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**CALENDAR**

March : 17 Guild meeting 10: 00 a.m.  
Mini-workshop with Jane Dollar-"Reading knitting and crochet directions" 1:00 p.m.  
April: 6-8 Spring Retreat—Gulf Shores  
20-22 SFF-Black Mountain, North Carolina  
28 Sheep to Shawl  
May 19 Guild Meeting

**MINUTES OF February 17, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by the president.

Thank yous were extended to: Kristen, Holly and Marcy for the Theo Moorman mini-workshop  
Anne for the refreshments  
Marva, Sandi and Kathy C. for the program  
Barbara for the budget

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The balance in the Guild checking account is \$1065.06. The projected budget was discussed. The budget for the next year was set at \$3380.00. The motion to accept the budget will be voted on during the March meeting.

Sheep to shawl—Sheep to shawl will be held on April 28, 2001. The gallery is not available; however we will be able to demonstrate at the farm house or general store. The Natchez Gallery will perhaps be an alternative as well.

Spring Retreat is planned for April 6, 7, and 8 in Gulf Shores. However, plans may change if the house is sold. Lu says that we will know more later.

By-laws committee will have a mail out ready for the March newsletter and the Guild will vote on changes at the May meeting.

Roc Day 2002- will work on finding a place to hold the festivities. Suggestions were made to reward early bird registrants. Kathy would like help in locating door prizes. Sandi volunteered to chair the fashion show,

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was a discussion and vote on the motion to provide a modest discount on CWSG sponsored workshops for HGA members. The motion passed.

The cookbook matter was tabled.

The Board recommended that the HGA "thank you's" be available for inspection and sealed bids for the pieces will be accepted until May. The group voiced a consensus on this matter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Anne Hodges agreed to see about a trip to Tuscaloosa to view the Save the Sheep exhibit. The trip to Chicago is still a possibility for the three who are interested.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SFF is the third weekend in April. Discussions were held concerning transportation. Hazel has started her caning classes. She stresses that the piece that you want to work on must be clean, stained and ready to be caned. She will get in touch with those who are interested. We will have one exhibition in 2001 and that will be at the Gravity Coffee House in Clinton in December. In 2002 members may participate in the Northwest Jr. College exhibit in November.

#### **PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judith has lost 10 pounds since January by not eating the school cafeteria lunches. Marva is going to Williamsburg to the Mid-Atlantic Quilting Council. Some of Margaret's yarn was pictured in the latest *Woolworks*. Jackie's (of Heart Strings) husband has lung cancer. Let's keep him in our prayers. Kathy Cohron is going to be a grandmother!!! Lu's daughter Kate is getting married in May. Congratulations.

#### **SHOW AND TELL**

Nancy asked advice on dealing with a loose thread. Debbie Stringer showed us a new book, *Fabric Savy*. Lu showed us a valentine of handmade paper designed and executed by her daughter. Cathy Cohron remarked on what a good workshop the Theo Moorman workshop was.

**WHITE ELEPHANT** was held and the meeting was adjourned.

The program for the day was "Sewing Your Handwovens" by Marva, Sandi and Kathy Cohron. What an inspiring program it was!! Margaret Pittman's comment was, "I learned just how much I don't know" Each of these members brought wonderful examples of their work and were successful in spreading their message of "don't be afraid". I was so inspired that I pulled out my sewing machine and made a pair of pants. It has been ages since I actually completed anything to wear. Thank you ladies!

**GOOD READING!!!** Take a few minutes and look through newsletters of fellow guilds. There are a lot of good ideas and useful information to be found in these publications. Newsletters are in a notebook in the library.

I found this poem in *Americans' Favorite Poems*. It was written by Pablo Neruda (1903-1973), a Chilean poet. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971.

### Ode to My Socks

Maru Mori brought me  
a pair  
of socks  
which she knitted herself  
with her sheep-herder's hands,  
two socks as soft  
as rabbits.  
I slipped my feet  
into them  
as though into  
two  
cases  
knitted  
with threads of  
twilight  
and goatskin.  
violent socks,  
my feet were  
two fish made  
of wool,  
two long sharks  
seablue, shot  
through by one golden thread,  
two immense blackbirds,  
two cannons,  
my feet  
were honored  
in this way  
by these  
heavenly  
socks.  
they were  
so handsome  
for the first time  
my feet seemed to me  
unacceptable  
like two decrepit  
firemen, firemen  
unworthy  
of that woven  
fire,  
of those glowing  
socks.

Nevertheless  
I resisted  
the sharp temptation  
to save them somewhere

a schoolboys  
kep fireflies,  
a learned men  
Collect  
sacred texts,  
I resisted  
the mad impulse  
to put them  
in a golden  
cage  
and each day give them  
birdseed  
and pieces of pink melon.  
Like explorers  
in the jungle who hand  
over the very rare  
green deer  
to the spit  
and eat it  
with remorse,  
I stretch out  
my feet  
and pulled on  
the magnificent  
socks  
and then my shoes.

The moral  
of my ode is this:  
beauty is twice  
beauty  
and what is good is doubly  
good  
when it is a matter of two socks  
made of wool  
in winter.

We have two new members and one new friend. Welcome to all.

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Dear CWSG members:

I am just back from the Gulfshores beach and really excited about our retreat there which is scheduled for the first week end in April. There is something about the blue-green water which does the heart and soul a great deal of good. During the few days we were there, we experienced all kinds of weather, including a really big storm. That was followed by tons of sunshine. The sea changed its looks and actions with each weather change, so we had a great time observing the differences.

The cottage is officially named Paradise Found, but we refer to it as "the little Jim Walter on stilts". It sleeps 12, 10 in double beds and 2 on sofas. It is a beach cottage, not a fancy condo with maid service. The furniture is what you would not mind having a hurricane blow away. Same for the pots and pans, etc. It is one row back from the Gulf and located on the Fort Morgan Road, about 12 to 15 miles from town. However, you can certainly see the water from the house. Like all beach houses, it is one flight up (I limit my trips up and down since I have bum knees.) It has living, dining, kitchen all together, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a small deck, a washer and dryer, and a great new refrigerator. Eating is, of course, one of the main recreations.

Here is my tentative plan: I am asking Barbara Mitchell to go down with me on Thursday, April <sup>3</sup>; and we will do a little dusting and vacuuming to get ready for y'all. Then on Friday, the retreat group drives down and we meet y'all at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear for a late lunch. The hotel is old and interesting and the view and food are great. The beach houses on Mobile Bay past the hotel provide a great short walking tour after lunch. These houses are what we all deserve!

We will then drive on to the house, passing the Foley Outlet Mall, where a carload can stop if so desired. We will eat supper at the cottage Friday night and spin and knit and walk on the beach and visit, etc. Saturday offers breakfast on the deck, fiber fun, area tours, beach walking, historic Fort Morgan just six miles away, shopping--or sleeping in and lazing away. Lunch can be simple turkey sandwiches and salad at the cottage. I thought, since the house is at no charge, we could splurge and eat out again on Saturday night. The Bayside Grill in nearby Orange Beach is wonderful and offers different ocean scenery. Of course, there are many options for restaurants, ranging from pizza on.... Sunday morning, we can repeat Saturday activities; and there is Shellbanks Baptist Church not far away for those who want to attend. We'll pack off the returning crowd after a lunch of leftovers--whatever those are.

Of course, there is a chance of rain; but fiber people don't get bored. Please call me at home, 355 8807, if you plan to go. I think first-come-first-served is the only fair way. We could run out of room; and, if we do, I will keep a "stand-by" list. I do not believe we have ever had more than 12 attend a retreat, so this may work out. Of course, there are plenty of places to stay at Gulfshores and this should be before the official "season", but even so, rooms can get pricey.

Re: the proposed by-laws, please review in this newsletter and be prepared to discuss and question. Ours is a democratic organization, and we will only do what the majority wants!

Until our March meeting, find some time for fiber FUN!

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