

# CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD

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## Calendar:

Dec. 8	UMC Christmas Fare
Dec. 9	Loom crawl 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 6	Roc Day
Jan. 12	Deadline for slides for <i>Eclectic Expressions</i>
Jan. 20	January meeting

Nancy Landrum will miss the loom crawl due to the fact that her 14 month old granddaughter, Ella Catherine, had surgery in Birmingham on November 28. Surgery went fine and Nancy reports that there were no surprises.

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2000

President Lu Harding called together the November meeting of the CWSG at 10:00 a.m. Joy Smith was the guest of Anne Hodges.

The meeting began with a program on twisted wire given by Rosina Echols and was followed by Melba Nipper who demonstrated her knotless net necklaces. After the white elephant sale and a short break, the business meeting was called to order.

Thank yous were extended to:

Rosina and Melba for their stimulating programs

Holly for planning and putting together the beading program an Village Beads the night before

Bead workshop participants

Sharon and Tim for the invitations to the Guided Inspirations show

Sharon and Nell for hanging the show

Margaret, Hazel and Marva's trip to the show

Margaret and Barbara for the Colonial Dames Program

Carolyn Nichols for the refreshments

Margaret and Melba for adjusting their schedule

Officers and Board

## OLD BUSINESS

Corrections to last month's minutes concerning the Crafts Center: Marva suggested we check into the purchase of the present building and leaving it on its present site.

With no quorum at our last meeting, we were unable to vote on the motion of participating in the UMC Christmas Fare and lending the Guild's name to a booth. This motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Deborah Levine will chair the sign-up sheet for those who are interested in participating.

The president asked if anyone remembered what was done with the last HGA gift (a shawl). It was reported that the shawl was placed for auction. It was decided to look further into the matter.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Loom crawl will be held Dec. 9. We will first meet at Margaret Pittman's and then proceed in convoy to Carolyn's new house in Gluckstadt. (Directions follow).  
Chimneyvill Festival will be held Dec. 1-3 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Deborah Levine is in charge of decorating the Christmas tree and needs volunteers to decorate and to take down.

The Chicago trip was discussed and it was suggested that we could fly as cheaply as ride the train.

## NEW BUSINESS

Anne Hodges and Lu Harding suggested that the Guild participate in the Heifer Project, whereby the Guild would sponsor a sheep for a family in a third world country. The aim of the Heifer Project is to give the less fortunate a helping hand to a better life. Debbie Stringer moved that the Guild take donations at the Loom Crawl. If the whole sum of \$120.00 was not collected, the CWSG will make up the difference. Hazel Howell seconded the motion.

Roc Day plans for 2001 were discussed. Lu asked for names of those going and how long each planned to stay in order to get rides together.

Roc Day 2002 will be sponsored by CWSG and Melba has agreed to chair the committee in charge. Since Melba has a conflict of interest as a vendor, Debbie Levine has agreed to take over as the date approaches.

Judith reminded everyone to renew her Interweave Press subscriptions through the Guild at the December meeting. Not only will each subscriber receive a discount, but also the Guild will receive a free subscription.

Caning with Hazel has taken on gargantuan proportions. Talk to Hazel if you are truly interested in a lesson.

SFF will be April 20-22 in Black Mountain, NC.

The Sewing Extravaganza has been postponed until January (?) Check the Sewpro web site.

## SHOW AND TELL

All of those who participated in the beading workshop t Village Beads of Ridgeland of the night before displayed their products. A fun time was had by all. As someone commented, it is not too often that the members are so involved that they forget to eat!

Melba entertained the Guild with details of her Alaska trip.

Debbie Stringer displayed books about Theo Moorman and Rug twining.

Margaret Pittman showed her present project—a scarf knitted from a maple leaf pattern by Jackie using her own yarn.

Nancy Landrum passed around a new book (?)

Melba showed a felted sheep completed by Debbie Levine using Melba's wool.

## PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO YOUR 200-2001 DIRECTORY

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13-Dec.

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weave, spin  
15-Mar

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Weave, sew, bead  
15-May

Please call Lu Harding (355-8807) if you are going to ROC DAY and did not sign up at the Guild meeting on November 18, 2000.

I received this Email from my sister-in-law, Amy Evans. I hope you enjoy it!  
*I received this poem via one of my spinner cyber-friends. The poem was written by Lynette Reed with a couple lines revised by Connie Petersen. Enjoy! Merry*

Twas the Night Before Christmas.....

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the guild,  
The cookies were baked, and the eggnog chilled.

The fleece were all hung on the drying rack with care,  
Alpaca to Mohair, it was all there.

The spinners were nestled all snug in their beds,  
while visions of knitting needles danced in their heads.

The rabbits were tucked in. The sheep warm and fed.  
While I snuggled down in my sheepskin-lined bed.

When out on the lawn there arose such a fuss,  
I sprang from my bed stubbed my toe had to cuss.

Out the room, down the hall, through the kitchen I sped,  
Found myself on the yard in my nighty from Fred's.

The moon was half full, there were clouds in the sky,  
but a strange sight soon caught my eye.

Laying over the hay pile, sprawled next to the barn,  
Was an elf, six reinsheep and a sleigh full of yarn.

Leaping up from the ground with a wink and a grin,  
The elf hopped to the house and let himself in.

Calling back to his reinsheep he called them by name,  
"Come Mo, Les, and Mary" At a dead run they came.

Now Anne, Mike and Larry, with a great bleat they ran.  
A strange sight indeed these six beasts and small man.

I arrived in the great room to chaos galore..  
Silk, wool and cotton from ceiling to floor.

It was washed, it was carded, a treasure of hues,  
Golds, reds, and purples, greens, browns and blues.

Wool of the length for which spinners would die,  
Textures to make a grown knitter cry.

A new Louet wheel, the color of cream,  
New bobbins and books, It felt like a dream.

As they frolicked and played more goodies appeared.  
It spilled from the room, I was up to my ears.

When suddenly they stopped they ran out in a flurry,  
The elf leaped to the sleigh, the reinsheep fled in a hurry.

I'll always remember as they flew out of sight,  
The words that he said that cold winter night.

"Keep spinning, keep knitting, let your threads intertwine;  
And your love of this fine art will pass down through the  
time"

**CORRECTION!!!!**

Loom crawl is this Saturday, December 9 rather than on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of December.

In case you forgot what you signed up to bring to the party, a list follows:

**Appetizers:**

Holly Redford	Dip and crackers
Barbara Mitchell	Cheese and crackers
Carolyn	Stuffed pasta (didn't say which Carolyn!)
Anne Hodges	Cheese cookies

Deb L.                      Breakfast bread

**Main Dishes:**  
Judith Noble              Veggie casserole  
Hazel Howell              Soup  
Melba Nipper              Pasta salad  
Kathy Cohron              Sliced smoked turkey  
Debbie S.                      Green salad  
Lu Harding                      Cheesy Potato casserole

**Dessert**  
Marcy Petrini              Something sweet  
Joy Smith                      Vanilla wafer cake

Directions to Margaret Pittman's house, our first stop.

From **County Line Rd.**, turn south onto Pear Orchard. Come to the Plantation Blvd. 4-way stop. (I'm telling this way, as I don't want to say take the fifth street or take Lake Trace as there is a Lake Trace subdivision sign on Kristen that throws people for a loop.

Continue south on Pear Orchard and turn at the next right - Lake Trace (which is actually a blvd.) Pass King's Place on the left. Turn left on Baxter Dr., the next street. My house will be on your immediate right at 5875 Baxter Dr. The front faces Baxter and the driveway is on the Lake Trace side of the corner.

Coming from **Old Canton Rd.** you would turn north onto Pear Orchard, turn left at the second street, Lake Trace. The rest is the same as above

There are several Lake Trace Cr. signs, at least 3 Lake Trace subdivision signs as well as Lake Trace (someone changed it from drive - which is actually a blvd. I'm sure it was a man!) Call if you need help!! 956-1478

**DIRECTIONS TO CAROLYN CAMPBELL'S, OUR SECOND STOP:**

Take Gluckstadt Exit left (west) over I-55. Take 1<sup>st</sup> right on Church Rd. At stop sign, go straight into Germantown. Take 1<sup>st</sup> street to the right on Munich Dr. 3<sup>rd</sup> house on left, #109.  
Carolyn's Phone #-----853-4714

Remember, if you are going to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift to exchange.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

Dear Members of CWSG:

Another good week end for CWSG in November. Another time of exchange of information and sharing. Another time of good fellowship. While I could not make it to the beading workshop (and probably lack the needed eyesight and patience), I heard it was wonderful; and the participation was excellent. The amulets and the coiled jewelery by Melba and Rosina were so much fun. The things they have made certainly provided plenty of inspiration. I know we all thank them for sharing so generously. I saw lots of y'all sharing information before and after the meeting also. I think we can learn more from each other's trials and experience than in any other way. And, that's free, too! So, great job, CWSG members!!

I do, however, think we have a problem that comes from the very nature of what we all are--fiber people. We are touchy-feely. We like to share. And when something is passed around, we want to touch it and then we may have a question about how it was done--or it is so delightful, we just have to comment and oh and ah...and, then, next thing we know, we are talking during the program or while another person has the floor. So, please let's all help with this area of needed improvement. Any suggestions about how to handle this when it happens in a way that will not hurt anyone's feelings are invited and welcomed. Several of you commented after the meeting that you were bothered by it last time, so it really is not just me.... PLEASE HELP!! SHH!!!!

On to Fun topics, super CWSG event of the year--Loom Crawl! Thanks to Marcy for chairing. In advance, we thank Margaret Pittman and Carolyn Campbell for inviting us (or did we sort of invite ourselves?). Margaret's warm and hospitable home is always a treat, and I can't wait to see Carolyn's new house in the country. While I have been thinking about moving and am still packing, Carolyn has sold her old house and planned and built a new one and moved into it. Maybe she will hire out and supervise such projects in her spare time.... Please be sure your calendar is clear for December 9th, please don't forget your wrapped handmade or fiber equipment gift if you want to participate in the Gift Exchange, and please don't forget to call Marcy if you did not yet sign up to supply a food item. Please see additional information in this issue.

By the time we party, we will have decorated the tree and assisted at Chimneyville Festival as volunteers, and we will have supported the UMC Christmas Fare. Thanks to Debbie Levine for chairing the tree and our participation in the Fare. Several members will sell their products with Debbie, and Margaret Pittman will also have a booth there. This is an experiment for UMC, and we will report on its success when we meet.

By Loom Crawl, we will also have shopped at Chimneyville (my out-of-state family is always happiest when I get their gifts there) and be counting our pennies to see if we have any left. Please support Chimneyville, but save enough to bring a contribution for the sheep we will buy for the Heifer Project, provided that the motion passes (see additional information in this issue). This is a great way to support our avocation and provide a hand up to those in need. We are so blessed, and the poorest of us have more than probably 90% of the people in the world.

May we spend this Christmas season in its truest spirit; see you at Loom Crawl! Lu