

# CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD

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October 2000

Fall is definitely here and we can expect lots of activities to keep us busy

## October

24-26: Celia Quinn Silk Spinning Workshop.

28-29: Pioneer & Indian Festival, Mississippi Crafts Center, Natchez Trace Parkway, Ridgeland

28: Spin-In at Hazel Howell's.  
Pieces for *Guided*

*Inspirations* exhibit due.

## November

1: Deadline for Roc Day Registration.

4: Deadline for Basic Bead Stringing Mini-Workshop Registration/balance due.

5: *Guided Inspirations* Exhibit Opening, 2-4 p.m., Northwest Community College, Senatobia

11: *Riding the Rails with Cotton Bales*, Madison.

17: Mini-Workshop: Basic Bead Stringing, Village Beads, Ridgeland, 6-9 p.m.

18: Regular Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Ag Museum.

Twisted wire jewelry/Rosina Echols  
Amulet Necklaces/ Melba Nipper

27: *Guided Inspirations* exhibit ends.

## FOR SALE

- ❖ 24" 4-shaft counterbalance Leclerc floor loom. Includes shuttles, bobbins, 3 reeds, etc. Price: \$600.00. Call Jacqueline de Mesdal at 924-5845 or 984-5756.
- ❖ 54" Tools of the Trade loom. 20 years and only used six times! Folds to about 20" for storing. Included are an 8-dent reed, bench with storage, and a Schacht 20" warping board. Initially asked \$1200.00, but willing to negotiate. Call: 662-494-2978.

## REMINDER!!!

- ❖ Spaces still available for the Celia Quinn Workshop, October 24-26. We will meet from 5-9:45 each night at

Holly Benzenhafer Redford's home. A treadle spinning wheel is required. Silk dyeing, papermaking, spinning, etc. are all on tap. Registration is required. The fee is \$120.00. Make checks payable to CWSG and send to Holly pronto>

- ❖ If you plan to attend the SPIN-IN at Hazel Howell's on October 28, please be sure to RSVP to Hazel at 601-859-4836. Hazel is providing dinner and wine. If you want a carbonated beverage, please BYOB.

## Minutes of September 16, 2000

CWSG president Lu Harding called the meeting to order. Two guests were welcomed: Stephanie Keenan and Charlene Bishop, Marva Goodman's cousin and daughter. Cathy Cohron handed out name tags.

Lu expressed appreciation to the following: Marcy Petrini for the day's refreshments; Kathy Cohron for the name tags; Holly Redford and Sharon Williams for their work organizing the Gravity show (and everyone else who helped and participated); and Holly and Marva for the basketry workshop.

## OLD BUSINESS

There were no motions awaiting a vote.

Lu explained the board is not recommending relocation to Allison's Wells in Canton due to the cost of \$70.00 per month.

The bylaws update committee held its first meeting recently. Work will continue to review and recommend updates to the bylaws. Marva is chairing the committee.

Sharon Williams announced she would include instructions in the newsletter for submitting works for *Guided Inspirations* at Northwest Community College. Bring your entries to the Pioneer and Indian Festival Oct. 28-29. Hazel Howell will take the entries to her house where Sharon will pick them up. Show opening will be Nov. 5 from 2 to 4 P.m. The show will hang

through November. Sharon will return entries during Chimneyville Crafts Festival, Dec. 1-3 in Jackson.

Holly announced that those who signed up for the Celia Quinn silk workshop would receive directions, etc. in the next couple of weeks. Nine people have registered for the workshop, which will be held Oct. 24-26 at Holly's house in Clinton.

Lu passed around photos she and Chet Cohron made during the guild's opening at Gravity. Anyone wanting reprints would contact Lu. She had double prints made.

Roc Day sign-up sheets were passed around.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Mitchell, treasurer, reported a guild balance of \$4,377.84, excluding monies collected during the meeting for membership renewals. Dues must be paid before memberships are renewed.

Judith Noble, librarian, is working on cataloging new additions to the library, including a box of items donated by Sandi Tucker.

A spin-in sign-up sheet for October was passed around. Hazel offered to host our October meeting and spin-in at her house at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, after the Pioneer & Indian Festival. She also is offering accommodations to any out-of-town members wishing to spend the night.

A sign-up for Pioneer & Indian Festival demonstrators was passed around. If you would like to demonstrate and have not yet signed up, contact Nancy Landrum, event chair.

Debbie Levine moved that the guild lend its name to a booth at the UMC Christmas Fare crafts show and allow members who want to participate in the show to share the \$25.00 cost of the booth. UMC is asking weavers to share a table since space is limited. Marva seconded the motion. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in participating.

Holly distributed the 2000-2001 calendar of guild events. She also reported that the guild's show at Gravity was very favorably received by customers. Most members who offered works for sale sold something. Hazel moved that the guild repeat the show at Gravity in December 2001.

Holly and the Board are working on plans for mini-workshops to be held on meeting afternoons. Topics will include beading, Theo Moorman techniques, knitting and crochet, and more. A major workshop on felted hats is tentatively set for fall 2001.

Holly distributed details on the basic bead-stringing mini-workshop to be held at Village Beads in Ridgeland on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6-9 p.m. Each student will create a necklace and earrings using sterling silver metals. Fee is \$40.00, due by Nov. 4. For details, call Holly at 601-924-5654.

Marcy distributed sign-up sheets for study groups and explained changes in the guild's approach to study groups. Those interested are being asked to propose an individual study topic and goal, and incentive for meeting that goal. Study may be conducted in small groups or on an individual/mentor basis, but there will be no formal meetings; instruction and feedback will be through correspondence. The board will examine the requests on the sign-up sheets before determining exactly how the program will work. This new approach will make it easier for out-of-town members to participate in a study group or work with a mentor.

Marva announced that John Blough, of Brandon, has invited the guild to demonstrate and/or sell works at the Western Festival during the Dixie National Rodeo, Feb. 9-11 in Jackson. The venue offers us opportunities for educational demonstrations and sales. The festival is open to schoolchildren Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and to the public Saturday and Sunday. Several guild members demonstrated at the festival last year.

Nancy L. gave out gorgeous beetle wings, which she purchased at Convergence. The iridescent wings are featured in the book *The Shining Cloth*.

Marva announced that the Southeast Fiber Forum would be held April 20-22 at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C. Housing and meals will be available on the grounds.

Marva also reminded members of the Sewing Extravaganza, set for Nov. 10-11 at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson. The event, sponsored by the Extension Service, will offer inexpensive mini-classes in sewing techniques.

Melba Nipper and Kathy Smith will demonstrate spinning and weaving at the Pecan Festival, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Richton. Pictures of them are included in the program. Anyone wishing to join them should contact Melba.

The white elephant raffle included a copy of SS&D, offered by Marva. Free tickets were provided by her as Mississippi's HGA rep.

Marcy, Nancy L., Debbie L. and Holly reported on their trip to Convergence. While there, Marcy ordered a 40-shaft loom which,

regrettably, will probably not arrive in time for Loom Crawl, as she had hoped.

#### SHOW AND TELL

Holly-several scarves and shawls

Kathy C., Lu, and Holly-baskets from Marva's basket workshop.

Hazel-small inkle bag ( and thanks to members who lent inkle looms to her Girl Scout project this summer)

Debbie S. -small quilted bag of fabric discharged with bleach shibori-style

Marva-purse of Ultra suede and upholstery fabric

Carolyn Campbell-bead woven necklace featuring Santa Claus

Nancy L.-Convergence photos; St. Lucy's dress, which was what she and Jill Hammes entered in the "Collaborations" show at Convergence; and a video, *Dress Your Loom the Swedish Way*, which she offered to loan to members.

Charlene Bishop-knitted silk scarf and a wool skein, both dyed with elderberries from her backyard.

#### PROGRAM

Holly threw out another fiber challenge to guild members, similar to last year's *Inspiration* project. This year's project is *Hues of Interpretation*. Each member threw a dice to determine how many paint chips to draw from a bag. The paint chips determined which colors each member will use in her fiber project. Next, we determined the texture of the piece by drawing slips of paper on which a texture was specified. Finally, we drew either a tape of music, a poem or a quote, which we are to interpret in our works.

Our interpretations are due at the guild's May 19, 2001 meeting. Those who wish may exhibit them at our next show at Gravity in December 2001.

If you were not present at the meeting and wish to participate in the project, contact Holly. She will bring the paint chips, etc. to the November meeting, or she can draw for you.

#### PERSONALS

Lots of good news: Carolyn C. has moved into her new house. Hazel recently welcomed her first great-grandchild. Don Pittman, Margaret's husband, is completing an arduous National Guard school, which will prepare him for a recruitment position. Sandi Tucker has moved to Madison, and Randy Harding, Lu's husband, recently got a good report from his heart catheterization.

#### NEW ADDRESS

Sandi Tucker

101 Rosebriar Common  
Madison, MS 39236-6888

#### LETTER FROM THE "PREZ" ON THE BACK

Letter from the "Prez", 10 5 00

Dear CWSG members:

Thanks for a great first meeting. I was really pleased with our attendance. And, we have a really great year full of FUN activities lined up. (Special thanks to especially Holly and also the Board and many others for that! And thanks to you all for completing your interest surveys for Holly.) Almost everyone who was a member last year has signed up and turned in her information; there are two from whom we have not heard and we are hoping they will come on board, even if they have missed the deadline for getting in the directory. (Hey, this is sort of like making the Social Register in New York City back when. But, this will be even more FUN than having to wear white gloves and drink tea out of fancy cups....)

Thanks to you all for taking your committee assignments in stride. We will need each member working to fulfill those responsibilities to make our year a complete success. Please refer to your Procedure Book as well as your By-Laws as you begin planning your work. It is really helpful to see the excellent ground work that has already been laid for many of these jobs. And just a personal hint, from my experience, it helps to read the Procedure Book first. If you find anything outdated, please make a note. We are in the process of updating our materials, as is necessary from time to time, so please turn your up-date notes in to me. If you have any questions about your assignment and expectations, please give me a call (Home: 601 355 8807).

Please go ahead and take the wonderful calendar that Holly gave us and transfer the information to your home and work calendars so that you will be able to coordinate all your activities in the coming months. This is the only way to make sure you save time for your hobby/art/craft and Guild and prevent other schedule demands from overriding YOUR plans. (Exceptions can be made for weddings, anniversaries, new grandbabies, christenings, baptisms, and a FEW other priorities.) I almost missed the Basket Workshop due to failure to transfer all info to my home calendar. Holly saved me. But, don't risk letting this happen to you. We really have some fun activities planned, including lots of learning and some "road trip" expeditions. Cost has been and is to be considered carefully, and hopefully everything is and will be very affordable. So, plan ahead and participate in everything you can. Whether you just plan to come to the regular meetings or have signed up to participate in our Study Group offering, please keep an open mind and try something new; you can learn about it and understand and appreciate it better, whether you ever want to do it again or not.... Like me and felting.... I really appreciate felting....

I look forward to seeing you during the Pioneer and Indian Festival. Hopefully, we will have good weather; but it is always fun no matter what. If you can't come both days, come when you can. And, don't forget, the meeting and Spin In will be on SATURDAY night. This is a change, not only in date, but in day of the week. See you at the Festival. (I always love this event; this is where I met Cassie Dickson from Vicksburg who sold me two overshot pillows and told me about the locally available weaving classes and that Marcy Petrini would be demonstrating at the Chimneyville Festival in December. Of course, I went and of course I signed up for class, and of course, my life has not been the same since. It has been better and more FUN!

See you soon; meanwhile keep on doing fiber things, and be sure to make it FUN!

Lu, (The "Prez" until May 01 or until you get really tired of me, whichever comes first....)





Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild presents:

# Silk

## A Workshop with Celia Quinn

Tuesday, October 24- Thursday, October 26, 2000  
at Holly Benzenhafer Redford's Home  
Clinton, Mississippi

### General Schedule & Information

Time: 5:00-9:45 p.m., each night

- We will meet each evening and begin with a light supper as Celia gets us started (see enclosure).
- We will have access to the garage (for dyeing, papermaking, and other messy work) and to the kitchen (food), dining room, living room, and gathering area
- Feel free to park in the driveway or along the street.
- Two indoor cats live with the Redfords, so please notify us and take whatever precautions are necessary if you have cat allergies.

### Supply List

☐ treadle wheel  
☐ oil for wheel  
☐ smooth niddy noddy  
☐ saran wrap  
☐ masking tape  
☐ notebook and pen  
☐ dishpan  
☐ rubber gloves

☐ surgical gloves  
☐ hand lotion  
☐ handful of dyed fleece (to spin between samples as markers)  
☐ ball winder OR lazy kate (plying)  
☐ frame 8-10 inches square OR stretcher bars (for making Mawata squares)  
☐ carders (cotton ones, if possible)

☐ **Also**, have one bobbin wound at least ½ full if you have a Louet, or other wheel with strong pull....It reduces drag on fine yarns.

**Please note the \$20.00 materials fee should be made payable to CWSG and is due at the beginning of the first night's class. The fee supplies students with the various silk fibers, cocoons, dyes, etc. to be used in class.**



DIRECTIONS TO HOLLY BENZENHAFFER REDFORD'S HOME  
924-5654

From North Jackson, Madison, Ridgeland, etc.

Take I-220 south to Medgar Evers exit (Exit 5)

Turn LEFT at light at the end of the exit ramp

Turn RIGHT at 2<sup>nd</sup> light (intersection of Medgar Evers and Northside)

You are now on Northside Drive\*

Northside Drive eventually becomes a two-lane road (at this point you are already in Clinton)

Pass these landmarks: Cascades subdivision on left,

Traceway Park playing fields/National Guard Armory on right,

Northside Baptist Church on left

Shell Gas Station on left

**THEN**, go through 3 traffic lights (Indian Bowling Lanes is on your left)

Take 1<sup>st</sup> road on RIGHT (Live Oak Drive)

We are the 1<sup>st</sup> house on the LEFT - 708 Live Oak Drive

\*You can also drive across Jackson on Northside Drive until you are in Clinton, then follow the rest of the directions to the house.

From South Jackson, Brandon, Pearl, etc.

Go west on I-20 (towards Vicksburg)

Take Springridge Road exit turning RIGHT onto Springridge

Go to 2<sup>nd</sup> light; turn RIGHT onto Hwy. 80

Turn LEFT at 2<sup>nd</sup> light onto Lakeview (KFC on the corner)

Stay on Lakeview until it deadends at Clinton Park Elementary

Turn LEFT onto Old Vicksburg Road

Turn LEFT at the 1<sup>st</sup> light onto Northside Drive

Go through the next light (Indian Bowling Lanes is on you left)

Take the 1<sup>st</sup> road on the RIGHT (Live Oak Drive)

We are the 1<sup>st</sup> house on the LEFT - 708 Live Oak Drive



## Silk with Celia Quinn

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals

Due to the workshop running through regular dinner hours, we have allotted time at the beginning of each class for participants to eat a light meal while Celia gets us started. Please choose a dish (or dishes) you would be willing to bring to share. Dinnerware and drinks will be provided.

If you need to prepare a dish ahead of time, Holly has a deep freezer and will be happy to store it. Dishes should be prepared for 12-13 people.

**Tuesday:** Soup \_\_\_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday:** Soup \_\_\_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday:** Soup \_\_\_\_\_ Salad \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_

### Classroom Needs

The following items have been requested by Celia for use during the workshop. If you have any of the following and would allow us to use them, please indicate below:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 dyepot with steaming rack, or other means of keeping fiber above water  
\_\_\_\_\_ hot plate (we won't use the kitchen stove as food is prepared there)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3-4 six/eight-foot folding tables (for work in garage & display)  
\_\_\_\_\_ slide projector & carousel  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 *clean* dyepot for degumming cocoons

**Please return this form as soon as possible.** Mail to Holly Benzenhafer Redford, 708 Live Oak Drive, Clinton, MS 39056-3619; OR email the information to her at [HiPunkin@aol.com](mailto:HiPunkin@aol.com) (subject heading: Silk). You will be contacted if there is duplication of food or classroom items.