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MARCH 2000 NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be March 18, 10:00 AM, at the Ag Museum. There will be a board meeting at 9:30 before the general meeting.

Our March program will be the construction of a small basket, led by Jill Everett.

Upcoming events:

Sarah Saulson Painted Warp Workshop
March 3-4, Canton Convention & Visitor's
Bureau on the Square, Canton, MS
Sheep-to-Shawl, April 15th, Craftsmen's Guild Building
Acadiana Spinners & Weavers Guild Spinning Retreat,
May 31-June 4, Tall Timbers Baptist Conference
Center, Woodworth, LA
Convergence 2000, June 20-26, Cincinnati, OH
Celia Quinn silk spinning workshop, Oct. 24-26
Roc Day 2001 with the Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers
and Spinners Guild, MS Gulf Coast

March birthdays:

Betsy Caldwell
Norma Cox
Hazel Howell
Marcy Petrini

February meeting minutes:

The vote on the motion re: funding of CWSG educational opportunities passed unanimously.

Rosina passed out a handout and went over the budget with us.

The board recommended we not pursue the acquisition of a building.

Sharon reported that the Memphis Guild would do a retreat any time; Brigadoon Farms was suggested as a location. It is located between Olive Branch and Senatobia and has a bunkhouse which will sleep 22 people, or you may stay in a room. Cost is \$12/night for the bunkhouse; \$21 per night for the room. Meals are around \$27.50/day. It is possible we could do as we have in the past and bring food.

Sharon also brought out the cards for the fall show at Northwest Jr. College again. This is for any fiber at all, not just weaving. The show opens Nov. 5. Sharon will be here the Thurs. preceding to pick up items.

The Celia Quinn workshop on silk spinning will be Oct. 24-26. (More on this later.)

Lu reminded us all we are invited to a dutch treat supper at Penn's Fish House in Canton on Friday of the Sarah Saulson workshop. Also, Hazel has invited us to her house between the time the workshop is over for the day and the time Penn's opens. If you've not been before, go. I adore her back porch!

It was suggested (and pounced on with the gusto of a hungry hound dog, I might add!) that Sheep-to-Shawl be done as a demonstration this year. We would just have weaving, spinning, carding, etc., since no one stays to watch the whole process. It will be on our usual meeting day, April 15th this year, and the regular meeting will be a pot luck supper the night before at Kathy Cohron's house. Melba Nipper and Anne Hodges are in charge. A list was passed around to sign up for demonstrating.

The consensus was that we like the name of the Guild. If it is generalized, we can lose our identity; we are all weavers or spinners or both.

Lu needs help to fill out address change cards; Judith, Sandi and I volunteered.

There is no longer a shawl from last year's Sheep to Shawl; we auctioned it during SFF.

The due date for MyStory is the May meeting.

A list was placed on the show and tell table for members to recommend books to be purchased for the library. Those recommendations are: Robert's Rules of Order, a book on Textile Conservation for non-conservators, Folk Shawls by Cheryl Oberele, Card Weaving by Candace Crockett.

Two books were donated to the Guild library; Sharon donated Kaffe Fassett's Glorious Knits and Jane D. donated Joyce Petschek's Beautiful Bargello.

There is a **PBS series on Texture**; weaving will air on the 23rd of Feb. and will repeat on Tues., March 7, at 8:00.

Marcy has written a letter to the Meridian Art in Motion organizers because they did not include fiber.

Marva wants us to know the MS Sewing Expo will be Nov.2-5. There will be lots of mini-workshops.

Thanks to Sharon for a wonderful program on color. Personally, I want closer looks at *all* her notebooks. Just think of what I could learn!

"From the Prez":

Hi, CWSG:

I was totally inspired just by the lovely vari-colored threads that Sharon so thoughtfully put into mini-skeins and passed out to us as she talked about color for our last program. Sharon's casual program style was very different and allowed for lots of questions and sharing. I am going to try to be braver about color after hearing her talk about some of the things she mixes.... Thank you, Sharon; if you had not told us you were nervous, we would never have guessed.

Tomorrow is the painted warp workshop and I am running home to finish threading... It promises to be real fun, and I am really looking forward to the together-time. I think these joint learning efforts and hands-on events really help us not only as weavers but also to come together as a guild.

We on the board have been working with Holly as our leader on the Celia Quinn workshop for October. Celia's geographical location (Alaska), and her travel schedule make her hard for Holly to communicate with. However, we hear she is really worth the extra effort involved in coordinating. We have had to go ahead and tentatively commit, and of course we have six (that is how many of us there are) opinions about how to move forward from here and minimize our financial commitment and/or risk. We will be bringing this matter to you at our next meeting, hopefully in as streamlined a fashion as possible. Please note the lovely brochure enclosed. This is more expensive than we might wish, but we do offer the \$40 "tuition support" once during the year 2000, remember; and we are trying an early bird discount. Celia comes highly recommended, and we do get to have the benefit of her teaching without any travel expense for us. Much cheaper to import one teacher (especially from Alaska) than to take all of us who spin to her.... So, plan to participate if at all possible. We working folks can even go without missing work with the night schedule.

I have picked up that some are finding the business parts of our meetings a little stressful. I know I feel stressed as the one who is watching the clock and trying to make sure we are democratic and in accord with our by-laws as we go through our processes. I suspect every prez has felt this way. It is hard to make sure everyone who wants to has input and still stay on schedule, but remember that we are supposed to be having fun. I am certainly open to any and all suggestions on how to make the meetings more fun and less hassle. Please feel free to suggest publicly or privately.

See you at the March meeting!

Lu

You are invited to a fiber shower

The Weaving Class at the Craftsmen's Guild of MS studio is giving Carolyn Campbell a shower. Well, it was supposed to be a pre-nuptial shower, but Carolyn went and got married on January 1, 2000.

Way to start the century, Carolyn!

Friday, March 17, 2000

6:30 PM

Marcy and Terry's

950 Fairfax Circle, Jackson, 39211

Come and share the celebration and help introduce Danny to the wonderful world of fibers! Please bring a dish to share and a fiber related little gift, (We have also taken the liberty to register Carolyn with Margaret Pittman!) and a spouse or significant other. There will be plenty of wine, beer and soft drinks.

This is not a guild event, but many people know Carolyn, so we didn't want to hurt anybody's feelings by leaving anybody out of the celebration!

If you are coming, please RSVP to Marcy (957-1423) by March 15th. Thank you!

For sale:

Marva is selling her Reeves 30" wheel for \$700. This includes the lazy kate and 4 bobbins. Call her at (601) 992-0383 or e-mail her at marvaleeg@hotmail.com if interested.

Winki Allen is selling a Glimakra Standard counterbalance loom, 44" weaving width (she thinks it is listed as a 48" but doesn't have the original paperwork; the weaving width she has measured is 44"); one reed; bench; additional sectional attachment; lease sticks. All in good condition, \$1200 - buyer picks up in Meridian. Call Winki at (601) 482-2202 (work) or (6001) 482-4986 (home).

Betsy Caldwell has a new e-mail address: kirgiz@bellsouth.net

Debbie Levine has our deepest sympathies on the death of her father in late February.