

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter
February 2006

Happy St. Valentine's



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):

February: Nancy Landrum, Beverly Milner, Margaret Pittman.

Welcome to our newest members this year: Chris Line-Dahlman from Brandon; Nancy Hester from Clinton; and Patricia Holmberg from Coldwater.

• **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 Objects** 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: 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
- ** Feb. 18 Guild meeting. Program: Design and Cloth, Part 2 with Marcy Petrini**
- Mar. 18 Guild meeting. Program: **Fiber necklaces** with Sharon Williams.
Apr. 15 Guild meeting. Program: **Sheep to Shawl.**
President appoints nominating committee for new officers.
May 20 Guild meeting. New officers inducted.
July ?- Summer meeting/get-together.

Minutes:

Carolyn Nichols, called the meeting to order and introduced our guests, Chris Line-Dallman, Nancy Hester, Genevieve Tharp and Nancy Landrum's sister-in-law, Joyce.
Prior minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular account: \$3,606.78. \$738.00 for resource(books, etc.) Total= \$3837.04

The workshop brought in \$95.00 to our resource account for purchasing books and magazines. White Elephant: \$15.00. With this income we now have \$738.00 in the resource account. We have more than adequate resources to buy books, resource guides, etc., and pay for ceiling fans for front porch, name tags, etc., as the guild votes.

We also received additional membership dues of \$30.00, and paid \$78.00 for one year's rent for our P.O. Box, and all bills currently paid.
(submitted by Sandra Mayo)

Old Business:

- Reminder that e-mailing of newsletters was voted on and approved this past Fall, with the exception of those who do not have access to e-mail. The Secretary was given a list of those to whom the newsletter and/or the Membership Booklet would be mailed.
- Reminder that newsletters and membership booklets would only be sent out unless to members whose dues are sent in by the end of September. Waiting for delinquent dues has resulted in late distribution of membership booklets.
- Sharon Williams will collect items for the March 5 show at NW MS Community College at the February 2006 meeting.

Sharon also reminded us of the Guided Inspirations IV coming in February '07.

- Sandi Tucker will get our guild name tags (previously approved and passed by unanimous vote).
- Kathy Cohron reminded us about her study groups listed in the January newsletter. Please contact her for more information.

Kathy also gave us the names of the following books, which are useful in study groups:

Mastering Weave Structures: Transforming Ideas into Great Cloth by Sharon Alderman (from Amazon: \$26.37).

The Magic of Handweaving: The Basics and Beyond by Sigrid Piroch (from www.Krause.com: \$23.99).

- Reminder announcement made for Convergence.

New business:

- Carolyn Nichols suggested that we have our short programs in the morning, followed by brown bag lunch, with workshops in the afternoon. Many of our members drive 2-3 hours to attend our guild meetings, and this schedule would allow them to make the trip worthwhile.
- A volunteer sheet was passed around to fill vacancies for Community Service and Education. Nancy Landrum, Sandra Mayo, and Jane Dollar will serve on the new Education Committee.

Joan Henderson suggested, Marva Goodman made a motion and Rissa Root Peace volunteered to be the moderator for a new web group devoted to informal sharing of weaving, spinning and fiber projects, etc. The motion that a test would be sent out to the members of the guild was seconded and approved.

- Hazel Howell requested that anyone who has a spinning wheel for sale please contact her.

Reports:

Verbal reports were given about Roc Day. Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers & Spinners from Pass Christian will host Roc Day '07.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy

White Elephant:

We netted \$15.00. Although we had a raffle for an old, handmade quilt that was gifted to the guild, the bids were very low. Therefore, Carolyn decided that the quilt might be better used as a display for demo days, and displayed in the farm house for certain special events.

*Next White Elephant will be in March (odd months).

Show and Tell:

Always fun to see what our talented folks bring with them. If I've left anyone out, it's only because it's hard to look at the interesting articles being shown, and take notes at the same time ... no one intentionally left out ...

Hazel: ✓ hand towels that the group of Senior Citizens she teaches had woven. She proudly commented that, "One of them is even older than I am!" In her late eighties, Hazel embodies what it means to be young at heart! I'm sure part of her success comes not only from her great attitude and continued interest in all fiber related activities, but also from generous sharing of her many talents.

Joan: ✓ scarf woven on warp-weighted loom that she uses with teachers interested in workshops for kids. Please contact Joan if you would like more information.

✓ scarf made in multi-directional knitting, ✓ 2 knitted hats inspired by internet coaster pattern!

Teri: ✓ scarf - her first woven project from Marcy's weaving class ... Teri's New Year resolution was to finish her "works in progress" that never got finished ... Good beginning, Teri!

Allyn: ✓ hairpin lace loom, ✓ fringe knitted around purchased stretchy gloves from left-over yarns - fun way to use up your yarn.

Nancy: ✓ silk-wrapped shed with warp and paper weft art piece. Quite intriguing ... and ✓ red and black shawl.

Announcements/Reminders:

- **Reminder about what to bring to on February 18 for her program:** (so far, 6 people have responded).

1. DO NOT BRING PIECES to the meeting, just the completed list

2. Bring the **completed** list to the meeting, I will collect them at the beginning of the meeting, so I can organize them during the meeting, before the program. Just let Synnove know if you are planning on bringing it, so I have some idea of how to plan

3. What if you are a beginner and haven't completed 10 pieces? You can still participate, just list the pieces (or skeins as the case may be) you have completed and write at the bottom that this is a completed list. Yes, you can list any work in progress, which is actually on the loom(s), spinning wheel(s) or knitting needles. The important things are: that you truly list the last 10 pieces, and not jump around. And that your information be as complete and accurate as possible.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Looking forward to it.

Marcy

- Sandra Mayo sent in the following report regarding the Education Committee:

We are meeting with Nancy sometime soon in Meridian working on other ideas for short programs, which the guild members might enjoy learning about in the coming year. Some examples are hairpin lace; crochet cuffs for gloves; paper boxes; tags for sale items; inkle looms (if time frame listed is enough time); and warp weighted looms (if this is enough time). The Committee will keep us and Margaret updated as they work on these and other ideas.

The afternoons could be committed to a study of the book: Mastering Weave Structures: Transforming Ideas into Great Cloth by Sharon Alderman and interested people would purchase it ahead of time. We will check if it is possible for us to cover the book in about 7 lessons.

• News from or about our members:

- *Carolyn Campbell, Karin Roberson, Rissa Root Peace, and Margaret Pittman*, attended Roc Day in January.

As *Margaret* wrote in **her Fiber News - Issue # 38:**

... for those of you in other parts of the USA and world, I'm sure you must know how heart-warming it was for us to see those who have lost a lot to everything greeting us with willing, loving hearts and hugs. They truly put themselves out with wonderful hospitality to include the usual good, Louisiana food, handmade items in the goodie bags and great door prizes. The shower to hurricane victims was an outpouring from all over the world and a lot of credit is due the Contemporary Handweavers of Houston. Major legwork was performed by Linda Sura and Brenda Harms, a victim from Chalmette, Louisiana, who lost everything. All recipients were grateful.

The finishing touch was when Jean Sparkes from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, announced that the Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers & Spinners from Pass Christian, Mississippi, will be hosting ROC Day for 2007. I think I was speechless and know that it brought tears to many. The whole experience reminded me that fiber artists are a determined, loving lot.

• *Margaret Pittman* was also recently honored by being asked to design a limited edition colorway in handpainted 8/2 tencel in the Convergence colors. The name of the colorway is Grandeur and is only available through [HGA](#). It is not available on their website just yet but if you would like to purchase, contact the HGA office and ask for the yarn by name (Grandeur) or item #C018. The price is \$28 or, if you're a member of HGA, \$25.20.

Not a member of HGA? They can take care of that too and at the same time you will receive a quarterly magazine, "Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot," opportunity to participate in the Learning Exchanges, Teaching and Learning through Correspondence and Certificate of Excellence, a small discount on merchandise for members and many other perks.

For more information, see [HGA](#) - <http://www.weavespindye.org>
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• *Carolyn Campbell, Synnove Heggoy and Beverly Milner* took a road trip to the historic district of Yazoo City to visit the **Knuttly Knitters** located in the "graCe hardware" store. Quite an interesting set-up! with lots of fun items in the "hardware" part of the store, and loads of different yarns, patterns, etc. in the Knuttly Knitters section, which includes a classroom/workshop. Thanks to Sandi Tucker who gave us directions. You can visit at www.gracehardware.com

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

• **ROC DAY – 2006 Saturday, January 7- Weavers affected by Katrina:**

Help Us Help Them

So many of you have written notes of desire to help those who lost everything in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers Guild from Pass Christian, Mississippi could use your help for some time to come. While at ROC Day, one of the guild members, Jean Sparkes, graciously gave me an address to where all types of fiber items can be directly shipped. Look through your spare yarns and spinning fiber, knitting needles and weaving equipment and see if there is an item or two you would like to contribute. They are appreciative of all donations. You may send them to the following address:

Local Color Gallery

Attn: Jean Sparkes

1141 Robinson St.

Ocean Springs, MS 39564

For further information, contact Jean at jsparkes@cableone.net

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• MARCH 2006 "As Time Passes By" exhibit. March 5, NW MS Community College, Senatobia, MS.

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

Grand Rapids, MI

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

I have received no other new information from anyone ... this is your newsletter and depends on you for news, etc. ... Also, please share any info. you have about weaving/fiber books you have or are reading.

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