

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

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

*Happy Birthday to: Catherine Hill, Hazel Howell, Marcy Petrini, Yvette Rosen and your newsletter editor, Synnove Heggoy, plus any other March babies!*

**A note from our President:**

Good news: We now have a "permanent" home at the Ag Museum: The Fitzgerald Building, directly behind the Chimneyville Gallery. Aside from meeting space, it provides a wonderful big porch, which will serve us well for demos and such.

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

**March '05      Sandi Tucker, Margaret Pittman**

April '05      Barbara Mitchell, Lu Harding

May '05      Hazel Howell, Sandra Mayo, Marva Goodman

**LIBRARY MOVE**

Many thanks to all who helped and to Barbara Mitchell who housed the library for many months. Barbara, her grandson, Lou and Marva moved the library. These wonderful people moved our library to its new home at the Ag Museum. We will find out more about their adventures at our guild meeting.

**• Guild Calendar:**

**March 19 - Guild Meeting, 10 AM**

The Ag Museum, Fitzgerald Bldg (1st bldg. behind the Chimneyville Gallery). \

Bring materials for knitting chemo hats.

From Ann Hodges:

"Any hat pattern hat would do, I think, as long as the yarn is soft. Patterns can be found on the internet at:

<http://knitting.about.com/library/blchemocap.htm> and

<http://www.lionbrand.com/patterns/kfancyf-chemoCap.htm>;

I have a friend undergoing chemo now, and she wants caps that come down far enough."

(Hazel Howell, Sandra Mayo, Ann Hodges - Community Service Committee)

Other hat patterns have also been shared by Marci and Sandi.

(<http://www.lionbrand.com>), you'll find an extensive library of free patterns)

**April 16 - Sheep to Shawl** Marva Goodman & Nancy Landrum: the Ag Museum.

*Sarah Sasnett* has cashmere goat that she might bring ...

**Minutes:**

Sharon convened the meeting which was held at Hazel Howell's house.

Teri McGrady and Beverly Milner provided the delicious refreshments.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **from Sandra Mayo:**

White Elephant: \$244.91 Sandra stated that she wrote a check to herself as reimbursement for the Tartans books (approved at Jan. mtg. and Feb. mtg.) which she charged to her personal VISA.

Regular Account: \$3,295.02

CD statements: \$14.13 tax

### **Old business:**

- Previous minutes were approved as read.
- \* Sandra brought and displayed the the 3 Tartans books. These books include alphabetical listings of tartans with pictures and sett counts, etc.
- Continuing search for meeting place was finally (and successfully) ended as the Ag Museum accepted our proposal for meeting on their grounds. We sill have access to the Fitzgerald Building.

### **New business:**

- **Nominating committee** will present slate for new officers for Guild.
- Tartans For Me!: brought by **Sandra Mayo**, which she purchased for the guild with her personal credit card. Therefore she asked that it be reflected in the minutes that she would be reimbursed for the cost. Motion was made, seconded and approved.
- Official Liaison to the Ag Museum: **Sandi Tucker**, very generously volunteered and was appointed as the official Liaison to the Ag Museum, gave a report of the meeting between the committee members who wrote the proposal and the Ag Museum personnel. This meeting resulted in our finding a "new" home for our guild!  
Among other things, this new venture means that we, as a guild, are committed to helping the Ag Museum preserve the rich, MS fiber heritage. This commitment includes helping the Ag Museum refurbish several of their displays regarding the importance of fiber and weaving in the life of MS, as well as helping to "revitalize" the exhibit known as "The Farm House". This will be an exciting challenge for us!

Any one who wishes to volunteer or demonstrate for the guild at the Ag Museum, **please contact Sandi Tucker** sandigt@sprintmail.com (601-853-4642) before making definite plans! (This fine arrangement will keep lines of communications clear, and reduce confusion that might result from several different people contacting the museum about the same program/idea etc.)

- Spinning workshop **Joan Henderson** gave a report on the workshop with Martha Owens at the Board meeting, and at our Guild meeting. Joan also was responsible for disseminating information to all who signed up for the workshop. We expect that she will share a summary of

this fine workshop and provide a brief description to be included in our next newsletter.

- Inspiration Piece: *Nancy Landrum* gave some information regarding the Fall exhibition in October.

You are to pick your favorite month and do something that is inspired by that month ... e.g., your birthday, special occasion, etc. There is a possibility that we could use pictures of these inspired pieces in a calendar ... think about that! Please let Nancy know what your piece will be for this exhibition.

- Ag Museum exhibits: *Nancy Landrum* was appointed as chair for working on improvements/renovations for the Farm House at the Ag Museum. Committee members include Kathy, Hazel, Marva, Gwen, and Synnove. I'm sure there will be plenty to do! Please share your thoughts with Nancy and/or members of this committee as to how best approach making the Farm House a 'STAR' in the Ag Museum.

- Warping board: *Sandra Mayo* showed us a warping board that her brother had made and asked for critiques. The warping board was made of oak, with counter sunk dowels. He would be willing to make - if you will contact Sandra. He is also willing to make frames for small stools.

- Demonstration: *Sandi Tucker* shared that Jackson Prep had a program, Artist in Action, and were looking for someone to demonstrate a fiber related craft in April. *Marva Goodman* volunteered to do a demonstration.

- Recipe Book: *Kathy Cohron* suggested that our guild might be ready to sponsor another recipe book. Please let her know if you have any wonderful recipes that need a home in this book!

- White Elephant Sale And Show & Tell: As always, we look forward to this part of our meeting! Carolyn N. had picture of exhibit at Senatobia. Sandra: knitted lace. Kathy: appliqued Baby Quilt w/ sailboats. Gwen: knitted scarves. Nancy: p felted wool jacket. Vogue Pattern made specifically for felted jackets. (patterns available if you are interested). Hazel: tartan scarves - exploring the setts... Joan: making wooden knitting needles from dowels, and  $\pi$  shawl (pi shawl). Marva: sewing caddy which she taught kids to make when they took sewing lessons to carry supplies & sewn bottoms & T-shirt.

After a brief discussion of coming events and future programs, and break for lunch before the program, the meeting was adjourned.

(Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy)

And then ... to the Program!

**Program:** Spinning demonstration with *Joan Henderson*. Joan certainly knows her spinning! She demonstrated different techniques and had many samples of different wools to spin - with several different spindles. It was also quite a treat to watch Hazel mastering and enjoying !!! the art of drop-spindling ... Great job!

### **Interesting reads:**

*Lu* - shared an article from Smithsonian that her mother had saved for her: Nov. 03 Dream

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**Sandra** - The Quilter's Apprentice by Jennifer Chiaverian: "A heartwarming story ... you'll discover friendship here, and you'll learn a thing or two about quilting."

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

• **News from or about our members:**

Travelers!

**Kathy Cohron** left for Portugal this past weekend and ...

**Sandra Mayo** is on her way to Thailand.

We'll look forward to hearing about these trips! I know they'll be finding out about weaving and yarns ... one way or another ...!

Workshop participants:

**Nancy Landrum, Beverly Milner, Sandi Tucker and yours truly (Synnove)** attended the Southeast Fiber Forum March 4-6 in Longbeach, Ms. "Treasure Trove: Celebrating our Fiber Heritage."

Workshops included weaving, spinning, surface design, felting, knitting and beading. We certainly had a good time, and hopefully one (or more!) of the attendees will write about their experiences. From my perspective, it's always fun to learn a new skill, or hone old ones ...

**Margaret Pittman**, displayed her beautiful yarns and some lovely woven pieces at the . Heritage Yarn is certainly well thought of in the fiber world, and deservedly so!

**From Donna Germany:**

Ladies:

Natchez is opening up a needle arts shop. Ann Tillman is putting it all together. She had all kinds of yarn. She is offering ribbon embroidery, knitting, crewel, painting crewel canvas, anything that has to do with needle art! I am not sure of the exact date of the opening! But I do know she wants to teach classes. Contact her at [actillma@bellsouth.net](mailto:actillma@bellsouth.net). I told her about Heritage Yarns. She wants to promote MS as much as possible.

She has ask me to work there. I am not sure what I will be doing but I am excited!

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

**Ridgeland Library Exhibit:** **Margaret** reported that Ridgeland Library was interested in exhibiting a fiber related project. This would be in a case at the library - Margaret invited folks to let her know what the would like exhibited - or send scarves to her so she can exhibit them ... volunteers are appreciated.

**Bi-State Art Competition: March 19-April 16, Meridian.**

Competition held annually in Meridian.

(contact Nancy for further info.: <[NLand85863@aol.com](mailto:NLand85863@aol.com)>

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

You can get the prospectus [here](#). You will need Adobe Acrobat to open the file. (check [www.chgweb.com](http://www.chgweb.com) for full information).

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**Submission for Newsletter:** Deadline for items submitted for publication of the CWSG Newsletter is the fifth day of that month.

3 Ads of interest to Guild members:

**FOR SALE:**

\* AVL , 16 harness loom

Flying shuttle, auto advance, sectional warp

Never been used

Price: (New \$7730.00) – will take best offer

\* Harrisville Loom

24"- 8 harness

folds for workshops

\$1300.00 new – will take best offer

\* Walnut handmade spinning wheel

\$450.00 – will take best offer

**Contact Merrie Osborn. Call (601)955-8411** Leave message on cell phone.

Merrie wrote that she is not giving up weaving, just changing looms. She indicated that she would consider trading looms if anyone is interested and making up difference in cost.

**WEAVING STUDIO SALE:**

Beautiful 120 cm **Glimakra** 8 harness/10 treadle loom with sectional warp beam and bench.

Lists for \$4000, asking \$2500.

Miscellaneous supplies including ball winder, umbrella swift, electric bobbin winder, shuttles, reed hooks and warp sticks.

Also combination warping board and inkle loom by Leclerc.

**Contact Marlene Saccoccia in Pass Christian at 228-452-4447 or**  
[marlenesaccoccia@hotmail.com](mailto:marlenesaccoccia@hotmail.com)

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