

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS & SPINNERS GUILD

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CALENDAR

January

06 Roc Day Pass Christian
20 Guild Meeting
Theo Moorman
Workshop
24-28 Spin in 2001
Destin

February

17 Guild Meeting
22-25 LunaSea
St. Petersburg Beach

April

20-22 Southeast Fiber Forum

May

22-27 Spinning Retreat
Tall Timbers in LA

or share a room, call Anne Hodges
or Lu Harding.

The Theo Moorman Technique
Workshop will be held after the
regular Guild meeting on January 20,
2001 in the great hall at Northminster
Baptist Church on Ridgewood Road
in Jackson. Participants must bring
a loom. Instructions will be sent to
registrants before the 20th.

The motion to sponsor a sheep
through the Heifer Project passed
unanimously. It is not too late to
participate. \$182.00 was collected.
Two sheep can be purchased for
\$240.00. Contact Barbara Mitchell if
you would like to donate.

MINUTES: December 9, 2000

President Harding opened the
meeting with
Thank yous to: Margaret and
Carolyn for hosting 2000 Loom
Crawl in their homes.

Debbie Levine for
her work at the UMC Fare and being
in charge of decorating the tree for
the Chimneyville Crafts Show.
Welcome to our visitor: VA
Patterson

OLD BUSINESS

Roc Day rides were discussed.
There will be people going for just
the day, one night, or two nights. If
you would like to ride with someone

Hazel's caning classes will begin
after Christmas. **Anyone not at the
December meeting and wishing to
participate needs to speak with
Hazel to be sure they understand all
the prerequisites-like the necessity of
staining before caning and about the
suitability of the piece. ** Please be
sure to get this information.

CORRECTION

Marva clarified by e-mail that the
Trace building would never be for
sale since it is government property.
She suggested at the October
meeting that we might lease it for
our Guild, if it were available. Lu

announced that we are going to hold voting on Marva's motion until she is present to speak to the motion— unless there is objection to this course. Group consensus was to hold for Marva's explanation.

NEW BUSINESS

Judith accepted Interweave Press subscriptions. The Guild will receive a free subscription for our participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melba will be making a Schact order. Contact her at Mtoast79@aol.com or 601-825-3749

Debbie Stringer informed us that the Sewing Extravaganza has been cancelled until further notice.

The White Elephant sale was held thanks to Lu. She is really serious about cleaning out her closets. Gifts were exchanged. As always, everyone enjoyed the handcrafted items.

PERSONALS

Debbie Stringer might have a loom for sale, if she can bring herself to part with it.

Sandi Tucker is the proud owner of a Hope Carr painting whose theme is fiber.

Ricky Foster's (Judy's eldest) house burned in November. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but all contents were lost.

The meeting ended with Panettone and champagne provided by Marcy. What a treat!

ROC DAY

PERSONAL NOTE: I had never been to a Roc Day gathering until last weekend. My question is why did I wait so long. The people were fascinating, the setting was beautiful and the fellowship was grand. I came home with more yarn and roving to add to my stash and a new appreciation for those who continue this ancient craft. Rosina and Jane Dollar were well represented by proxy. Carolyn C. and Kristen were seen buying and using drop spindles.

Lu, we missed you. I can't wait until next year when we host all of these spinners!

INFO FROM MARCY: About rayon—

"According to the book, *All about Cotton*, rayon is a by-product of cotton, that is, it is made from cotton linters or wood pulp. I assume that the 'wood pulp' is from the cotton plant."

SAVE THE SHEEP

The Interweave Press exhibit will be in Tuscaloosa from **January 16** through **March 15, 2001** at the University. The display contains 29 pieces reflecting the value of endangered breeds of sheep.

See the "Letter from the Prez" Lu wants us to know that the letter was written before Roc Day.

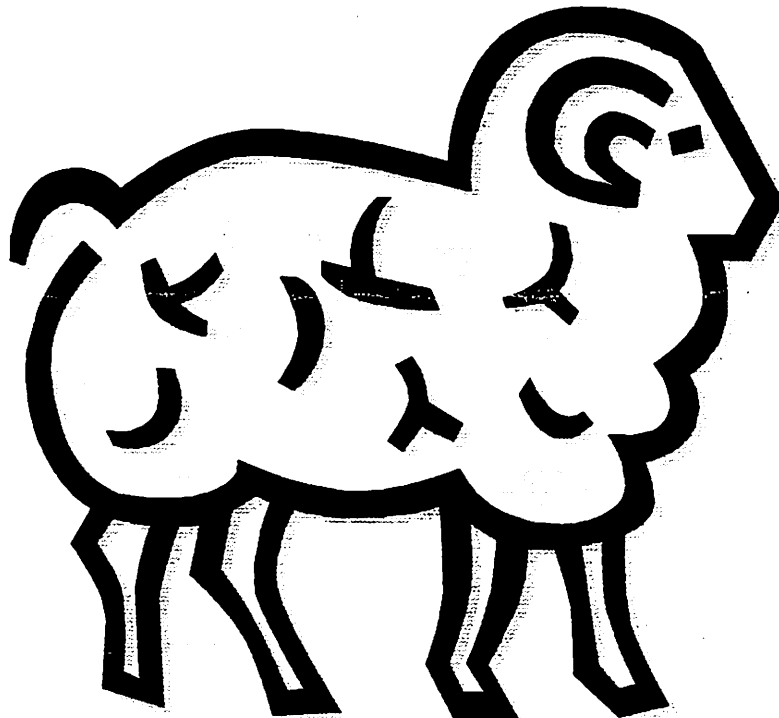
FOR SALE: Antique traditional spinning wheel. Contact Patti Demers at 601-482-8150

SS&D CORRECTION!!!!

Marcy says: "The Right from the Start article in the winter issue of SS&D at the bottom of page 21, the beginning of 24, has the following missing: ' . . . if the number of heddles is different, add the cost of adding the extra heddles . . . '"

I will be trying something new with the newsletter for the next few months. I will be sending it out by snail mail and by e-mail. Postage has already risen this year and may rise again next year, so I think it is time to do as much as possible by e-mail. Not only will it save money and trees, but also time. Everyone will continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail until next year. Then those with e-mail addresses will receive it by computer.

Did you notice Wendy Nipper's picture in the Clarion Ledger (2/11/10)? She won Reserve Champion Crossbreed for the Dixie National Junior Round-up Livestock Show. Congratulations, Wendy!!!



LETTER FROM THE PREZ

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Dear CWSG members:

What fun we had learning about Theo Moorman technique! I think everyone enjoyed the program. From the heads peering over the loom and over Holly's shoulder as she acted as demonstrator (it probably felt more like guinea pig), I could see the interest in something new and the enthusiasm as the possibilities were considered. I felt very excited to understand this technique for the first time. There was a smaller crowd at the workshop, of course; but the atmosphere was the same. And we all got really excited when we created something different from what we had done before. Some of it was even pretty! Thanks again to Marcy and Holly for their work in pulling this program and workshop together. And congratulations to the participants all of whom got their looms warped, in spite of the fact that most of us used the same color sewing thread and nearly drove ourselves to the point of blindness. (Marcy declined to receive a fee for her work, so the monies collected over expenses all went into our general fund.)

Our upcoming program with Kathy, Marva, and Sandi will be fun. I think we all struggle with whether we can actually turn something we weave into something we can wear proudly. Probably my reason for sticking with rectangles year after year.... These experienced ladies will tell us what to do to make wearable garments. So be there with your note pad and we will learn from our very own experienced experts.

We have a problem which is unresolved as of this mailout. SFF is a conflict with our April meeting which would be April 21. April is also usually our Sheep to Shawl. However, the Craftsman's Guild Gallery has a conflict with our plan to move to April 28. So, please as you read the minutes, notice that these dates are not worked out yet. We will be working with Carolyn Campbell, Chairman of Sheep to Shawl, and with V.A. Patterson of the Guild Gallery, and with Melba who is our sheep expert. We will get this solution to you. It may be that if the sheep cannot wait, we will do as we did last year and just have a demonstration. That seemed to work also, though it might not have been quite as colorful. All those who are planning to go to SFF, don't let this hold up your packing. That promises to be too much FUN to miss!

See you at the February meeting! Have Fun with Fiber till then!



Lu

Dear CWSG Members:

As I write this, I am looking forward so much to Roc Day on the Gulf Coast. It is just a week away. This is a fun event and quite a relaxed one (unless we are hosting!). It will be fun to see weavers and spinners from our neighboring guilds and states. The more of these I attend, the more "old" friends I develop; and so each one is even more fun than the last. I hope to see you there! Call me if you are looking for a ride and I will give you names of other attendees for ride-sharing.

And, when we get back from the Coast, it will be almost time for our regular meeting and our Theo Moorman mini-workshop. This should be a real learning opportunity, whether you attend the regular CWSG program only, where Marcy will do an overview of this technique, or attend the afternoon mini-workshop which will, of course, be more in depth.

As I look back over the Christmas holidays, our Loom Crawl event was a real highlight. I believe this was one of the most relaxed Loom Crawl parties we have ever had. It was really fun, and the hand crafted gifts were delightful. I think everyone was "tickled pink" with her gift. I know I was with mine! Thank you for your creative gift-giving. And thank you to all the good cooks; and, of course, special thanks to our hostesses: Margaret and Carolyn. Their hospitality is especially appreciated. Bring your recipe to the meeting for Anne to print in the next newsletter, please. Now, about that New Year's diet....

I am so proud of our gift to the world through the Heifer Project. This total far exceeded anyone's expectations. Proof again that weavers are the nicest and most generous people. Thank you to each of you who gave. I think we were in the true Christmas Spirit.

As we look at the "second semester" of our Guild year, along with our usual business, learning, and fun, we will be setting a new budget for the calendar/fiscal year, working more on the by laws revision and update, planning for two fall shows, and getting ready to host Roc Day in 2002. We should have our hands full! And then there's SFF in North Carolina and our retreat at the beach! Hopefully, adequate FUN along with plenty of accomplishments.

I'm off to the attic to see if my weaving daughter left me any yarn to use for the Theo workshop. I left her alone with my supply with instructions to take anything she wanted to weave for a Fiber class next semester. When she asked if I had any of it earmarked for a special project, I swallowed hard and said: "Better used than sitting here. Take what you want." She said she took "a lot", and I wouldn't let myself look in the box she packed. Now, how did I get so attached to six storage cartons of yarn? You'd have thought I was donating blood. When I am actually delighted that she is sharing in my avocation.... Who can explain this "addiction" we have?

Until Roc Day or our meeting on the 20th, be having fiber FUN!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JL' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild presents:

Theo Moorman Technique

A Mini Workshop with Marcy Petrini

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Northminster Baptist Church Great Hall
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS

Class Time: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Class Description: The Theo Moorman technique is a supplementary warp and weft weave used for surface embellishment. The ground warp and weft form plain weave; the supplementary warp holds the discontinuous weft in-lay which can be used to make images.

Directions will be distributed ahead of time so students can warp their looms. In class, we will discuss design possibilities, weave a panel suitable for a wall hanging or to be incorporated into a garment, and experiment with different in-lay weft yarns. A four-shaft loom is required for this workshop. *A double warp beam IS NOT NECESSARY.*

Registration Information

The class maximum is 15 students. Registration is first come, first reserved. The workshop fee is \$30.00, which may be paid with registration; OR a \$10.00 deposit with registration will hold your place until December 3rd when the additional \$20.00 is due. **Once the deposit is received, participants are responsible to pay the balance which should be received no later than December 3, 2000.** Forms received without full payment or deposit will not be considered.

Registration is not refundable, but is transferable. If you register, but are unable to attend, you may transfer your registration to another unregistered person by notifying Holly Benzenhafer Redford *prior to the workshop*. You are responsible for securing reimbursement from your replacement.

Clip the form below and return with payment to Holly Benzenhafer Redford, 708 Live Oak Drive, Clinton, MS 39056-3619. For more information, call Holly at 601-924-5654. **Make checks payable to Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild.**



CWSG Theo Moorman Mini Workshop Registration January 20, 2001

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

My full payment of \$30.00 is enclosed. _____ My deposit of \$10.00 is enclosed. _____

I understand that my registration is non-refundable, and if a \$10.00 deposit is included with this form, I am responsible to send the additional \$20.00 so that it will be received on or before December 3, 2000.

(Signed) _____