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To CWSG Members and Potential Members for 1999-2000 Guild Year

Note: Jane Dollar, our secretary is a brand new grandmother and is presently helping the new mom and hugging the new baby boy in Corinth. I am filling in for her so please accept one more amateur job on the newsletter. We had planned to get this out earlier, per your request; but the accreditation visit at my job and the new baby have interfered. (Thanks to Marcy for a quick job on printing labels for me!) You have already gotten a note to put September 18 on your calendar for our first meeting of the new CWSG year, so hopefully you have the date blocked. And hopefully you will get this at least by the first part of the week of September 13. Additional and important information follows about the upcoming meeting. Also calendar information and miscellaneous "stuff". O.K., here goes Lu's word processing in action:

Board meeting at 9:30 on September 18
Regular monthly meeting at 10:00 on Saturday, September 18
Refreshments will be provided as coffee and snack cake

Plan to volunteer and sign up for various duties and committees as lists will be available (and pushed upon you if you hang back....) Try to pick the thing you like the most (or at least dislike the least!)

Additional Calendar items: (Holly will provide a calendar at the meeting for our programs and activities-- with some items yet to be decided, of course.)

September 30, Deadline for Norman Kennedy workshop in Baton Rouge (call Lu for more info)

October 9 and 10, Pioneer and Indian Festival at Trace - we demo

December 3,4,5 with preview party the nite of the 3rd, Chimneyville Crafts Festival

Messages from the Vice President/Education Chair, Holly Redford
I will be providing a calendar of events.

Please bring all "Inspiration" pieces prepared for the SFF show (and also those which were planned for SFF but weren't finished in time). We want to hear about your four parameters and see how you interpreted them. (Plan now to hear Elizabeth Lewis describe waffle weave in glowing terms! Right, Elizabeth?)

If you attended a workshop at SFF, please bring your workshop project and pieces you have done this summer using the techniques you learned. Be ready to show and share!

Be ready to engage in MyStory (alternate pronunciation "Mystery") 2000! MyStory 2000 is a creative adventure in fiber expression. I will have more information and instructions at the meeting.

Have you ever wondered what to do with all that copper wire lying around the house? Seek out the possibilities at the meeting!

Bring your latest projects for Show and Tell.

Notes from Informal Meeting at Nancy Landrum's

As you know, we have no formal summer meeting; however, we did "circle" at Nancy's for a few minutes. We welcomed guests: Carolyn Kossar, Patti Demers, and Cathy Cile Trawick. We also welcomed back Winky Allen.

With our seven from Jackson/Madison, our three from Brandon, Jane from Starkville, and the five members and guests from Meridian, plus Nancy's husband and co-host Don and their daughter (guess who's gonna be a grandmother again soon!) and her husband, we were nineteen well fed and happy weavers and spinners and wannabes and supporters.

Thanks to Nancy and Don for their usual friendly sharing of their lovely home. We all rejoice in Nancy's recovery from pneumonia. Also thanks to all our safe drivers for a good job. And thank you and compliments to the wonderful cooks and providers of essentials. It was a great meal preceded by great hors d'oeuvres (spell? Oh, well...) and followed by wonderful desserts. We missed those of you who could not be there, but we did not pine away so much that we could not eat....

Our informal meeting was mostly to gather suggestions for programs and activities for the coming year. Holly, our VP/program chair was not able to attend; but I made notes and have passed your ideas to her. We discussed an exchange like the cup exchange of a few years back, Sharon Williams on colors and Wraps since she was all prepared and had to cancel out last year, basketry, and a fun idea with telephone cable. More forthcoming on all this and current stages of development.

Announced was Celtic Day on Sat, Sept 11. Also announced was New Orleans Weavers Day also unfortunately on Sept 11. New Orleans will not host "Weave In" again until 2001.

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September Letter from the President (and candidate for impeachment at any time!)

Thanks for great participation in the Meridian Day in the Country at Nancy's. It was a fun start to our upcoming year of fun. I did not see a single person suffering from stress!

However, there is lots of stress in this world; and I don't mean the pressure of deadlines at work in this greatly-blessed land we live in where we have jobs and loving families and plenty of food and air conditioning. I mean in Kosovo where thousands, really hundreds of thousands, of children and parents were separated in the recent war. Many children are in refugee camps in several countries and do not even know if their parents are alive. McCall's Magazine, Sept 99 issue details their plight and also offers an opportunity to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for these children. Since gloves and mittens and scarves are needed, I thought immediately of our Guild. This can not be an official activity since we have not voted on it and will not have time to do so before the October 15 deadline.

In spite of our lack of official status for this project, for those who want to voluntarily participate, I will bring information and any yarn I have stashed back that is wooly. You can knit or crochet mittens or scarves for any age/gender child you choose. (Or, for some of us, the solution may be store-bought warm and wooly items.)

If you have a simple child's scarf or mitten pattern bring it. I will bring the shoeboxes we need for packing. I thought we might return to the Gallery after lunch and get started on these projects...if anyone wants to. Bring needles and children's patterns and hooks if this interests you. (You can also do this at home if that better fits your schedule.) There are some other items requested for each box, including \$10 each for shipping to Kosovo. If you can beg or borrow that magazine from someone, read the article and look at the pictures of the precious heartbroken children. You will want to help somehow...

And we are not the Red Cross, but by the time we meet, our own world traveler Dr. Clyde Watkins may have suggestions for how we can help the wonderful Turkish people he met who have been devastated by the earthquake. Clyde is gonna be arm-twisted to give us a whole program on his trip and the weaving and other delights he saw. A few of us have had a preview from the Meridian car pool.

Seems like since this year is all about FUN and since weavers are the kind of people who find giving FUN, this may be FUN as well as a valuable contribution to the world....

See you on the 18th. Be sure to read Holly's program instructions since EVERYONE who went to SFF class and EVERYONE who was in the show is involved. I am looking forward to hearing how you got inspired from those cards Sharon gave out.... (For example, I want to tell you about how I bought spray net for the first time in years as I worked with a mohair warp....) Please bring your stories of trials and tribulations.

Until the 18th, keep on having FUN, Lu

P.S. No spin-in on 9/17 Changes coming up - most likely -

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Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners *Celtic Fest* *September 11*

Spinners and weavers who would like to participate will meet & demonstrate on the studio porch.

A Craftman's Guild member and a musical group will join us on the porch.

10:00 to 3:00

or any part thereof....

For free admission to the Celtic Fest, I need your name by Thursday. You will need to use the gated Lakeland entrance. **No free admissions at the admissions booth.**

PLEASE CALL ANN HAYNE 992-4583 BY THURSDAY -SEPTEMBER 9 .

IF YOU DECIDE TO COME AT THE LAST MINUTE WE'LL ALL GIVE A CHEER...BUT ALAS, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY TO GET INTO THE CELTIC FEST - OF COURSE NO FEE TO SPIN & WEAVE ON THE STUDIO PORCH.

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PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE NOW AND READ THIS WHOLE PAGE

The annual Pioneer and Indian Festival will be held at the Natchez Trace location on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10. Times are 10 to 5 on Saturday and 1 to 5 on Sunday. For the information of new members, we demonstrate spinning and weaving, drop spindles, knitting, etc. Pioneer costume is requested but not required. We will be assigned an area, so look for the group covered in fiber....

You may bring your lunch or plan to eat the lunch provided by the Festival. (Comments in the past on this have ranged from acceptable on down..... so, if you are picky, plan accordingly. Also, in the past, they have sometimes run out, so you might bring back-up supplies if you want to ward off hunger pangs. It is hard to leave and go get food and get back thru the traffic, I have found in the past. We'll make room for a lunch box or ice chest if you want to bring it.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS EARLIER THAN OUR REGULAR MEETING TIME. THIS IS THE SECOND WEEK END OF THE MONTH AND WE USUALLY MEET ON THE THIRD WEEK END.

Please observe the parking requests of the Festival sponsors and plan to unload your vehicle near the demo area and then move it up to a participants' parking area. This leaves room for Festival visitors. (Hazel Howell has been granted an exception on this, but she is the only one.)

This is just a reminder notice to be sure you mark your calendar. Next week, you will receive your regular newsletter, including the usual information, plus a confirmation/verification of your address, telephone numbers, and other directory information. Please check carefully and follow the instructions which will be enclosed. Meanwhile, if you do not know your zip plus 4 (especially the plus 4 part) please be finding it out. It really helps speed up the mail.

PLS RSVP TO MY HOME VOICE MAIL, 601-355-8807 re: the Festival. I will coordinate with the chairman. (At the moment, I am at work and I have to get this to the post office, and I can't remember who volunteered to coordinate this.... See what an efficient person you have elected; I move for impeachment....) If you do not RSVP, we cannot get you a meal ticket.... You can come at the last minute if you bring you own food or plan to starve, but we would like to know ahead, if at all possible, in order to be sure we have demonstrators for all shifts. Please come; this is fun.

Also, please note that OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE SAME WEEK END, ON FRIDAY NIGHT, October 8, AT 7:00, at my house, 1715 Devine Street, Jackson, MS 39202. I will not have time to cook. Let's plan to make the world's largest salads; bring anything you would like to put into a green salad or a bean salad and we'll make one of each. I'll have drinks and dressing and paper plates. Do not open any closets or cabinets and please do not call the department of health re: my housekeeping..... Don't forget to RSVP and let me know what veggie you want to bring. Again, 601 355 8807.

Until we get together, have fun weaving and spinning, Lu

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