CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD P.O. BOX 16888

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CALENDAR:

February 23

February 16: Guild meeting 10:00

Program by Margaret Pittman

Mini-workshop: After meeting Waulking/Fun Day Acadiana Guild

March 16 Guild meeting

April 5-7 Encounters Chattahoochee Fiber Guild April 20 Sheep to Shawl Chimneyville Gallery

August 1-4 Convergence Vancouver, British Columbia

****Beverlee Madere of the New Orleans Guild needs our help. A bag of her fiber purchases bought at Roc Day in Jackson disappeared before she left Hinds. Someone must have picked it up by accident. Maybe the white plastic bag is hiding in someone's unopened stash from that day. Contents include 1 white roving, I variegated deep red mix, a small bag of variegated silk and a ball of furry burgundy yarn. If you find her bag, she will pay shipping. Contact Beverlee at 504-436-4691 (h) or 504-838-1170 (w) or 312 Wiegand Dr., 9 Mile Point, LA 70094.***

Please add the following names to your directory:

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MINI-WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 16, 2002

Join **Jane Dollar** after our meeting and lunch and learn all you ever wanted to know about **knitting and crochet directions**. Of course you need to know the fundamentals of the skills before you come. Bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles and/or hook size G and a pattern with directions. Jane will supply the yarn. Plan on spending two hours. Cost is **\$5.00** with all proceeds going to the Guild. You know, if Jane is teaching, it will be fun. Contact Jane at djdollar@ra.msstate.edu. Or 662-323-7079 or Jill Hammes at hammes@netdoor.com or 601-482-1603.

Jill Hammes would like to know if anyone is interested in a mini workshop on the heat transfer process. Please contact at the above number or address.

We had a wonderful January program arranged by Nancy Landrum. **Favorite Fiber Tips** was the title and everyone was able to participate by sharing helpful hints and the titles of favorite helpful books. We all had a good time and learned a lot. Detailed tips will follow later.

MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Stringer at 10:00. Sarah Johnson, a weaver from Brandon, was welcomed as a guest.

The program was held.

Business Meeting

Thanks were extended to Margaret Pittman for refreshments and to Roc Day co-chairs Melba Nipper and Debbie Levine and all committee members/volunteers for a great RocDay.

OLD BUSINESS ROC DAY

Treasurer Barbara Mitchell says to get in all Roc Day bills. Debbie Stringer will put a notebook she compiled on Roc Day in the library for reference for future Roc Days. Beverlee Madere lost a bag of fiber purchased at Roc Day before she left the building. If anyone found extra fiber in her purchases please let Beverlee know.

The question concerning a \$20.00 donation to the MS Cultural Crossroads was called. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Marva informed us that the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Guild are asking for assistance from area guilds if **Convergence 06** is held in New Orleans. Discussion was held. Lu Harding moved that the CWSG support New Orleans and Baton Rouge's efforts to secure and host Convergence for the year 2006. Barbara Mitchell seconded the motion. Marcy amended the motion to include "with specific project, mutually agreed upon which will not require regular travel." The motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Cohron will host **Sheep to Shawl** which will be held on April 20. We will cancel if it rains. We will meet the night before for our regular meeting and potluck supper. Please RSVP. **S to S** will be from 9:00 to 4:00 and we will shear at 11:00.

Judith Noble requests help from someone in picking out and ordering books from the Internet. **Debbie Stringer** volunteered.

Holly Redford is chairing the Spring Retreat. Mobile is hosting "China: 7000 years of innovation" which includes a great deal on fiber and it was suggested that the exhibition could be incorporated into the retreat or be a weekend unto itself.

Marva gave an update on a sewing workshop—perhaps a weekend?

Holly informed us that Gravity wants our exhibition to run from mid October through the December holidays

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Street Gallery in Grenada wants to introduce fiber art. Contact Roseanne Narvid. Marcy plans to teach again at John C. Campbell.

Margaret Pittman's new e-mail is: handdyer@jam.rr.com

SHOW AND TELL

Nancy Landrum—Dance apron

Shawl for Stewpot—Hazel **Don't forget to do something for the Stewpot auction

Patti--Triangle shawls

Jane Dollar—Sweaters

Debbie Stringer—First handspun

Holly—Tencel shawl

Cathy—Fabric

Anne—Caned stool

WHITE ELEPHANT was held and the meeting adjourned.

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