

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter *September 2004*

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild meets the third Saturday of each month, September-May, at 10 am. Meeting place for 2004-05 is being decided this month.

This edition is longer since we have not had a newsletter since May,

CWSG Calendar of Events:

Spin-In October 15 Kathy Cohron's house: after 5 until ...
& (*directions will be sent separately)
Guild Meeting: October 16 - Craftsmen's Guild Gallery (Ag Museum)
10:00 until 3 or 4 pm
CWSG Demonstrations - Bring your lunch - come & go as needed
(Sharon will have forms to be filled out and the invitations for the "GUILDED INSPIRATION III" exhibition at the October Guild meeting at the Craftsmen's Guild Building Oct. 16th or at the Spin-In on the 15th Kathy's house. The show will be hung on Friday, Nov. 5th.)

Guild Meeting November 20 - Canton Library- 10-1 pm

Loom Crawl December 18 (place and time announced later)

At the September meeting ...

Sharon led the meeting and started by thanking Hazel for helping us secure our meeting place at the Canton Library, and for hosting the Board meeting at her house. She also thanked Jane for hosting the Fiber Retreat for August at her house. Sharon welcomed guests, and then started the business meeting. The Minutes from the May meeting were approved, and Sandra Mayo (Treasurer) gave a report on the treasury, which was also approved.

¥**Old business:** date work needed for NWCC, and nominating a new Librarian.

Lu Harding was nominated, and will be officially voted on at the October 16 meeting.

Sharon also announced that National Spinning & Weaving Week is in October (4 - 10).

¥**New business:**

Committee Chairs and Refreshment Schedule Sign up were to be assigned.

CWSG committees volunteers for 2004-2005:

Community Service - Hazel Howell, Sandra Mayo, Ann Hodges

Loom Crawl - Barbara Mitchell

White Elephant - Beverly Milner, Teri Mcgrady, Jane Dollar

Newsletter: Synnove and Heggoy (Sandi Tucker to help)

Exhibits/shows: Margaret Pittman

Liaison with the Craftsmen's Guild and Ag Museum: Sharon William's

Liaison with HGA: Marva Goodman

Education: Joan Henderson

Sheep to Shawl: Nancy Landrum, Marva Goodman

Hospitality: Kathy Cohron, Carolyn Nichols

Refreshment Schedule for 2004 -2005:

Oct. Every one brings their own lunch.
Nov. Anne Hodges, Judy Fain, Jane Dollar
Dec. Loom Crawl
Jan 05 Kathy Cohron, Carolyn Nichols
Feb. Teri McGrady, Beverly Milner
Mar. Sandi Tucker, Margaret Pittman
Apr. Barbara Mitchell, Lu Harding
May Hazel Howell, Sandra Mayo, Marva Goodman

¥New meeting place. Sharon is working with Jim Piggot of the Ag Museum (with the MS Forge Council - they have a permanent spot in the museum where they keep tools, and hold their monthly meetings.) The place is free for demonstrating several times a year. Hopefully, our library, and permanent meeting place will also be accommodated. October 16 will be a good time for us to show and demonstrate our collective skills. Members are encouraged to come and weave, spin, knit or bring other handwork for the 16th.

¥Moving CWSG Library. The Guild was asked to move the Library. Sharon brought her truck and several members helped move the books/material out of the Weaving Studio and into Barbara Mitchell's house until a permanent location is secured. (Thanks especially to Sharon, Lu, Barbara, Carolyn, Synnove - please forgive me for any name left out ...)

¥Workshops. See above calendar.

¥Show and Tell, White Elephant sale, and Adjournment.

An amazing array of show and tell. We really have a talented group! As always, the White Elephant is great fun, and some people have really lucky numbers!! It all goes to a good cause: keeping up with books for our library, etc.

PS Sharon sends these words, "I am trying to get ready for a four day show starting Thursday (which I have to set up for Wednesday). I have not heard anything yet from the Ag Museum ... hopefully by next Friday at Spin-in I will know something." Look for an upcoming message from her with an update regarding our new meeting place and library.

¥What our folks have been up to...

Learning new skills and honing others, attending workshops, giving workshops, moving, going to Convergence, having fun at Summer Gathering, and generally leading full lives!

***Spin-Off* features CWSG members**

The summer issue of *Spin-Off* magazine included an article by our own Eva Joan Henderson! Her article relates to crocheting her own handspun, hand-dyed cotton. Congratulations, Joan! Nice work.

CWSG is represented by two of our finest in the summer issue of *Handwoven*. Margaret's yarn is featured in a scarf and Nancy Landrum's "Lord of the Rings"-inspired cape also is featured! (Submitted by Debbie Stringer.)

Surface Design Workshop - July 9-10

Margaret Pittman and **Debbie Stringer** led a fun workshop in surface design techniques using textile paints on July 9-10 at the Trolio Hotel in Canton (9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day, with a break for lunch! brown-bag or otherwise). We explored stamping with found objects, purchased stamps and carved rubber blocks; stenciling; spontaneous painting with brushes and rollers; discharging with bleach products; and mono printing. We were asked to leave our "I can't draw" attitude at home; no artistic skill expected or required!

To those of you who were not able to attend and play with us, keep your eyes open when the next workshop is offered. It truly was great fun ... after the first few minutes when everyone started thinking that maybe they COULD do this ... And, indeed, each piece was more interesting, beautiful, and unique than the previous one (with the exception of the resist process, which somehow resisted my efforts!). Margaret and Debbie did a great job and provided us with a wonderful workshop. I'll be the first to sign up when you all offer your next one - notice, I said "when" :) Also, many thanks to Hazel, who gracious as always, entertained us with a delicious spread - pesto pizza, hummus, and many other tasty treats as well as peach tea and, red & white! I had the pleasure of sitting next to Hazel during our 2 days of playing with fabrics and paints, and share her sentiments when she said, "I always enjoy being with you all." I guess that's not an exact quote ... but close enough! The beauty of workshops and "get-togethers," is that we become inspired as we see what others are doing and expand our creative limits!

Summer gathering - July 21

The annual summer gathering was at Jane Dollar's house on Sat. the 21st (some came on Fri. night) this year. Everyone who met had a grand time, with a chance to share their various projects and just plain fellowship - a good way to foster fiber arts.

CWSG members attending John C. Campbell Folkschool Workshops:

Several members of the CWSG have attended workshops in this wonderful place over the past few months.

***Marci Petrini** taught a weaving class at the Folkschool (Sept.26-Oct.1): Designing Cloth 101, with Bonus! The bonus is Terry's sharing valuable knowledge on loom maintenance and repair.

In addition, many thanks to Terry who has already donated much of his time and skills to the Chimneyville weavers. We keep expecting only good news.

***Beverly Milner** also attended a Painting out of Square workshop in September at the Folkschool. We'll hear more from her later.

***Hazel Howell** and **Sandra Mayo** attended Tracing Our Threads: The Kilbarchan Project at Folk School in Brasstown, NC, the week of September 5th through September 11th or, during Hurricane Frances. They missed all the bad weather and had very nice sunshine, light winds, and little rain.

From Sandra, "What we did have was a great Scottish Heritage Week with emphasis on Scottish History, Music and Arts. Our teachers, Barbara Miller and Marjorie Warren were the authors of the book with the same title as our class. There were nine students and with a round-robin class this meant we worked on 9 different projects with a different loom set up and pattern for each project. While this was going on Marjorie was setting up three looms with tartan patterns and one with a tweed pattern. All the time we were learning the history of Scotland and about the patterns, Tartans and Tweed. So much going on at the same time. We were encouraged to experiment with our pattern and use different colored weft threads.

The early morning, late afternoons and nights were devoted to a Scottish tea, bagpipes, a program of Scottish ballads, Celtic music, presentation of the wearing apparel of a young Scottish woman in the 1800's, Scottish dances, and several programs by Norman Kennedy, including a "waulking".

Hazel and Sandra will present a program at a future date (January?) on this class and Scottish Heritage Week sharing the hints and interesting facts they learned, so we don't want to give every thing away.

***Synnove Heggoy** attended a workshop on Rosemaling (pronounced: rose mahling). a form of Norwegian folk art, taught during the Scandinavian Heritage Week (August 15-21) by a wonderful teacher, Christina Keune. Christina convinced even the most "un-artistic" ones of us who joined her class that we could actually do this type of decorative painting! My sister-in-law, Julie, and I (Synnove) - a first generation Norwegian, had a wonderful experience, brought home several projects (magazine holder and "Welcome" sign) and gained several pounds from partaking of the delicious Scandinavian food!

Changes (addresses, e-mail, etc.):

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New contact info for (Brad and) Deborah in Louisville:

218 N. Hite Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206

Deborah in Jackson (one week per month):

852 N. Jefferson St.
Jackson, MS 39202

Exhibits/Festivals:

~ **Lauren Rogers Museum - September 18- November 14** - Laurel, MS

"Trees in a Circle: Navajo Weavings of Teec Nos Pos" .

The Teec Nos Pos is a specialized group and style of Navajo weavers, originating in the 19th century and utilizing bright colors and intricate geometric designs. From the pictures on the brochure, it looks well worth a drive to Laurel. Happy threads.

Thanks to *Barbara Carpenter*, Executive Director of the Mississippi Humanities Council, who shared the above information with us.

Arts inAction Street Festival, October 23, 2004 - Granada, MS

Joan Henderson announced that the First Gallery Granada, MS is sponsoring an Arts inAction Street Festival in downtown Grenada from 9--6. Booths are free to people demonstrating their art and all are welcome to sell their art works. For more information call the gallery: 662-227-9349. This is a festival with a lot of participation and many children who visit. In case of rain it has been held in the city auditorium which is very close by the downtown square.

October 15, 16 & 17, 2004 Ð Ponchatoula Quilt and Art Expo, Ponchatoula, LA

January 15, 2005 Ð Roc Day 2005 hosted by the Acadiana Weavers & Spinners Guild
PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE SECOND SATURDAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY, NOT THE CUSTOMARY FIRST SATURDAY.

March 4-5, 2005 Ð Southeast Fiber Forum, Long Beach, MS

(registration information will be available at the October mtg. and Marva will also send some info.)

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Margaret Pittman shared the following: This site has an amazing amount of information and drafts that are in the public domain. You have to see it to believe it. And to see it all you have to log in but worth it. No affiliation but thought some you might not be on the weaving list and enjoy this site. Margaret's own site is listed at the end.

<http://www.handweaving.net>

also a site re: surface design:

<http://www.natashakempers-cullen.com/links.shtml>

Margaret Pittman's site

Clear, complex, consistent colorways since 1994 <http://www.heritageyarns.com>

For Sale: Spinning wheel

Ashford Traditional wheel with other spinning equipment and some spinning fiber occupying space. It all retails for a total of \$463.25 and I am asking \$225.00. It is all one lot.

Thanks. Margaret

Wheel - \$320.00

Cards - \$50.00

Niddy Noddy - \$34.00

Lazy Kate - \$15.25

3 Bobbins - \$24.00

Fiber - \$20.00

If interested, contact "Margaret Pittman" <handdyer@jam.rr.com>

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Submission for Newsletter: Deadline for items submitted for publication (after this one!) of the CWSG Newsletter is the fifth day of that month.

Please let me know of any items that need correction, or additions to be included in the next newsletter.