

*The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter*  
*November 2004*

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild meets the **third Saturday of each month, September-May, at 10 am.** (Permanent meeting place for 2004-05 to be announced.)

**Loom Crawl** - Dec. 11, 10 AM-to 2 or so ... Judy Fain's house

**Directions to Judy's house:** (these were also sent by e-mail)

From I -20 West. Take the Spring Ridge Road exit. Go to the left back over the bridge. I am approx. 3.2 miles on the left. We have a white fence in front of 2 houses. Mine is the one on the left. Beige with blue shutters.

From Hwy 18: Turn North (like you're going to Clinton) on Spring Ridge Road. Drive way is 1 mile from intersection of Spring Ridge Road and Hwy - 18.

If you get lost on the way, my phone number is 373-7432 or 506-4826 (Judy)

Refreshments:

Judy Fain - House - coffee, iced tea  
Marcy Petrini - wine (white and red)  
Hazel Howell - dessert, muscadine pie  
Debbie Stringer (tentative) - appetizer, probably salsa  
Kathy Cohron - smoked turkey  
Anne Hodges - potato soup  
Barbara Mitchell - dessert  
Beverly Milner - fruit  
Carolyn Campbell - doesn't know yet.  
Synnove Heggoy - appetizer ...  
Margaret Pittman - bread, mayonaise, lettuce (and other relishes)  
Sandra Mayo - either party ham sandwiches or party sausage appetizers

Those who have not yet signed up, may contact Barbara <bdnmitchell@aol.com> (or me, & I'll forward) to let her know what you'll bring, and whether or not you're bringing a guest.

\*For those who wish to participate in the gift exchange, don't forget to bring a handmade gift ...

from our Handbook: Small gifts for the gift exchange should be handmade (not necessarily by the donor); alternatively, fiber related gifts can also be brought (books, supplies, etc.) Gifts should be anonymous.

• **Calendar:**

**December 11** - Loom Crawl - Judy Fain's house

**January 15:** Roc Day (The members voted to keep January 15th as our regular meeting date since Roc Day's regular time was changed to January 15, in direct conflict with our date. Several members may still choose to attend Roc Day and miss the Guild meeting.)

**January 15** - Guild Mtg. "Tracing our Threads the Kilbarchan Project" (program inspired by Scottish Week at John C. Campbell Folk school) with *Sandra Mayo & Hazel Howell* -

• **Minutes:** November 20, 2004 meeting

CWSG met on Saturday, November 20, 2004, at the Canton Library, with eleven members present. Vice President Nancy Landrum presided in the absence of President Sharon Williams.

Minutes for Sept. & Oct. September and October minutes have not yet been approved. The consensus was that the minutes would be approved pending clarification of the financial report, which several members were confused about ( \$\$ from White Elephant vs. total guild budget). (*Clarification:* the total amount netted for the White Elephant account for the year was reported in Sept. newsletter (\$429.66) as given by Sandra to Sharon for that mtg., but the total guild budget was not reported at that time. There was no White Elephant sale in Sept.)

Loom Crawl December 11, the second Saturday of December, as is traditional. Judy Fain volunteered to hostess at her home in Raymond, and will send directions for the newsletter. Those present were unsure as to who the Loom Crawl chairman is, so Marcy will talk with Synnove to work out food details, etc. (This detail has since been taken care of thanks to Marcy, and to Barbara Mitchell, the Loom Crawl chair). List of folks bringing food is included above in info. for Loom Crawl.

Treasurer's Report Sandra Mayo reported that through September the White Elephant funds designated for the guild library total \$429.66. There is an overall total on deposit of \$3,821.71.

Meeting Place The "Masonic Lodge" at the Ag Museum has been booked up for quite some time. There was a suggestion from the administration that we might meet in the auditorium of the Sparkman Building, but nothing is in writing as of yet.

CWSG Books In connection with the state of flux of our meeting place, the status of our library resources was discussed. All of it is presently housed in Barbara Mitchell's

garage. She urged our moving it ASAP to an accessible place.

During the discussion about the library, Marcy warned against making any oral arrangement for storage space which might result in our losing control of our books, as she has seen this happen. (Our policy, however, specifies that the books are to be under lock and key, and for the exclusive use of guild members.)

Public Service Project Hazel, speaking for the Community Service Committee composed of herself, Sharon, Sandra Mayo, and Ann Hodges, reported that they had researched several options. They suggest that projects that we can work on during meetings would be good; they also recommend a local project rather than joining a wide-ranging project that is already established. Based on these criteria, they recommend that we make chemo caps for University Medical Center. Marcy has a pattern for these. It was noted that we will need to use extremely soft yard, and *Red Heart "Plush"* was noted as a good choice. The yarns must also be washable.

The guild was enthusiastic about this project, and the consensus was that we would also do premie caps for UMC. Marcy also has a pattern for that, which she will send us by e-mail. Sandra Mayo moved that we accept these recommendations, and the motion passed unanimously.

Report on Pioneer Days: Harvest Festival, November 10-13 Ag Museum's Old Farm House. Good reports came from all CWSG members who demonstrated during these days (despite the cold weather!), and good discussion followed. On one day, we were told that approximately a 1,000 children had attended this year's festival. Interest was expressed in finding out if we might be allowed to "adopt" the farmhouse, and do demos throughout the year since *we are still trying to find a permanent place at the Ag Museum and we hope our efforts will go a long way toward helping our cause.*

South East Fiber Forum Nancy gave an update on registration.

Bi-State Art Competition Nancy also presented info on this competition, which is held annually in Meridian.

**Entry deadlines:** Slides and entry form – February 14, 2005;

**Submit pieces:** – March 1-11; Exhibit March 19-April 16.

January Program Hazel and Sandra are planning their program on tartans and all things Scottish. Hazel asked that anyone who is interested in a pattern for a particular name let her know soon. Members were also invited to bring anything "Scottish" that they might want to share, or "show and tell."

Looms and Equipment for Sale Nancy presented information on looms for sale by Roger and Ann Burkes. They are offering a Leclerc 36" Artisat, 4-harness; 15" Dorothy table loom; 20" Penelope tapestry/rigid heddle loom. Their number is (601)635-3253.

Informal Activities Members enjoyed an informal White Elephant sale (which in some cases became a "Buy It Now" a la E-Bay!) and show and tell, after which the official meeting was adjourned by Nancy.

Those present stayed and visited and knitted until time to vacate the library, then went to lunch together at Harkins'.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Sandi Tucker***

Acting Secretary

Many thanks to Sandi for taking such good notes.

Synnove

Of interest to CWSG members:

The Fiber Guild Exhibition: Guided Inspirations III. November 7-30, 2004 at Northwest Community College, Senatobia, MS, was a great success. Exhibition participants came from the *Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild*, Jackson, MS; the *Memphis Guild of Handloom Weavers*, Memphis, TN; and the *North Mississippi Fiber Guild*, Senatobia, MS.

Fiber works of every description (woven, beaded, handspun, knitted and etc.) were shown. Works were inspired by the artist's favorite character either from the theatre, movies or books (including the Bible). Some works are inspired by the weaver's favorite artist - as in Guided Inspirations I & II. CSWG was well represented in this exhibition.

**Weaving Class:** Marcy reports that you can still sign up for the winter weaving classes ... (Editor's note repeated from Oct.: What can we do to broadcast this class? With such marvelous resources as Marcy Petrini and Margaret Pittman, there ought to be a waiting list to get into this class!)

Responses to **•What are you Reading???** Any one else read some good books about weaving/weavers/fiber artists???:

**from Marci:**

Here is something to read you may like: Color, A Natural History of the Palette, by Victoria Finlay. It "weaves" (couldn't resist) history of pigments and dyes with her travel to find them and some speculations. It's divided by colors! Really well written. Gutzy lady, too, I am not sure I would be going by myself to Afghanistan these days!

**from Sandra:**

Now that I am a "weaver" it is amazing that this art is mentioned in several books, some as the story, some to demonstrate a point. Faulkner's "Absalom, Absalom" mentions weavers when he talks about more than one person trying to "run the show", only one person can weave at a time.

Will watch for more.

from Synnove:

Hope some others will share...

That's it for this newsletter ... perhaps we'll have more news for the next newsletter - coming in early January.

Safe and happy holidays to all!

Synnove Heggoy

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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.