

CHIMNEYVILLE Weavers & Spinners Guild

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December 2002

CWSG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild meets the third Saturday of each month, September-May, at 10 a.m. in the weaving studio of the Chimneyville Craftsmen's Guild Building, Agricultural and Forestry Museum, Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, unless otherwise announced.

CHIMNEYVILLE CHRISTMAS TREE December 6

CWSG CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT
December 6-8 at the Trade Mart

CWSG members will provide the Christmas Tree
For the show, as is our tradition, to
Express our appreciation to the
Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild
For their support of our organization.

Come help decorate!

Bring handmade ornaments if you have them!

(Ornaments will be for sale)

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LOOM CRAWL!December 14

10 a.m. – Kathy Cohron's house for appetizers
then to Hazel Howell's for lunch.

DIRECTIONS TO KATHY COHRON'S HOUSE

414 Lake Cavalier Road, Madison

From I-55, take the Old Agency Road exit, and follow Old Agency until it dead-ends. Turn right onto Livingston, and you're 3.1 miles from Kathy's house. Livingston will veer to the right; stay on the left, which becomes Lake Cavalier Road. Kathy will have balloons out front. Look for a white picket fence—if it's beside you, you've passed the driveway and should back up!

DIRECTIONS TO HAZEL HOWELL'S HOUSE

1468 Sunset Drive, Canton

From I-55N, take Exit 119, which is Hwy 22. Continue to go straight, on beside the Square. (Hwy 22 will become Hwy 16.) Go until you see the hospital on your left, and a home health agency on your right. Turn right onto Lakeview Drive. Go one block, then turn left onto Sunset Drive. Hazel's house is the fifth house on the south side – a long, pink brick house with a wall.

COMING UP SOON

ROC Day 2003.....Saturday, Jan. 11-12, 2003 at the
Castine Center at Pelican Park in Mandeville, LA

(<http://www.rocdays.com>)

Spin-In 2003..... Jan 22-26 Seascape, Destin, FL
(Nancy Kahrs – nkahrs@earthlink.net, or 225 767 7177)

Beginning Knitting Class with Debbie Levine.....January 27

"Fluid Fibers" ShowJanuary 30-May 15, 2003

(Deadline for receiving, Jan. 15)

Fiber Forum 2003 "Riverscape" – March 28-30, 2003,
Simpsonwood Retreat/Conf. Cntr., Norcross, GA

LOOM
CRAWL
FOOD LIST

(as of close of November meeting)

Call Donna Germany to volunteer!

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Marcy Petrini: wine

Jill Hammes: wine

Barbara Mitchell: appetizer

Carolyn Nichols: appetizer

Donna Germany: appetizer

Hazel Howell: cranberry salad

Ann Hodges: broccoli salad

Sarah Sasnett: stuffed (deviled) eggs

Holly & Kristen Redford: hot spiced fruit

Lu Harding: Sister Schubert's rolls

Nancy Landrum: breads

Debbie Stringer: chicken salad sandwiches

Sandi Tucker: BBQ Cocktail sausages

Jac Lynn Wilson: cookies

Ellen Bennett: pink fluff

Hazel Howell: muscadine pie

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LEARN TO KNIT & PURL WITH THE BEST OF 'EM!

From Debbie Levine:

"I will be teaching beginning knitting at Millsaps in the winter session of their enrichment program. The course will run for six weeks starting Monday, January 27, from 7 - 9 p.m. I will teach the basics - casting on, knitting, purling, binding off, and will go further if class interest and ability allows. Cost is \$75 plus a \$15 equipment fee. I will provide you with the basic tools to carry out the work of

the course. Call Millsaps for more information (974-1130) or keep an eye out for their brochure.”

NOTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

Guest of the Guild

We were happy to have Ellen Bennett with us. She was a guest of Carolyn Nichols.

African Textiles

Marcy's presentation on African textiles was fascinating, and the museum quality pieces she shared were a real treat. (Note: There will be a pop quiz at the next meeting on the meaning of the African words "Topreko; Faprenu; Asasia, etc....." JUST KIDDING!!!!) Look for Marcy's article on the subject in an upcoming issue of SS&D.

Gravity Show 2003

Nancy Landrum let us draw envelopes with color schemes and instructions for next year's show. Colors drawn are "firm"; medium is negotiable!

Motion before the Guild

The motion was made and duly seconded "that we have a juried competition in conjunction with our Gravity show in 2003." Vote will be taken at Loom Crawl.

Starkville Exhibition

Jane Dollar invited members to send pieces to her to be shown at the Starkville Library. She needs them by December 5.

Knitting Meet-Up

Jac Lynn Wilson introduced us to a new, unofficial gathering of fiber artists in the area, which meets at Borders or other public places on a monthly basis to chat and "ply" their crafts (ha!). Call Jac Lynn at 601 209 6420, or log on to <http://knitting/meet.up.com/> and sign up.

Item on Nancy's Son, The Writer

While you're in the bookstore, check out the article in "Fantasy World" magazine on Greg Keyes, Nancy Landrum's son. You'll find his books for sale, too!

Report on Senatobia Show

Marva reported that the opening of the show at Northwest Community College, put together by Sharon Williams, was well attended, and that the show was "beautiful, as all Sharon's are."

Wedding Bells

Ann Hodges' daughter Rebecca is getting married. (Don't we just love weddings?!)

Fiber Animals Among Us

Sarah Sasnett is the proud owner of two baby cashmere goats. As far as she knows, she is only the second breeder in the state. Donna Germany revealed that she has alpacas. Oh, yes!

CWSG on The Web?

Jac Lynn Wilson will look into the possibility of a web site for our guild and report back to the next meeting.

KATHY'S ROAD REPORT

Amish Country

I had an opportunity to visit an Amish community of 400 homes in Ethridge, Tennessee, near Lawrenceburg. There are bus tours that can take you around the countryside, but my guide for the day was my employer's daughter, and we toured the farms for five hours! (The Davie Crockett Park is in Lawrenceburg, and I discovered an old covered bridge there. Wouldn't you know I had not brought a camera, since I had been told we could not photograph the Amish.)

We started off with a visit to the local general store and café, where the Amish purchase their food in bulk. It was interesting to see the different types of food in such large quantities. The proprietress of the store also has her own radio station there, where she broadcasts daily at a specific time to inform the community of special events and news of the area. Baskets and wares that the Amish have made are for sale there, but wait to do all your shopping, for the real treat is driving miles and miles to each home...the Amish have set up their wares on their porches or in small buildings. Each home has a sign out front that states what they are selling: baskets,

birdhouses, canned vegetables, gourds, leather, cane syrup, cookies, candies, and the list goes on. I was told to bring plenty of one- and five-dollar bills (unless you go wild like me and do your Christmas shopping here!). We were in Ethridge on Monday, which is traditionally wash day. There, blowing in the wind, was the wash—simple plain color clothing. As you go along the roads, you see bare windows, gardens, blueberries growing; and then when you pull into the drives you see young children playing in their bare feet, wearing their Amish attire with bonnets and hats. The men may be working on the buggies, older girls hanging out the laundry, older boys fishing at the pond, and the women tending to the sale of their goods.

The farms were so wonderful. Some homes were small, and some had larger farm-style houses. Our first stop was at the home of a wonderful basketmaker, Levi J. Hershlaeger, on Indiana Avenue. I am told he makes the best cane syrup in the community, also. Don't spend all your money here either (I almost did), because you have to visit Lydia Miller's home on Brooks Hughes Road, where you will find more baskets and handmade lazy susans. Then, the lady who makes the candles lives up a hill on a long dirt road. It is worth the effort just to see the wonderful old house. (Just make sure when you turn around not to hit the old water pump standing by the lane...) Some of the roads are single-lane with fencing on both sides; if a horse and buggy comes along, there is nowhere to get off the road! On one of the porches I spied an old wood cook stove. I longed to ask if it were being thrown out, or could be purchased, but I don't think it would have fit in the motor home!

John Elliot, my employer's five-year-old grandson, explained to me that the Amish do not have electricity, so he would not like to stay and play, there being no TV. Later he went missing, and I found him behind the car. He informed me that the Amish have no bathrooms, JUST OUTSIDE! (Someone forgot to tell him they do have outhouses.....)

Be sure to visit the Amish Country Galleries, because they carry a variety of handmade Amish crafts and goods. The folks there are very helpful and full of information on the community. (I regret that I didn't buy more of the quilted potholders, because when I got home my girls claimed them all.)

It was a wonderful day, just to be allowed to share the atmosphere of their home life. I think everything would have been perfect if I had only had a horse and buggy to visit them in; somehow the cars just seem out of place.

On the Road Again,
Kathy Smith

Submissions for Newsletter

Deadline for items submitted for publication in the forthcoming issue of the CWSG Newsletter is the fifth day of that month.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Make a note that in Donna Germany's info (page 5) the number listed as "cell" is actually "fax."

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