

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter
May 2005

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild meets the **third Saturday of each month, September-May, at 10 AM at the Ag Museum.**

Happy Birthday to: Jeanne Brand, Lisa Dunn, and Nancy Scott and all other May babies!
May 17 is also Norway's Independence Day (since that's where my roots are ...)

***** Reminder: Refreshments for meetings:**

May '05 (Hazel Howell, Sandra Mayo,) Marva Goodman, Lisa Dunn, Joan Henderson and Sharon Williams will also bring drinks and refreshments since two members of the refreshment committee had conflicts on this date. Thanks to **all** volunteers throughout the year - you all make the extra effort to make our meetings more enjoyable.

• Guild Calendar:

***** May 21** - Regular guild meeting at the Ag Museum with induction of new officers for next year.

10 AM Fitzgerald Building.

(This is our last official meeting for the year.)

Summer meeting - We will meet at Marcy Petrini's house (specific date and time will be forwarded later) for our summer get together.

Minutes:

Sharon convened the meeting. Tricia and Karen Roberts were introduced as guests. We extend invitations to join our guild!

- Previous minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandra Mayo gave a brief financial report:

Regular account: \$3,473.04 (\$,723.07 - 250.03 - amount owed to Martha Owens.) Sandra will forward check to Martha. Report was accepted.

Old business:

- Ballots were sent to and voted by the membership according to our guild By-Laws. Slate of officers was unanimously accepted, and new officers, President: Carolyn Nichols and Vice President: Margaret Pittman, will be inducted at the May meeting.

New business:

- Sandi Tucker requested permission to order banners that will help us attract attention to our guild meetings and/or special events and demonstrations at the Ag Museum. Request was approved and Sandi will update us at our next meeting.
- Nancy Landrum gave us information regarding a Fine Arts Festival to be held in downtown Meridian on October 8, and stated that they were interested in including fiber exhibits. Nancy may demonstrate, and indicated that our guild might possibly want to sponsor a booth. More to come ...
- Marcy Petrini invited us to her house for summer get-together, with a "Fiber Afternoon" and an evening social! (specific date will be announced later)

White Elephant Sale And Show & Tell: As always, we look forward to this part of our meeting. It's always fun to see what appears at the White Elephant sale, and then to hope our ticket wins! All in good fun, and the money goes to buy more books, etc. for guild.

- *Sandra Mayo* shared some information about her recent trip to Thailand, and showed us some wonderful pictures of her trip, different and beautiful textiles and a small working loom that she brought back!

After a brief discussion of coming events and future programs, the business meeting was adjourned and the program started.
(Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy)

Program:

Sheep to Shawl Thanks to committee members *Marva Goodman & Nancy Landrum* for facilitating this event, and many thanks to *Sarah Sassnett* who brought her wonderful cashmere mother goat and two kids. They were a big hit for both guild members and visitors.

• News from or about our members:

** From *Margaret Pitman*: items from the Ridgeland exhibit will be available to pick up at the April meeting. If you cannot pick them up at this time, please arrange with Margaret to pick them up at her house.

- Guild members extended sympathy to Marva Goodman on the loss of her mother, and to Joan Henderson and Sandi Tucker on the loss of family members.

- *Marcy Petrini* and husband, Terry Dwyer, recently volunteered their time at John C. Campbell Folkschool for a workweek - Marcy weaving new rugs, etc. for the school, and Terry (aka Dr. Loom) checking and repairing looms. Good to have such great workers!

- *Debbie Stringer* submitted the following, which should be of interest to guild members:

Troops Need Knitters

Although we are looking forward to warmer weather, knitters are needed now to knit a supply of wool caps for our service personnel. U.S. troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Korea, as well as many parts of the United States, will be exposed to winds and bitter cold during the winter months. Riding in open trucks and humvees, they often encounter sub-zero wind chills. The military head gear issued to our troops is made of synthetic material which is not as warm as wool.

Volunteer knitters are needed now to make these wool caps for next winter. The wool knitted head covering which can be worn under the Kevlar helmet provides warmth to the head and neck but does not restrict vision.

According to Dr. Richard H. Garretson M.D., Crossroads Community Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, approximately 30 percent of a person's body heat loss is through the head. It is important to keep the head warm, so the body temperature stays up. The brain controls everything else in the body, the ability to think and act as well as the ability for the body to maintain a particular temperature.

The patterns are available at: www.geocities.com/helmetliner

Colors allowed by the military are: black (the preferred color), charcoal, brown, tan, olive drab.

Contact helmetliner@hotmail.com or P.O. Box 13171, Springfield, IL 62704 if you have any questions.

(it's OK to reprint it; it's a news release.)

Interesting reads:

The Woven Coverlets of Norway by Katherine Larson. I bought this book at Fiber Forum and found a picture of a medieval tapestry, part of which my aunt copied and wove a small tapestry ... beautiful patterns that I hope one day to be able to weave!

Please share any info. you have about wonderful or interesting weaving/fiber books you have or are reading.

• Other dates of interest, Exhibits, Special Events, etc.:

2005 Southeast Juried Fiber Arts Show: May 15-July 15, Athens, GA.

(check www.chgweb.com for full information).

From the GBFG newsletter:

Weaving Getaway

Need a vacation? Consider a weaving getaway. The Weaving Arts Studio in Tellico Plains, TN offers packages for individuals and families.

From their web site:

"For most of us, our day to day lives are full of hustle and bustle, work, logistics and worry. Every once in a while, we need a break from the work world. We need a chance to be in a peaceful setting and let the creative side of our brain take over. The Weaving Arts Studio is just that opportunity. Located in Tellico Plains, TN, Weaving Arts Studio offers classes in fiber arts designed to take you away from everyday hassle and immerse you in a world of creativity. Minutes from the Cherokee National Forest, Weaving Arts Studio is in one of the most peaceful, scenic, quaint towns Tennessee has to offer. The daily pace of life is slower here giving us time to expand our creative abilities by drawing on the abundance of the beauty around us.

Weaving Arts Studio is designed for individuals and families. A mother and daughter can spend a week learning to spin and weave, coming home with an armful of rag rugs and colorful skeins of yarn. A couple can come learn to weave rugs, curtains, tablecloths, and runners to decorate their house. A grandmother may find this the perfect opportunity to interest her grandchildren for a week. Regardless of skill level, everyone will leave Weaving Arts Studio with a sense of accomplishment, beautiful fiber arts to cherish, and a rested soul nourished by time honored crafts and the beautiful Tellico Mountains."

For more information: www.weavingschool.com

I can vouch for the spectacular beauty of this region of TN. I did a bicycle tour out of Tellico Plains last June (The "Cherohala Challenge") that was my favorite for the season. The Smoky Mountain scenery is classic: misty mountaintops, lush greenery, post-card vistas. Tellico Plains is a short, easy, drive from Birmingham.

From Oreros newsletter:

ROC DAY – 2006 Saturday, January 7.

Reeves Uptown Catering Held by Spinners & Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu, Lake Charles SPIN-IN, DESTIN, FLA

*** There is lot of interesting information in the other guild newsletters. Do take advantage of reading them!

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