaving and spinning, to provide an environment of growth and sharing for its members, and to educate the public about the role of fiber today as well as throughout the history of Mississippi.

The Guild's activities include:

- Public demonstrations by the group and individuals to show different aspects of

spinning, dyeing, and weaving;

- Shows to exhibit members' work;
- Monthly programs, periodic workshops, and monthly study groups.

Monthly Guild meetings are usually held the third Saturday morning of the month, September through May, at the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi building on the grounds of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, Miss. The meeting program or mini-workshop is followed by a business meeting.

We are happy to send a complimentary issue of our newsletter to you. To request a newsletter, contact Debbie Stringer, 4068 Venus Rd., Jackson, MS 39212.

We encourage you to join our group as a member (\$20 per year for individual or family) or as a friend (\$7.50 per year to receive the newsletter only). Use the convenient coupon below to join Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

### Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild Application for Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which type of membership you want:

Individual/family (\$20, full membership)       Friend (\$7.50, newsletter only)

Make check payable to Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild.

Mail payment and application to Rosina Echols, CWSG treasurer, 512 Meadowbrook Rd., Jackson, MS 39206.