

Chimneyville

Weavers & Spinners Guild

Summer 1999 newsletter

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Guild get-together July 10 at Nancy's

Our "official" guild year is over, but we're planning our annual summer get-together for Saturday, July 10, at Nancy Landrum's house in Meridian. This year we'll have a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share. (See Lu Harding's letter below for details.) Please be sure to RSVP to Lu by July 7.

Directions to Nancy's: From I-20 in Meridian take the Valley Road exit #151 (just east of the airport) and travel south for just over 2 miles. Nancy's drive is on the right; hopefully, she'll have some balloons on the gate.

May meeting minutes

By Lu Harding

Presiding: Marcy Petrini, president

The minutes were approved, with Hazel moving and Rosina seconding, and no negative votes.

Old Business:

Incorporation - The Guild has been incorporated, and Rosina has received the papers. There is no IRS status yet. This cannot be obtained until a later date.

Small Show - Madison Library has asked us for a small show. Marva and Lu will follow up.

Library Purchases - Marva asked again for suggestions for books to purchase for the Guild Library. Marva will spend about \$200 for books during the upcoming festival and on orders. The Mary Black book and a basket book are already selected. It was mentioned that a new system for magazines that come to the Guild should be initiated. These need to be included as part of the library catalog first before they are utilized otherwise. These will then be available for check out like the books.

HGA Small Expressions - Marcy provided updated on the HGA Small Expressions exhibit. She said that post card invitations have been sent out to HGA members.

Silent Auction - Debbie Levine reported on Silent Auction and presented the items to be offered.

Additional SFF Updates:

Conference bags - Holly will complete.

Registration packets. More printing has to be done. Marcy will assemble when printing is complete.

Name tags - These will be completed on Monday.

Door prizes - Carolyn Campbell has collected. A list will be provided by Marcy for the packets.

Volunteers - Barbara had asked Lu to report a need for additional volunteers, asking for calls to her home by Monday or Tuesday.

Fashion Show - The prize for the fashion show is a shopping certificate. It was suggested to include the shawl from the last Sheep to Shawl in the show.

Some committees need to tour the space. Marcy will try to arrange. It may be possible to get in the building after the meeting today.

Current Officers - Marcy expressed her appreciation to the 1998-1999 officers for their hard work and support. Lu presented Marcy with a gift from the Guild for her hard work as president and expressed the appreciation of all for Marcy's leadership.

The new officers for 1999 - 2000 were introduced and installed; the two new officers are Lu Harding who will serve as president and Holly Redford who will serve as vice president (also program chairman). The other officers will continue their two-year terms.

Lu thanked the group for the privilege of serving. She asked Nancy if the group would be invited over for a summer visit, as in the past. Nancy responded with an invitation and set the date as July 10.

Lu also mentioned the recent difficulties with attendance and RSVPs to spin-in evenings. She asked for and received a motion to revamp spin-in. The motion will be voted on in September. She appointed Barbara Mitchell and Marva Goodman to work with her to make recommendations regarding revamping spin-in, should such action be approved at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Letter from the President

Thanks to Debbie Stringer for doing one more newsletter for us. Above and beyond, Debbie!

The board (not all, but those who could come) has held an informal planning meeting. We think we will be having a really FUN (there's that word!) year. We have had good suggestions from several of you and will be getting out a survey soon. Please offer your ideas. They are wanted and needed!

Please take a summer break from work and join us for a trip to Nancy's on July 10. This is always a special occasion. It makes me want to move to the country. (Of course, I will need Nancy to do all the upkeep that she makes look so easy.)

Call me at 355-8807 and don't forget to let me know what food item you will bring--or we will talk about what we need if you call down toward the end of the list... So call right away. I had said by July 1st. But this reminder may not get to you quite that soon. So call me by the 7th. (This is the last time we will be revising an RSVP date. We have got to get better at this.....)

In the meantime, be finishing up your 4-card-project from last year. We want to see all of those and will set a date to bring them to a meeting very soon. So finish up, even if you did not finish up for SFF. We want to have everyone tell the story behind their piece.

Looking forward to July at Nancy's and then to seeing you all in September--third Saturday. Mark your calendar. Until then, happy weaving, spinning, dyeing, and knitting and all....

Lu

Letter from Marcy

Dear CW&S Guild friends:

Well, it hardly seems possible that SFF 99 is part of our memories! What two years it has been! I feel as if a big load has been lifted off my shoulders, and I am sure that the other steering committee members feel the same way. It was a combination of wanting us, our Guild, our city and our state to look good to the outside world, besides having a successful conference; and with the added stress of HGA Small Expressions, wanting to look professional for the Art Museum so the folks there would think kindly of fiber people; and for HGA to be impressed with the museum and us; and the SFF participants to be impressed both with our Museum and Small Expressions--you get my gist. And we succeeded, beyond my wildest dreams, thanks totally to our teamwork. I think we individually and collectively deserve a big pat in the back.

I do want to thank you for all the support you have shown me personally and in my office both as president of the Guild and as SFF co-chair. There were many, many details to work out, but when it was all said and done, everyone rolled up their sleeves and got it done. From helping stuff the conference bags, to donating to our auction, everything counted. It was a giant puzzle, the pieces of which magically fell into place to form a beautiful picture. The nice thing about being co-chair is that I got to hear all the compliments, but they were always for all of us. We can all share in the glory of a job well done, a job that was recognized by all those who attended.

And thank you for the beautiful pin. I showed it off at SFF, and will continue to do so. I think I was so flabbergasted to receive it that I am not sure I said much more than mumble thank you. Just so you don't think I am totally naive, I do know that the outgoing president receives a pin, but I already have one, which you kindly gave me when I became president of HGA, so I thought it would be silly to get another one. Little did I think (maybe I am naive!) that you would give me a different pin! I love it. I will wear it with pride in my retirement.

I must admit that I am tired. I look back at my volunteering, starting from helping to form our Guild back in 1980, and then staying pretty active throughout its nearly 20-year history. Being accepted into the Craftsmen's Guild and staying active for all those years as well. And serving as HGA Rep early in the 80s, then as Learning Exchange chair, then on the board, as president, then the COE, and Small Expressions, the latter in conjunction with SFF. It has been some 20 wonderful years, I wouldn't trade them for anything, but it's time for me to go back to my fiber work. I have enjoyed the contacts, the organizational aspects, working with great fiber folks. I think my greatest satisfaction has come watching people grow, not only in their own fiber work, but also organizationally. That's important because it means that now there are enough of us (I should say you, actually), that I can retire resting assured that the momentum will continue, that the Guild will grow and change with the needs of its members, that there will always be a Guild for me to rely on.

I won't disappear, of course. I will continue to teach classes, hopefully to write and mostly to weave and spin. I have some ideas of where I want to go; I need time to work them out. And I will continue to help out with small tasks, those that don't have a do-or-die deadline. Most of all, I will support our new officers, and those who will serve in the future. And I know you will support them as well. After all, what better way for me to start my retirement than to follow Lu in having fun?

--Marcy Petrini, past president (yeah, past president sounds good!)

SFF merchandise available

There are available a handful of conference t-shirts (all size XL, \$12) and some conference totes (mostly unstuffed, \$5). Please contact treasurer Rosina Echols if you are interested.

Attention SFF volunteers

As a small token of our appreciation, all SFF volunteers should have received a conference tote bag. If you didn't receive yours, please let Marcy know immediately, either by phone (957-1423) or e-mail (mfp_tmd@bellsouth.net).

Old Capitol needs a weaver

Vanda Bushfield, assistant curator of exhibits at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson, needs a volunteer to finish warping and weave a few inches of fabric (any historical pattern) on the museum's four-shaft counterbalance barn frame loom. The loom, which dates to 1887, has an overhung beater, string heddles and a 35-inch weaving width. If you can help, call Vanda at (601) 359-6927.

Tartan workshop with Norman Kennedy

Bayou Yarn Benders will host a two-day workshop with Norman Kennedy Feb. 19-20, 2000 in Baton Rouge. This is not a beginner workshop, and all looms must be warped before the workshop. A warping day will be held about two weeks before the workshop. Warp must be wound front to back and threaded back to front through heddles and reed because of fragility of yarn. A scarf will be woven and one of four tartans, to be

chosen by Norman. Workshop fee will be between \$75 and \$85, plus fiber fee. Limited openings are available. A pre-registration fee is non-refundable but your registration is transferable to another if you can't come; the person who takes your place could reimburse you for the pre-registration fee. If you are interested, please contact Stannie Luker as soon as possible at 926-7916 (no area code given) or maggie@eatel.net.

Library donation

A copy of "Complex Weavers Newsletters" is being donated to the CWSG library by Debbie Stringer, who won the book as a SFF door prize. The book covers primarily multi-shaft weaving in newsletter articles published from 1979 to 1989.

For sale

You'll never find better bargains for weavers! Yarns: Swedish, Shetland Islands, Santa Cruz, Harrisville, etc. Carpet warp: various colors. Knitting yarns, inkle loom, warping board, Shetland Island sweater dryer, Indian loom with instructions and books on weaving. Call Ginny Trainor, (601) 924-2691.

CALENDAR

July 24: Chenille spinning workshop with Cheryl McWilliams covering spinning chenille yarns with fabric strips. Fee is \$10; registration limited to 12 people. Hosted by Bayou Yarn Benders. Call Mary Lynn Jackson, 9326 Cal Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Aug. 6-8: "Weavers Intrigue" workshop with Cheryl McWilliams from the Mobile Bay Fiber Guild. Details: Sue Marcy, (334) 961-1436.

Aug. 14-15: Spinning workshops with Cheryl McWilliams, hosted by Choctawhatchee Bay Spinners Guild. Learn how to spin paper into interesting yarns with shifu spinning, a Japanese technique, on Aug. 14. On Aug. 15 learn to spin chenille-type yarns. Contact Nancy Kahrs, 664 Brookhaven Way, Niceville, FL 32578-4045.

Oct. - Jan. 2000: Peter Collingwood retrospective at The Textile Museum, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 4-27: Regional Fiber Art Show and Contest, Shelby, N.C. Sponsored by the Cleveland County Arts Council with \$1200 in awards. Call (704) 484-2787 or e-mail ccarts@shelby.net.

Oct. 9: Basket weaving workshop with Jan Cambre, hosted by Dyed in the Wool Spinners and Weavers Guild. Fee will be \$20 plus material costs.

Oct. 9-10: "Transforming Textile Structures," workshop with Allison Dennis, hosted by the Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild. Will include round robin of weave structures that can be transformed by finished processes, such as fulling, decatizing, thermofixing, lye crimping, burn out and vat dye discharge, as time allows. Fee is \$75 for non-members. Contact Judith P. Krone, 3860 Allsborough Dr., Tucker, GA 30084; (770) 938-8001; or e-mail krone.judith@bsc.bellsouth.net.

June 20-26, 2000: HGA Convergence, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Judy Dominic, 10611 Marvin Rd., Harrison, OH 45030.

To: Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Members and Special Guests:

From: Lu Harding, President CWSG

Subject: Rescheduled visit to Nancy's Country Home in Meridian

Date of this letter: July 29, 1999

We have received a call and renewed invitation from Nancy and set August 21 as our "raincheck" date. Please RSVP to me by August 18th if you plan to go. (No need to call if you cannot go; but please know we will miss you.) I will not be very available during the next few days; but I have voice mail, so please just leave a message. (I will not return your call unless you leave a question.) My phone no. is: 601-355-8807.

Please leave your intended FOOD item on the voice mail. I assume we will all bring the same thing we had planned for last month, since this was looking like a great meal. If you need to change though, please let me know. We surely do not want Nancy to have to cook; we want her to spend her energy keeping on getting well!!

All those of you who had car pools from special areas set up for last month, please check with your fellow car poolers; hopefully we can use the same arrangements since they sounded really convenient. If not, we can re-group. I know we had a group from Brandon going and, I believe, one from Canton to pick up outside Pelahatchie and on to Meridian. And of course, those who live outside the Jackson area are welcome to come and ride from here; but we understand if you want to plan to meet us at Nancy's instead.

Again, this promises to be a great occasion. We are just so glad Nancy is better and feels like having us. This will, rather than a midsummer break, be a great prelude to our new Weaving Year which will officially start with our September meeting one month later (September 18th).

See you at 8:15 at the Baseball Stadium parking lot near the Agricultural Museum. We will plan to leave at 8:30.

DON'T FORGET TO RSVP - 601 355 8807. (My son's voice picks up the voice mail, so don't be surprised that it does not sound like me.....)

Looking forward to seeing you and sharing and eating and enjoying Nancy's beautiful place and visiting and eating and visiting and eating and maybe knitting and spinning.....and eating.....

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