

*The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter*  
*November 2005*

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

*Happy Birthday to all the following (& any "Birthday Babies" that I've missed):*

**November: Linda Cambre, Jane Dollar.**

**• Guild Calendar:**

**All Guild meetings**

\*\*\*Bring a sack lunch, drinks and other refreshments you might like during the day.

— **Sept.. 17** Guild meeting. Program: **Weaving with Found Object** with Margaret Pittman

**Oct. 15** Guild Meeting. Program: **Demo** on the porch in honor of National Weaving week.

\*\*\* **Nov. 19** - Guild meeting at the Ag Museum: **10 - 2 Fitzgerald Building (Ag Museum).**

**Program: Design and Cloth, Part 1** with Marcy Petrini followed by an afternoon workshop for those who signed up.

**Dec. 2-4** **Craftsmens' Guild Show (Chimneyville)**

**Dec. 10** **Loom Crawl** Sandra Mayo' house  
Jane Dollar and Carolyn Campbell will help Sandra, and we will all contribute food, etc. Sign up at the Nov. mtg.

Jan. 21 Guild meeting. Program: **Making Garlic Baskets** with Marva Goodman

Feb. 18 Guild meeting.

Mar. 18 Guild meeting.

Apr. 18 Guild meeting. Program: Sheep to Shawl.  
Fiber Forum (?). President appoints nominating committee for new officers.

May 29 Guild meeting. New officers inducted.

July ?- Summer meeting/get-together.

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## **Minutes:**

Carolyn Nichols convened the October 15th. meeting. We started with the business meeting, followed by White Elephant Sale and Show and Tell, and then the program, weaving and spinning demo on the Porch (Fitzgerald Bldg. - Ag Musuem) .

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Regular account: \$3,407.04. \$249.03 for Book (resource) money                      Total= \$3837.04

All bills currently paid.

We have plenty of money to order new books, resource guides, etc.

## **Old business:**

Sandi provided us with parking passes - a follow up to suggestion for parking passes when we have our guild meeting, and especially when we do demos. Thanks, Sandi!

CWSG 2005-06 Committees: The following Committees are still unmanned (or, should that be "unwomaned"?...) ...

Community Service, and Education. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer before I finish our membership booklet.

The following committees were filled, but you can still volunteer to help those of who have already signed up. Thanks.

Loom Crawl: Sandra Mayo & Jane Dollar; White Elephant: Teri McGrady; Newsletter: Synnove Heggoy & Sandi Tucker, Exhibits/Shows: Marva Goodman:

Liaison w/Craftmen's Guild & Ag Museum: Sandi Tucker; Sheep-to-Shawl: Donna Germany; Hospitality: Barbara Mitchell; Library: Lu Harding; Ag Museum Log House: Nancy Landrum.

## **New business:**

- Sharon reminded everyone (through Marva) about the upcoming show in Senatobia in the early spring.
- Margaret reported on programs for this year and reminded folks to please contact her for any ideas you have for programs and/or workshops. It is so helpful to have one program chair.
- Sandi reported on plans for demo for Harvest Festival at the Ag Museum and asked that folks contact her to let her know when they could volunteer.
- She also reported that at this point, our cooperative calendar with the Ag Museum for the coming year consisted of the following demos (besides Fall Festival in Oct.): Easter Egg Hunt and Parade: Sat., April 15; and 4th of July Celebration (Tues. 4th)
- In view of the heat during those times... Sandi had requested that we buy fans for the porch. Motion was made and approved and Sandi will pursue the the appropriate steps to purchase outdoor fans.
- Sandi will also get a banner to hang over the porch that will match the other signs we have when we hold our guild meetings and demos.
- Carolyn Nichols brought up the idea that it would be a good thing (as Martha Stewart might

say...) to invite other guilds to visit us when we have our meetings, or when we have demos. Such visits would give us a great opportunity to share and show off our work as well. She reminded us that we have many talented member, and each of us has something we might be willing to show off at different times. Good way to recognize people's work.

- Carolyn also suggested that we could limit our business meetings to about 15 minutes, discussing only necessary facts, and or voting. Shortening the business meeting would definitely give us more time to participate in the activities we really like - enjoying the program, doing demos, and visiting and helping each other with different projects, etc.

- It was also suggested that we might start the program first, followed by the business meeting, Show & Tell, and that we only hold the White Elephant Sale every other month (odd mths.).

Therefore, we would have one this month, but not in Dec.

- The suggestion to use e-mail for votes was made and approved.

- Sandra volunteered her house for Loom Crawl, and her invitation was gratefully accepted by the members. Jane volunteered to help.

### **Announcements:**

- Marva invited folks for an evening at her house on Friday before our Nov. meeting,

From Marva:

"I hope you all can attend the "sharing party" at my house on Friday prior to the next guild meeting on Saturday. Bring wheels, or any portable hand project. I will provide a one-dish meal: soup, chili (if cold), or something suitable, drinks, and stuff like that. Come enjoy fun and fellowship.

Come about 6:30

I have yarns and fibers that are taking up too much space in the house. I have moved things to my house from mother's house, and I need to pass along some of that kind of stuff and make room for my sewing and weaving. I also have a couple of pieces of equipment for sale, such as an AVL shuttle and a LeClerc backstrap loom. Yarns will be \$1.50 per pound. Directions will be sent to members."

- Sandi led a group of us to the Ag Museum to look at the Fiber exhibit so that we can start on designing an updated exhibit that will better showcase the fiber arts, in particular the weaving items.

- Previous minutes were accepted as written.

After a brief discussion of coming events and future programs, the business meeting was adjourned and the program started.

(Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy)

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### **Board Meeting**

- Since we were unable to have our board meeting at Sandra's house this summer because of Katrina ... those who could attend on a recent Saturday, did meet at her house (and enjoyed her hospitality and delicious soup and cornbread lunch). This was a one time meeting not scheduled at the regular time. Board meetings will resume an hour before meetings, so all Board members should plan to meet at 9.

Here's a brief summary of our meeting, which Sandra very kindly put together:

"The things I think we accomplished are the following:

1. streamlining the meeting process
2. establishing some things as "regular" like: board meeting prior to every meeting
3. agenda being brought up by email and
4. voting without all that oral discussion
5. name tags
6. using people in the guild for programs and instruction
7. LUNCH AND LEARN
8. more information for new members
9. more information for all concerning Convergence, etc
10. what have I left out?

Looking forward to working on this more and implementing the ideas that, as you say Carolyn, have been there and never used.

Sandra"

An e-mail will be sent to all regarding voting issues.

• **News from or about our members:**

• *Debbie Stringer* **Congratulations!**

"Our own Debbie Stringer won the "Willie" award this year. This award is presented annually by the National Electric Cooperative Statewide Editors Association for outstanding work appearing in electric publications. Debbie won the award for the best historical feature with "Steam Museum Rising from Historic Foundry.

I'll bring the announcement to the meeting to show." Submitted by Jane Dollar, and also by Sandra Mayo.

• *Sharon Williams* - working at the Hernando Show until the end of October.

• *Anne Hodges:*

"I have a 7 month old grandson that is the light of my life and my second daughter is getting married Dec. 3rd. Life might get back to normal after Christmas. I am knitting a lot-made eight felted purses for bridesmaids gifts-, am trying to start a shawl ministry at church and have started a knitting club at school, we knit every morning between 7:30 and 7:55. Tell everyone hi and hope to see you in Jan. or Feb."

• **Requests/reminders from our members:**

\* Marva Goodman: "I have need of a rag cutter to get weaving rags ready for a demonstration at a school.

If anyone has a rag cutter, could you please loan it to me until our next guild meeting?

I have one somewhere, but I have torn up the house looking for almost two weeks and cannot find it!!!!"

\* Rissa Root: "I am still looking for a wheel. I am buying the Reeves from Marva, but I am looking for a small portable wheel for demos."

\* Sandi Tucker: reminder, since she already sent this out to the group)

Hi, ladies.

If you enjoy demonstrating for children, here's your opportunity!

I have been approached with a request for someone to demonstrate 8:30-11:30 on Friday, November 18, at Christ Covenant School on Pear Orchard Road. There will be 11 groups (6-7 kids/group) spending 15 minutes with you to see spinning and/or weaving, and to do a little "hands on" with something, so that they can take away something in their little bags. They are the little-bitty's -- K5 and 1st grade. They will be rotating among other craftsmen who are demonstrating for this special event.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please reply to this and let me know. Then I can put you in touch with the event chairman. [Marva, didn't you do this last year or the year before? You might like to comment, if so.]

Cheers -

Sandi

As always, let me know what you are doing so I can share with the group!

### **Interesting reads:**

I have not read this book ... but a postcard ad came to CWSG, so I thought I'd share the info.:

Needled to Death, but Maggie Sefton ([www.maggiesefton.com](http://www.maggiesefton.com))

"Delicious recipe and knitting pattern included!"

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

Think about ways we can share information we read about weaving and spinning ... techniques, tips, etc.

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

• **ROC DAY – 2006 Saturday, January 7.** (Information has been forwarded to you.)

\* *Sharon Williams*: REMINDER TO EVERYONE ABOUT THE EXHIBIT IN MARCH "AS TIME PASSES BY" I WILL PICK UP WORK AT THE February guild meeting.

\* **HGA Convergence - June 25 - July 1, 2006**

Grand Rapids, MI

### **• 2005 Guild Subscription Promotion Order Form**

If you haven't sent in your subscription form call Interweave Press with the promotion code of DGLD5 to order or renew subscriptions. You may call 1-800-835-6187 & mention the code.

sample rates: Handwoven - 5 issues@ \$21.95      Spin Off - 4 [issues@21.00](#)

All orders must be prepaid in US funds.

Remember, there is also a lot of interesting information in the other guild newsletters. Do take advantage of reading them!

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