

CHIMNEYVILLE Weavers & SPINNERS Guild

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2003

CWSG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 11

~~~GUILD MEETING~~~

at Kathy Cohron's

Dinner at 6 p.m. –

*“You can come anytime after 4 p.m.”*

- Dinner by Kathy – BYO wine -

(Directions, next column)

Saturday, April 12

~~~SHEEP to SHAWL~~~

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mississippi Agricultural Museum

Front Porch, Chimneyville Center

(Donna Germany, Chairman)

MORNING REFRESHMENTS: Sandi Tucker

LUNCH for S-t-S:

Barbara Mitchell – Pasta Salad

Deborah Levine – Homemade Bread

Debbie Stringer – Chicken Salad

Margaret Pittman - Dessert

Donna Germany

Nancy Landrum – Veggie soup or pasta salad

Carolyn Nichols – Homemade pickles, cupcakes

Jane Dollar – Drinks

Marva Goodman – Sandwich meats, spreads

Jeanne Brand

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.

Submissions for Newsletter

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

WRITERS, CHECK THIS WEBSITE!

www.knitlit.com

April 30 deadline for submissions

DIRECTIONS TO KATHY COHRON'S HOUSE

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's house is on the right, and Cohron is on the mailbox. Look for a white picket fence – if it's beside you, you've passed the driveway and should back up!

SU BUTLER WORKSHOP

At the March meeting, the motion was approved to have Su Butler present her workshop on “Understanding Rayon Chenille” during the weekend of November 15. CWSG members will receive preference, but enrollment will be made available to members of other guilds. When details are finalized, more specific information will be published.

TO MARKET, TO MARKET

An out-of-state vendor has expressed an interest in doing a trunk show here for the fiber community. The guild is also interested in having her here, and the suggestion was made to expand the event to a “Market Day.” Deborah Levine and Donna Germany are looking into this possibility, and Marva Goodman and Jeanne Brand have also offered assistance.

FELT, FELT, FELT!

We had a great time with Ann Hayne at the March meeting as she taught us about needle felting and shared her wonderful felted “people” and fascinating books. Thank you, Ann, for a wonderful “hands on” program. You're a born teacher!

SEEN @ SHOW & TELL

Hazel and **Jeanne** had done pine needle baskets during the past month, with great success. **Hazel** had also done nine ripsmatta placemats, and her comment was (and I quote) “Don't even think about it!” **Nancy** was supposedly watching the movie “Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers,” but when it was over she had figured out that the capes on the Hobbits were shadow weave. She proceeded to weave a lovely wool scarf in two shades of merino, at 24 epi. **Marcy** brought a plethora of scarves and sample pieces done in eyelash yarns. [Ed. Note: Whew! Do y'all ever sleep?]

PERSONALS

Marcy has just become ambulatory (walking without mechanical assistance, that is) following her Christmas Day accident. Good to see you recovering, Marcy! **Kristen** spent her Spring Break in Italy. This girl will have seen a big chunk of the world by the time she graduates high school! Have fun, Kristen ---

Jane's son Allen is serving in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne. Put him (and all our troops) at the top of your prayer list.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Carolyn Nichols – Pg 10.

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FIBER FORUM 2003

“RIVERSCAPE: A Journey Along the Chattahoochee”

by Marva Goodman

If you missed this one, you missed a great learning and renewing of old friendships experience. From CWSG, Jane Dollar, Nancy Landrum and Marva Goodman attended. There was shopping, eating, learning, eating, visiting, eating and....well, you get the picture.

Jane took Komi Mittens, a knitting class by Charlene Schurch, and came away with fantastic samples and loads of new ideas. Nancy was in Ply-Split Braiding with Linda Hendrickson. This technique is great fun and not very well understood. It is done by opening the plies of a 'rope' and inserting other strands to interlock and form patterns. The 4-ply strand was constructed as part of the class. If you looked at your SS&D with the article written by Linda, you can tell some of the fantastic items and patterns you can produce using this technique. Her necklace made my mouth water.

I (Marva) did a beaded bracelet with Jane Overman of Jane's Fiber and Beads shop. Jane was a very good instructor who tried to pull out our own design desires in the piece we made. She showed us how to do processes, but encouraged our own design work. Of course, she has a fantastic sales booth in the vendor area, and even though we were furnished loads of supplies for the class, everybody in attendance raided her supplies. You have to see to believe.

If you missed the fashion show, 'Hootchie Mamas on Parade' you missed lots of laughter, but some wonderful work by members. It was an event that was good fiber soul food.

Mark the weekend of March 26-28, 2004, on your calendar to join us in Plaquemine for Fiber Forum 2004 and also the latter part of April 2005 for FF 2005 in the Florida panhandle with Cheryl McWilliams as conference chair.

Extra note: Ply-Split is such a great 'take along' activity that I predict it would interest our guild members as a workshop. We talked to Linda and it is possible for us to arrange for her to teach a workshop and have travel split with Fiber Forum 2004. There was enough interest in having her back again for next year's conference. We will have to work on this quickly because Linda's calendar is filling up, but for a short while, she will hold a time for us.

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ON THE ROAD

With Kathy Smith

Note: Due to space limitations, Kathy's letter was not published last month.

HELLO from Florida! I've been to the beach, and visited a few shops that carry weaving, beadery, and knitting, from handbags to necklaces.

I got to go to Gainesville to my favorite yarn shop, Yarnworks, which is a 1100 sq ft house full of bins of yarns from all over the country. I bought unique knitting yarns, one of which was a hand-dyed chenille that the shop owner brought back from a buying trip to Wales. This shop has a lot of the latest patterns, and examples knitted up for you to ooh and ahh over, which entices you to go home with something new to knit. They also carry airplane scissors that you can wear as a necklace around your neck, no sharp edges, and cute little plastic pins that hold your knitting. She will ship too. I was pleased to see a familiar yarn in the shop from our own Heritage Yarns-- a little part of home here in Florida!

I went to Sarasota to meet my 2003 TLC advisor, Mimi Smith. She asked me to explain that she is the "Other Mimi Smith," for there are two weavers with this name. If you get a chance, check out Mimi Smith's work that was published in "The Best of Weavers: Huck Lace".

Mimi sent Terry off to the motor home for a nap and I spent a few hours with her. We looked at all her yarns stored in tall cabinets, and she has an extensive library of weaving books. Her studio was built for weaving needs, which include wide file drawers where she stores articles she cuts from her favorite weaving magazines and then files in different weaving categories. Such a neat idea. .. We went from room to room admiring all her handwoven items. There was a wonderful shawl of cotton and tencel in a Huck weave and overshot snail pattern. The fabric draped and flowed with the pattern. I fell in love with one of her overshot table runners, so I feel sure it will be one of my projects. There was an overshot runner done in white on white floss, rugs, scarves and too many more to mention.

I sat at her wonderful loom; my legs just dangled off the bench, but she assures me that it works beautifully. We sat in her studio and planned our TLC year as we went through her library of wonderful books. We saw an alligator sunning by the pond at the back of the house, and on the other side of the pond was a man sunning, too!

It's the end of January and all the oranges and tangerine trees were loaded with fruit. It must be nice to pick your breakfast so fresh. I wonder if that's why the alligator hangs around waiting for it to drop? Mimi's work was wonderful, and I had a really nice time at her home.

Now we are off to Alabama to work there, should you know of any great places for me to check out just give me an e-mail at weaveak@mailstation.com.

On the Road Again,

Kathy Smith

