

CHIMNEYVILLE

WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD

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NEXT MEETING:

LOOM CRAWL will be Saturday, Dec. 11, at the homes of Holly & Kristen Redford and Melba Nipper. Meet at Holly & Kristen's at 10:00 AM for appetizers, business and fun. Then on to Melba's for lunch and present exchange! Remember to sign up to bring a dish to one of the homes and bring a fiber-related/handmade wrapped gift for the present exchange if you wish to participate. R.S.V.P. to Holly or Melba. Directions to both homes will be at the end of the newsletter.

Nov. meeting minutes

By Jane Dollar

Thank you's from the Guild -

- To Pioneer Festival demonstrators and Marva for chairing
- To Pioneer Festival children's workers and Hazel for chairing
- To Marcy for work on directory and mailing labels
- To Rosina for collecting dues
- To Jane for new newsletter format
- To those who came of Work Day and those working at home on decorations for the tree

Old Business -

- Marcy passed out the new directories.
- Lu handed out the list of committee assignments.

The vote on adoption of logos by secret ballot selected our SFF sheep,
Baaa...regard.

Holly reported on workshop possibilities: Sarah Saulson (painted warp) would be available in Jan. or Feb. for a two-day workshop. She has a maximum of 15 per class. Roosevelt State Park has been suggested as a location. Price is yet to be determined. She has not been able to contact Celia Quinn as yet. A basketry workshop is still under discussion; we need warmer weather.

We had no report on a shared B & B event with the Memphis Guild as Sharon was not present.

New Business -

The Christmas tree for Chimneyville will need to be up by Friday night. Contact Marcy to help.

Marva finished the button babies for the tree; any fiber ornaments you want to donate can be left by the computer in the weaving studio.

A motion was made by Rosina to let her proceed and us approve the budget later after further discussion. We need to decide what to do with the money - have workshops, work toward a place of our own, etc. She says we aren't bankrupt yet. Marva delivered a check from SFF for our part in the conference.

People were reminded the deadline for Roc Day signup was Nov. 15th. Those who are going sign sheet for coordination of travel. (See note below.)

Sign up sheet for loom crawl food was passed around. (I'm gonna kiss that diet goodbye!)

Debbie S. donated a couple of books to the library.

Marva bought several books on sale for the library; when the man from Lark Books found out what they were for, he told her to fill up a box and he donated them to us. I'd list all of these, but you're just going to have to investigate the library to find them. There are way too many to type.

We got a nice thank you from the Ridgeland Library for our display this summer.

Holly passed around sheets from her program in Sept. for those of us who missed it.

Marva announced that Interweave Press will give credit toward books for the Guild when members renew magazines or buy books. You all should have heard from her on this by now.

Marcy says HGA will have a promo video about HGA programs. We have a \$5 gift coupon for use on any of these.

Remember that the Convergence registration date is coming up.

Program -

Marcy did an excellent program on turned drafts. (It even made sense to me!) You shouldn't have missed it.

Show and tell - I will do better next time, honest. I'd gotten used to having the forms to rely on. But everything was gorgeous.

Other newsletters, magazines, items of interest, etc. were on the Show and Tell table.

FROM THE "PREZ":

My heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard on the upcoming Chimneyville Festival. I am really looking forward to this week end and spending some quality shopping and visiting time there. This is one of my favorite events of the season. Especially thank you to those of you who have this year and also in the past contributed to the decorations for the tree. This is our thank you to the Craftsmen's Guild for letting us use their building space for our guild meetings and for our library and computer at NO CHARGE ALL YEAR. This is a great deal for us...., so thanks for helping say how much we appreciate them. We are also proud of our CWSG members who are members of the Craftsmen's Guild and who will be exhibiting and selling this week end. Be sure to go by and speak.

Regarding the budget, the board will be working hard to provide some good alternatives for best and wisest use of our funds. This is so closely related to the long range planning that we began under Marcy's leadership. We will address this as soon as possible after the festival, but it may have to be after January 1, considering the busy state of this time of year. Stay tuned.

The program on turned drafts was over my head, I confess; but I look forward to following Marcy's directions exactly and seeing how it works. Maybe then I will understand it better. Thanks to Marcy for the presentation and hand outs.

Don't miss Loom Crawl. This is always such a fun event. If you need information, call Lu or Holly, but be sure to plan to be there. This is superior fellowship and absolutely superior eating time. We will have a very brief meeting. If you signed up to cook, don't forget to bring your item. And we will get to see Holly's new loom in its new home. It's a really special piece of equipment.... Thanks to Holly and Melba for being willing to take in this rowdy group.... Also to Kristen, Holly's daughter, who will undoubtedly get roped into helping the hostess.

Re: our craft. I have recently been working on some projects and have had to face the fact that I am a "recepte" weaver and sewer. I have always wanted to design and create, but I have decided that with limited time and perhaps with my particular talents, just picking the color and yarn and size to interpret a weaving design or the fabric for a garment has to be enough for now. I want to encourage those of you who are like me not to be discouraged. There is still plenty of room to let those creative juices flow. We don't have to build a car to drive it, and it still gets us there. So, if you are feeling somewhat less than super about your talents, don't. Just keep weaving, spinning, dyeing, making baskets, and HAVING FUN! (Also, for you Martha Stewart compulsive personalities out there: everyone on your list does NOT have to unwrap a handwoven item on Christmas morning so be sure to get SOME sleep -- but we know that those who

do receive this gift of love will understand how lucky they are and how special they must be to you!)

Until the Festival and Loom Crawl,
Lu

Additions to the directory:

Carolyn Nichols
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Jackson, MS 39284

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Enterprise, MS 39330

Information item for ride sharing: Those who may have decided to go to Roc Day, please call Lu. We understand deadline may be extended. Also call Lu if you need the info/number. She will coordinate ridesharing.

Correction: The recipe for "everybody bring something" salad should have 1 can of shoepeg corn added. Of course, like everything else in that recipe, this is optional....

Message from Marcy:

Quilts & Other Comforts donated two gift certificates to SFF. In writing a thank you note/donor receipt, I have found that I do not have an address for them. Can someone tell me their address, or at least a hint as to where I can find it? I would like to acknowledge them appropriately. Thank you! Marcy

Rosina requests that we get all expense reimbursement forms to her by Dec. 20th. Include receipts. This will give her time to close this year's budget.

Thanks from SFF:

Dear Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild members,

Thank you for hosting the Southeast Fiber Forum Association's 1999 conference. I am aware of the hard work you put on this event, and it was a tremendous success. I have received many letters and words of praise from attendees. The site was lovely and very suited to the activities planned. The dorm housing was great with the atrium setting which allowed groups to gather and share each night, and the food was very good!

With this letter I am enclosing a check to the guild for your portion of the final profits. Even with a fairly low attendance, you made a profit of \$3,711.65. Your check for 25% of this is \$927.91.

Now you can attend the next conference with no worries -- just enjoying your classes and shopping for fiber goodies!!!

Sincerely,