

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter
January 2006

Happy New Year!

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

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

January: Teri McGrady, Jac Lynn Wilson.

• 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

Jan. 7 ROC DAY – 2006 (Saturday)

****Jan. 21** Guild meeting. Program: **Making Garlic Baskets** with Marva Goodman
Marva will send out what we will need to bring to this meeting.

Feb. 18 Guild meeting.

Mar. 18 Guild meeting.

Apr. 15 Guild meeting. Program: Sheep to Shawl.
President appoints nominating committee for new officers.
Fiber Forum (?) .

May 20 Guild meeting. New officers inducted.

July ?- Summer meeting/get-together.

• News from or about our members:

* Our guild was saddened to learn of ***Sarah Sassnett***'s husband, Leon's untimely death on December 29. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah and her family.

Minutes: *A note from Synnove:*

Since we did not have a business meeting, no minutes were taken. Instead, we enjoyed a wonderful Loom Crawl at Carolyn Campbell's house. Carolyn graciously offered her home when Sandra was unable to host this event because of her mother's emergency. We are happy and thankful that all went well with Sandra's mother.

Some reminders from our December newsletter under:

New business:

- At the February 2006 meeting, Sharon Williams will collect items for the show in March at NW MS Community College. There was some discussion as to a second show and if this would leave members enough time to submit items to Convergence.

** (Marva is to find out date of second show).

- Announcement made for Convergence;

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Please contact *Marva Goodman* if you need more information.

- Committee list was read over again and there are **still vacancies for Community Service and Education**.

Announcements:

Kathy Cohron announced the following Study Groups, all to meet at Border's on Lakeland, each group will decide additional dates and times to meet:

* Please note time change for study groups' morning meeting time in **red**:

January 9 Monday, knitting group at ***10:00 am** and 6 pm (*morning time changed from 12:30, eve. same)

January 12, Thursday, weaving group * at **10:00 am** and 6 pm (*morning time changed from 12:30, eve. same)

January 19, Thursday, spinning group at 6 pm (if there are those interested in a 12:30 pm meeting call Barbara Mitchell)

A few thoughts as we enter this new, 2006 year.

Personally, having made a wonderful trip to see my son and his wife in NJ just the weekend before Christmas and seeing the Unicorn Tapestries* at the Cloisters in NY, I found that Christmas came Oh! too soon!! ... but, welcome, nevertheless, since I spent it here with my daughter and family.

With all of this, and not being the most organized person in the world, I made a move to the Fondren area in November, and despite still unpacking some boxes, I feel more truly "at home" than since I came to Jackson in September of 2003. Yesterday, I even found my "lost" weaving notebook (a terrible thing to lose!) in a box marked "Kids room" by the movers ... in this fairly large box was my notebook, and many, many hangers ... go figure. But I was happy to find it.

So, Christmas cards were late or, are still being written ... as New Year's letters. Packages that didn't get shipped in time will finally wend their way to recipients ... That's OK - I'd still rather be in touch with family and friends late, than not at all.

Interestingly, I found that quite a few other people experienced the same time delays!

Despite this feeling of being rushed and overwhelmed (and, I think many of us suffered consequences of this hustle and bustle by getting colds, etc. when we finally relaxed ...) I enjoyed this Christmas in a special way:

thankful for the good things that happened this past year, for family and friends, children and grandchildren! who bring a special joy to this season, and the Reason for the Season!;

sad about personal losses and so many troubling and catastrophic events. Here in Jackson, we were mostly spared the harsh realities that Katrina brought to the folks on the Gulf Coast, and, despite loss of power, the terrible feeling of throwing away food from refrigerators and freezers, dealing with grandchildren who stuck close as glue for weeks afterwards, fear of running out of gas, downed trees, and roof problems, we were mainly safe - and thankful to be able to reassure our loved ones in many states, and (for me, in Norway), that we were actually OK. Other events of concerns: the war ...; unrest in the world ... uncertainty about the future.

Whatever one's background or religion, one might well pray for safety and peace for us and for the troubled, but only, world we have. This world is where we live. Let us cherish it.

A final note (really!). I am indeed happy that, after my move here, I happened upon Marcy at the 2003 Chimneyville MS Craftsman's Guild! Asking about the possibility of weaving classes, someone brought me to Marcy. And so, I found not only a wonderful weaving teacher - mostly patient! - and Margaret, who held my hand many a time! - but also this group of interesting, dedicated women whose love of fiber binds them in a special way. So, I say thank you to each of you for time well spent in weaving class and in guild meetings.

I say this, despite my sometimes tardy newsletters and THE Membership Booklet (surely one of the banes of my existence! I'm

simply not technologically apt at data bases, **and** work from a Macintosh - easy for me, but sometimes lost in translation), you all are a great group of individuals. We seem to all take turns in different capacities in the guild, and we need to remember to support those who lead us - this year, among others, Carolyn Nichols as President.

Welcome to all our **new members** in the past years, and the best of the New Year to the rest of us, including all our sister weaving guilds!

Best wishes for the New Year,

Synnove

I have received no other new information from anyone. Think about ways we can share information we read about weaving and spinning ... techniques, tips, etc. You may enjoy my comments (perhaps!), but don't forget, this is a group newsletter and depends on news, etc. from its members ...

* The Unicorn Tapestries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, A.C. Cavallo, 1998.

I bought this book as a souvenir from my visit at the Cloisters (Medieval branch of the Met.). Great information about medieval tapestry and beautiful pictures of the 7 tapestries that make up the *Hunt of the Unicorn* series. Also some history of the other famous unicorn series, *Lady with the Unicorn*, at the Musée de Cluny in Paris.

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

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

• **ROC DAY – 2006 Saturday, January 7.** Perhaps it's our turn next year??? Those of you who participated, please share some of your experience with us.

* MARCH "As Time Passes By" exhibit. *Sharon Williams*: Reminder to everyone about the exhibit in March - I will pick up work at the February guild meeting.

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

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

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