

CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD

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CALENDAR

APRIL

20-22 SFF Black Mountain, NC
21 27 Spin-in at Barbara Mitchell's house
22 28 Sheep to Shawl (Regular Guild meeting)

MAY

19 Guild meeting
Pin loom workshop

SEPTEMBER

8 Fun Day in Westlake, LA
15 CWSG meeting

MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2001

Vice-President Holly Redford called the meeting to order. Lu had to excuse herself after the board meeting to prepare for her mother's 90th birthday celebration.

Anna Davis was introduced as a guest of Holly and Kristen's.

Thank yous were extended to: Carolyn Nichols for refreshments

Jane for rescheduling her workshop until a later date

Carolyn Campbell for progress on Sheep to Shawl

Marva and by-laws committee for their hard work

Pen loom weaving brochures were distributed.

A signup sheet for sheep to shawl was passed around. All were encouraged to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The budget will be published in the April newsletter and addressed at the April meeting. A balance of \$1110.56 is currently in the checking account.

A \$10.00 non-refundable deposit is due to Barbara by March 31st if one is planning to attend the retreat at Gulf Shores the first weekend of April. Contact LU if you are planning to attend.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The pin loom weaving miniworkshop will be held at the Craftsman's Gallery on May 17th at 1:000 (after our regular meeting).

Study Group accountability is due in May. Be ready to show and tell or pay up. A list of study groups will be in the April newsletter.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Preliminary by-law revision was discussed. The members deemed revision in some articles not necessary. More discussion will be held during the April meeting. Marva agreed to another update of the by-laws.

OLD BUSINESS

Don't forget to examine the HGA items up for auction in May. Submit sealed bids to Barbara

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss

PROGRAM

Margaret Pittman gave the program on overshot weaving. Her examples were fascinating and her handout was informative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-CWSG

Marcy Petrini was asked to be a board member of the American Textile Museum, but had to decline due to her busy schedule.

Margaret Pittman's picture and work was featured in an article in the *Clarion Ledger*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-PERSONAL

Lu's mother is 90 today and Lu is hosting the celebration. Kate's wedding is planned for May and Lu is between jobs, having been a victim of budget cuts at UMC.

Marva announced that Chimneyville's sponsorship of SFF in 1999 posted the highest return per attendance than any SFF conference held.

Doug Dollar has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Prayers go out to him and Jane.

SHOW AND TELL

Hazel-A weaving interpretation of Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Renaissance" and scarve donations for The Stewpot.

Nancy-Tablecloth ordered from e-Bay for \$12.00, originally from Russia.

Patti-Second woven piece ever done.

Holly-Theo Moorman piece.

Marcy-Linen workshop piece.

Marva-Book bought with gift certificate-*Curves in Motion*.

The **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE** was held and the meeting adjourned at 12:30

LOOM FOR SALE!!! 4-shaft Schacht Baby Wolf loom. Includes three reeds and a Wolf Trap; \$700. Contact Debbie Stringer, 601-373-2495 evenings or 601-922-2341 days, or e-mail stringer@netdoor.com

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Spin-In at **BARBARA MITCHELL'S**

453 Cedar Bluff Trail

Madison, MS 39110

601-856-1838

Barbara will be providing our meal since her study group project is not quite completed. Please feel free to bring wine. Let's meet at 7:00. Please **RSVP**.

HWY. 51 in Madison to **St. Augustine**

East on **St. Augustine**

Take first right—**Holly Hedge**

Take first left—**Cyprus**

Take 2nd right—**Cedar Bluff Trail**

2nd house from the end on the right

Letter from the Prez, 4 03 01

Dear CWSG:

I am so sorry more of you are not able to go to the retreat this time. I don't know: free place to stay and the beach in spring. Sounds good to me.... I have heard from several of you, and I know that the schedule is just not working for you. I regret that I can't change the date, but with the family events we have on tap, I think we had better go on while we can get the cottage. Besides, I can't promise that the siblings won't decide to sell it at any point. Those of us who go promise to give a full (well, almost) report upon our return. We are planning a side trip to Grand Hotel and maybe Fairhope and maybe even the Mississippi coast as we come and go. We'll just see what we can stir up....


The Nominating Committee has been working (that is real work. Thanks to Nancy L. And Deborah L.) and will be reporting at the April meeting. Please remember that we will meet the night BEFORE Sheep to Shawl at Barbara Mitchell's house. We have some important business, including the presentation of names for nominations for the new Prez and the new Vice Prez/program chairman, so you want to be there!

Also, we will try to finalize those by-law revisions. Thanks to Marva and Debbie S. for their work on that project. I understand that the discussion at the last business session was pretty lively. I hope everyone felt that they had a chance to have input. Thanks to Holly and Marva for handling the review. Please do not worry that you hurt my feelings by not liking my idea about membership responsibility. This is a democratic organization. This was just one person's input, and it is the will of the group that counts. (Of course, I might bring it up again some time....) We will be continuing/wrapping up the discussion at the April night meeting, don't forget....

Thanks to Holly for presiding last time and to all of you for excusing me. Mother's 90th birthday was a wonderful event. We had a great party all week end with relatives and friends. We are so blessed to have her and in such good health. She can run circles around her daughters. Good thing she never got into fiber. She could make us all look non-productive.... I feel so lucky that she is a CWSG friend also. I hope she can come to more of our events in the future. She has been off on other projects lately---headed for Virginia Garden Week with my sister in a couple of weeks. And then, of course, she will be helping me get ready for the Wedding Family Dinner and Wedding Picnic we will be hosting for Kate. (I never heard of a Wedding Picnic before either; but, hey, this kid is an art major so anything can happen!)

Please let's keep our spirits high even if we are approaching the end of our official year. We need a good turn out for Sheep to Shawl. We will be at the farm house at the Ag Museum. And don't forget the CHANGE IN DATE. It's April 28th, remember, due to conflict with SFF on the third week end. Talk to Carolyn Campbell (or me if she is at work) if you have questions.

Those of you who are headed to North Carolina, have a wonderful time at SFF. We all wish we could be there with you.

Until April 27 and 28, try to find time to have some fiber fun! 
Lu (the "prez" for just two more months and still available for impeachment early!)

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

Directives
(Updated April 2001)

Article I

The name of this organization shall be Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.

Article II

The location and principle place of business of this organization shall be the State of Mississippi.

Article III

The object of this organization shall be to further interest and provide educational support in handweaving and spinning, and to raise the public level of awareness of these crafts.

Article IV

The organization shall have voting members, as defined in the organization's by-laws.

Article V

The affairs, activities and properties of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of members of the organization.

By-Laws

Membership

Section 1. The terms of membership are:

- a) Membership is open to anyone with an active interest in handweaving and handspinning, regardless of age, gender, color or creed.
- b) A Family Membership is available to those living at the same address, paying the same fee as an individual member, and receiving one newsletter and the right to one vote.
- c) A Friend's Membership is available to those unable to participate in the Guild's activities, by paying a reduced fee. A Friend's Membership is eligible to receive the newsletter and other guild information.

Section 2. Classes of membership:

- a) Active
- b) Honorary Life
- c) Friend of Guild

Section 3. The terms of admission are:

- a) Payment of the annual dues.
- b) Completion of a membership form.

Section 4. The responsibilities of active membership are the participation of a member each year in two or more of the following activities:

- a) Active membership in a study group or educational activity sponsored by Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild, Inc.
- b) Service on a committee or on the Board.
- c) Submission of fiber article to a Guild exhibit and/or program including Show and Tell.
- d) Participation in other fiber-related community service project not directly guild sponsored, including demonstrations in weaving, spinning, basketry, or dyeing.
- e) Presentation of a guild program or workshop.

Section 5. Honorary Life Membership may be awarded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at a regular monthly meeting. An Honorary Life Membership carries all the privileges of membership, with the exception of the payment of dues.

Section 6. The names, addresses, and personal information regarding any member shall not be released without the express consent of the individual to any person or body except the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. and the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.

Officers and Elections

Section 1. The affairs of this organization shall be managed by the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Past President/or Member-at-Large. These officers, to be elected from the membership at large, shall constitute the Board. The term of office for each elected officer is two years (with the exception of the Member-at-Large). Officers are elected in alternate years: the President and Vice President in odd number years, the Secretary, Treasurer and Historian in even numbered years. The Past President serves ex-officio for one year. On alternate years, there shall be a Member-at-Large elected to serve on the board for one year.

Section 2. In March, the President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of two members. This committee shall present nominations to the members in the April newsletter and at the regular April meeting. At this time, nominations, duly seconded, will be accepted from the floor. All nominations must have the prior consent of the nominee. Elections shall be held during the regular April meeting. Absentee ballots shall be counted at that time.

Section 3. All officers elected at the regular meeting in April shall take office at the close of the meeting in May and shall hold office for two years for the length of time specified, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4. The Board shall be empowered to fill vacancies in office with the exception that the Vice President shall automatically become President in the case of a vacancy in the office of President. In the event the Vice President is unable to serve as President, the Board of Directors will fill the vacancy.

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all Board and general meetings of the organization, appoint all committee chairs, and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall exercise a general supervision over all the affairs of the organization. Projects initiated by a retiring President and her committee shall be supervised by the new President to their completion.

Section 2. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence or upon her request, and shall be the Program Chair for all monthly meetings. The Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall have charge of the general correspondence of the organization. She shall keep a record of the minutes of each meeting of the Board and the general membership. These minutes shall be published in the newsletter and distributed to all members prior to the next monthly meeting. She shall keep fiscal records of the mailing costs. She shall keep all contracts, and other instruments in writing and documents not properly belonging to the office of the Treasurer. She shall publish a current directory of all active members in October of each year. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may pertain to the office, or which may be assigned by the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall have custody of the guild funds and securities. She shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements, deposit all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the guild into depositories designated by the Board of Directors. She shall collect membership dues. The Treasurer shall disburse and manage funds of the corporation as directed by the Board of Directors or as provided in the budget approved by the members, and prepare financial statements each month. She shall propose a budget and make an annual report to the general membership in May. A committee consisting of the President and two additional members, not currently serving on the Board, shall audit the Treasurer's books at the end of the Treasurer's term of office. A report of any audit shall be made to the membership. The Treasurer shall also be Ways and Means Committee Chair and shall be an ex-officio member of any committee that either receives or distributes funds.

Section 5. The Librarian shall be responsible for the guild library. This includes books and audiovisual material, purchasing, and cataloging. The Librarian shall maintain the Guild Library and be in charge of issuing and re-collecting all library materials. She shall notify members of overdue items and of any fines due, collect any charges and fines, and turn them over to the Treasurer. She shall supervise the lending equipment and rental program. The

Librarian shall maintain the historical records of the guild.

Section 6. The duty of the Board shall be to attend to the general business of the Guild, subject to the approval of the general membership, and to act in emergencies.

Meetings

Section 1. Guild meetings shall be held monthly from September through May on dates to be designated by the Board and approved by the general membership.

Section 2. The Board shall meet before each meeting or at such other time, as the President shall deem advisable. The President may call a special board meeting with a twenty-four (24) hour notice.

Quorum

Section 1. A quorum at a general meeting shall be twenty - five percent (25%) of the membership for the transaction of business. If a quorum is present, a majority vote determines any matter. At a meeting at which a quorum is present the members may continue to transact business until adjournment.

Section 2. A quorum at a Board meeting shall be three (3) members of the Board.

Dues

Section 1. Annual dues shall be set by the Board and approved by the general membership.

Section 2. Dues are payable by the September meeting and become delinquent October 1. A member whose dues become delinquent will be dropped from membership and will no longer receive the Guild newsletter.

Section 3. Notices of membership fees being due shall be mailed in August.

Section 4. Dues paid by new members who join after July 1 shall be one - half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the current annual dues.

Funds

Section 1. The moneys in the treasury shall be placed in savings and / or commercial bank accounts, which are Federally insured. They may be placed in accounts as the President and Board of Directors see fit. The transferring of funds between these accounts shall be left to the judgment of the President and the Treasurer with the consent of the Board of Directors. These accounts shall be in the name of Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild, and the moneys shall not be mingled with the personal accounts of any officer or member.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the organization shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Committees

Section 1. There shall be standing committees as follows: Exhibits, Community Education, Publicity, Library, Hospitality, Historical, and Membership. The Library Committee is chaired and appointed by the Librarian.

Section 2. The President shall appoint all ad hoc committee chairs.

Amendments

The parliamentary authority of the Guild shall be Robert's Rules of Order.