

**CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD
NEWSLETTER
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Greetings to all. I hope that your summer has been productive, fun and full of fiber. I am sorry that this newsletter (my first) is late. I have been without a computer for the last several weeks and had to purchase a new one to rectify the problem. I do hope that following newsletters will be on time and in a more polished form.

I hated to miss the May meeting, but Jane graciously sent the minutes and they are as follows:

Lu called us to order and welcomed everyone. Thanks to Margaret Pittman for hosting spin-in last night, to Barbara Mitchell for refreshments today, to Anne Hodges and Melba Nipper for Sheep-to-Shawl coordination, and to Sharon Williams, Nell Elam and Elizabeth Lewis for Retreat organization and all that wonderful food!

Leaving us will be Carolyn Kossar, whose has moved to Florida with her hubby, and Joan Cotter, whose hubby was called to Ohio. We will miss them

Welcome to Linda McComb, who was visiting with us.

Hazel presented her MyStory pieces early as she had a grandson in the Med School graduation. She did three pillows with painted warp using a technique learned at a workshop with the Memphis Guild. (Possibility of workshop with Linda Weghorst?) Two had backings of Margaret's handwoven fabric.

OLD BUSINESS:

April minutes were approved.

Questionnaires regarding programs for next year were returned to Holly and ones passed out to those who weren't present last meeting.

Lu said that she reread the paragraph on the library. Kathy C. wanted to know where it came from originally. (Donations) Marva said the fund was originally set up for \$50.00 for supplies. The policy notebook says committees should be given authority to purchase without going to the general meeting. The vote on the motion that the library committee has discretionary authority over all library funds was passed unanimously.

There is no new news on the silk workshop. Lu suggested members hostess for out of town participants to help cut cost. Holly collect forms for the basketmaking workshop.

Lu said she procrastinated and had no news on moving to Canton. Marva wrote down her motion on moving to Canton. *I move that CWSG locate our guild home to a facility connected with Allison's Wells School of Arts and Crafts.* This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Our slate of new officers was unanimously approved. Our new treasurer is Barbara Mitchell, secretary is Anne Hodges and historian/librarian is Judith Noble. (Note that all newsletter items need to be sent to

Anne!)

Marva stated that she was disappointed that the rebate was open to something other than guild activity as it takes cash away from the guild. It was pointed out that the rebate is at the discretion of the guild. Barbara said the person should have been requested to come to come back and teach the techniques learned. Kathy C. agreed. Marva said we can always find housing and equipment for members who need them for a class.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lu said she would get the treasurer's report from Rosina and put it in the newsletter.

Marva reported that she ordered the card weaving book and cards, a book on double weave, one on handwoven scarves and one on folk shawls. Nancy L. said she would take our list to Convergence and purchase. *Sheer Delight* by Doramay Keasby was mentioned.

Our upcoming shows will be at NWJC in Nov. and at Gravity Coffeehouse in Clinton. Chimneyville Summers (at Gravity) will have MyStory pieces, some for sale. They want to swap out pieces periodically and will welcome any Sat. Demo. Our opening for this show is set for July 22; if we wish to have alcohol or wine, we will have to provide. holly passed around demo and pieces sheets to sign up: she says people are good about not touching (this is good with fiber?) and there is good lighting.

Lu says according to our procedure book written committee reports are due. Barbara said it would be helpful to list sources, etc., for next year.

Lu said she will take volunteers for the by-laws committee to meet this summer. Our basketry workshop with Marva is Aug. 18-20. V.A. says they DO want us to do the Christmas tree at the Chimneyville Crafts Festival. We need a chair for this.

Lu invited us to Gulf Shores for our retreat next year. She says her brother's place will sleep 12 people. (I can take a sleeping bag and sleep on the floor for this!)

There is interest in taking a train trip to Chicago. Debbie S. said we should do it in spring and time it to the textile shows.

Margaret Pittman has a new assistant--Kristen R. is skeining for her.

Thank you to outgoing officers--Jane Dollar, Rosina Echols and Marva Goodman.

Welcome to our new officers!

SHOW AND TELL:

Kristen had a scarf she had done--she tried several wefts.

Nancy L. brought bunches of kids books

Debbie brought books--*Weaver's Craft* and *Doubleweave*. *Weaver's Craft* is a magazine published by Plain Tabby Press, 4945 Hogan Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80525-3709. One year is \$29.00. Web sight is www.weaverscraft.com.

Our program was the MyStory pieces-and lots of good intentions-and a series of delightful stories by story teller Linda McComb.

Thank you Jane for the minutes.

LETTER FROM "THE PREZ"

I hope all of us CWSG members and friends are having a good summer. I must apologize (and insist that you dock my pay or proceed with impeachment or both). I really had to take the month of June off from Guild business. The University fiscal year ends June 30, and there was a ton of work to do to get things wrapped up and get the new year started. I can now see over my desk just a little, so I am back to having fun with CWSG business. And I actually sat down and wove 10 shots last night (at midnight). I misread my notes and had to then unweave all 10; but, hey, I was on my loom bench. And it was fun, even undoing. Please forgive us for not getting a June newsletter out. With Jane's being on the road (yes, yarn was involved), Anne's travel to Estes Park show (please take a moment and be jealous), and my work schedule (o.k., I admit I went out of town too), we simply did not get it done. I think technically it is not required, but it surely is more fun to keep up with each other, and so Holly sent out a flyer about the Gravity show and a reminder about the upcoming workshops. Thank you for that mail out, Holly.

Also, thanks to Holly for all her work setting up the show. Also Sharon and Nell who came down along with Holly hung the work. (Others may have been recruited, I am sorry I do not know who; but thanks.) I understand from Holly that we have a lot of pieces and that the place looks great with your beautiful work adorning it. I can't wait until the opening reception which is scheduled for July 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. I have called a number of you about providing food, and thanks to you all for saying "yes." I am sure we will eat well, drink well (Terry, the Loom Doctor is in charge of the wine. Thank you, Terry), and fellowship as well. Please be sure to put this on your calendar. We also need to plan to express our thanks to the Gravity owner and staff, as they will also provide some food and supplies. And they have been most gracious to work with. This is a win-win effort for their business and our avocation (well, vocation for some of us.)

We are planning a board meeting for as soon as possible. We will be working on plans for the upcoming year. All suggestions are welcome. Feel free to call Holly, Anne, Judith, Marcy, or myself with ideas.

We may still be able to have a summer get-together, although the time seems to be running out might fast. Our only male member, Clyde Watkins, is leaving Jackson at the end of August, so if we can arrange to get together, we will be bidding him a fond farewell at the same time. He is returning to New Orleans and a good bit of traveling—he says maybe Nepal (can you imagine?).

I understand that there are still spaces in the *Basket Workshop*, so if you have not done, please get yourself signed up and get your money to Holly. Please call her if you have any questions. Same goes for the *Silk Workshop* scheduled for October. Remember, the silk is a week night event.

The Christmas Fair here at University will be December 8th, and they are anxious to enlist craftsmen. They would love to have a fiber booth. Since Marcy and I have an "in", I think I can get it for us, if you are willing. I thought those of you who are producers might want to sell at this event. Last year, 500 people went through (on pay day). We can vote on this in the fall, but please be thinking about it. It would be a good opportunity to sell for those who are not juried yet and so not tied up with getting ready for the Chimneyville show. Again, not official, but I think it looks like an opportunity. I have heard several of you say you would love to have a place to sell your work. I think they are going to charge nominally for the booth but not a percentage this first year. So that sounds good!

And last, but certainly not least, I know a CWSG member who has a 20 shaft loom on order. I am not telling names, but come to the reception and the September meeting and I'll bet you will hear more. Also, I can't wait to hear more about Convergence from those lucky ducks who got to go...(Hint: this loom was ordered at Convergence...).

So, until the reception, stay cool if you can, and keep on enjoying our shared love of fiber and having fun,

LU

****Remember the opening at Gravity Coffeehouse in Clinton on July 22, 2000. Those who signed up to bring food need to be at Gravity shortly before 6:00 p.m.**

Melba is missing two books. She can't remember to whom she lent them. The missing books are: *The Ashford Book of Spinning* by Anne Field and *Hands on Spinning* by Deborah Chandler. Please contact Melba if you have these books at MTtoast79@aol.com or 601-825-3749.

Happy June and July birthday greetings to:

Jane Burrows--June 15, Jane Burrows--June 13, Carolyn Campbell--July 11, Jane Cotter--July 17, Marva Lee Goodman--July 5, Deborah Levine--July 17

CALENDAR

July 22-----Opening at Gravity Coffeehouse
August 18-20----Basket making with Marva Goodman
Sept 15-17-----Southern Basketry Conference 2000. Tampa, FL
Oct. 24-26-----Silk with Celia Quinn

CWSG Summer Reminders:

Following are details concerning educational events happening this summer. Peruse them, and feel free to contact me if you need additional information. --Holly

“Chimneyville Summer” exhibit at Gravity Gallery/Coffeehouse, Olde Towne Clinton

Runs: July 2 - September 3

Opening Reception: Saturday, July 22; 6-8 p.m.

Exhibit Announcement/Reception Invitations: 10/guild member are available. Call if you would like yours sent to you.

Exhibiting Pieces Information:

- ALL PIECES MUST be accompanied by a completed copy of the **consignment agreement** from Gravity before they can be displayed. If you did not get a consignment agreement at the May meeting, I can mail one to you. This agreement is a requirement of Gravity's insurance policy.
- **MyStory pieces**--If you are contributing your MyStory 2000 inspiration piece, please include your story with it so that the public can better appreciate the thought and interpretation of your work.
- **Tuesday, June 27**, is the deadline to get the initial pieces to me if you are leaving them at the weaving studio at the Ag Museum. Please put my name on them in an obvious place. If you plan to get initial pieces to me directly, they need to be at my home no later than Thursday, June 29. Only pieces turned in by these dates can be guaranteed to be up for the July 22nd reception.
- We have ample time allotted to rotate several pieces. **Later Pieces** can be turned in at the weaving studio or my home after the above deadlines. If you wish to exhibit your work for a certain length of time, please indicate it.

Demonstrating at Gravity:

Gravity has invited us to demonstrate in their front windows on Saturdays from July 8 thru September 2. If you would like to demonstrate on a particular Saturday, please let me know.

Basketry Workshop with Marva Goodman

There are still some spots available for this workshop which is designed to send you home with three baskets utilizing different types of basic basket construction. *Prior basketry experience is NOT necessary.* Contact me for a registration form.

Date: August 18-20

Times: Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9-4; Sunday 9-2

Place: Allison's Wells School of Arts and Crafts, Canton

Workshop Fee: \$70 total OR \$20 deposit with registration and \$50 balance due on July 22nd

Materials Fee: \$25

Silk Workshop with Celia Quinn

We have space available for additional students in this workshop which provides a variety of experiences with silk fiber including silk spinning and dyeing, silk papermaking, mawata, reeling thread from cocoons, and more. A treadle spinning wheel is required for this workshop. Contact me for a registration form.

Date: October 24-26

Time: 5-9:45 p.m.

Workshop Fee: \$120 total OR \$55 deposit with registration and \$65 balance due September 9th

Materials Fee: \$20

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact me at 601/924-5654, by email: HiPunkin@aol.com with subject: CWSG, or at 708 Live Oak Drive, Clinton, MS 39056-3619.

Holly Benzenhafer Redford, Vice-President, CWSG

