

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter
May 2006

Happy Mother's Day!

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):
May: Lisa Dunn, and Patricia Holmberg .

• **Guild Calendar:**

All Guild meetings ***Bring a sack lunch, drinks and other refreshments you might enjoy 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: 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.** Donna Germany and Margaret Pittman.

(Vote on new officers presented by Nominating committee.)

**** May 20** Guild meeting. New officers inducted. Program: **Weaving a Pin** with Margaret Pittman.

Please bring a tapestry needle but not too large; a variety pack might work best.

A bead mat would also be very helpful as would a folding T.V. tray or other tray for work space.

A book light might help or some other small, battery-operated light but not totally necessary.

If you have some smooth, multicolored yarns, you can bring those but I think I will have enough selection from which you can choose. You can also bring some seed or tube beads if you have any on hand *but no need to purchase extra*. We will be threading beads onto copper, stainless and brass wire. Any type of small trinkets with a hole will work including very

small fishing lures, computer parts, etc. The keyword is 'small.' I (Margaret) will bring the remainder and think everyone will enjoy.

July -?- Summer meeting/get-together.

Minutes:

Carolyn Nichols, called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved with correction below:

Sharon noted that the triangle loom mentioned in last month's newsletter belonged to Patricia Holmberg.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Sandra Mayo

Regular account: 2,965.41. \$518.02 for resource (books, etc.) Total=
\$3,483.43

(no changes from last month.)

Old Business:

Carolyn Nichols commented on the following:

- Confirmed that members voted and approved the new date for submission of dues, which must now be paid by the end of May. Dues may still be paid in the summer, but at the risk of having your name left out of membership booklet.
- Noted and thanked Sandi for seeing through the projects: the new fans for our porch (in place for our Sheep to Shawl program), and for the new banners.
- Thanked the Nominating Committee for their work. Sandra and Synnove accepted another term in their respective roles, and Kathy Cohron accepted the position of Librarian. (Induction at May meeting)
- Lu spent about \$250.00 on new books she ordered for our Library and gave a description of each, including two that deal with photographing your work. Many thanks, Lu. She also thanked Kathy and Chet for putting the Library list on disc.
- Donna mentioned that the Needlearts shop in Natchez would appreciate receiving suggestions for books concerning weaving that might be carried in the shop. Please e-mail her or call her with suggestions. There is limited space, but some of the "basic" or classic" books might also inspire new folks to weave! Fiber is there ...

New business:

- Marva announced that she would teach a workshop on April 22.
- Sharon and Joan were in Corinth on the 13th, and spun and demoed at the show. Many

items were sold, and Sharon said she could still take items to the show for sale.

- Sharon announced that the theme for the **Guided Inspiration** is **Landscape**. The show will be in February 2006, and she will need the pieces by January. If you submit a piece, please give your picture/painting inspiration and a description of what inspired you.

Reports:

- Margaret Pittman made an announcement regarding the upcoming programs: March - Fiber Necklace; April - Sheep to Shawl; May - Weaving a Pin.

- Lu, Education Chair for Workshops next year, reported that we were invited to the Blacksmith Conference (Forge at the Ag Museum) - last weekend in May (wine and cheese on Friday) and to demo. We can set up around the Pavillion at the Ag Museum and demo on Saturday and Sunday. Sharon and Patty, Debbie, and Carolyn C. volunteered to demo. Please contact Lu or Marva if anyone else is interested.

Announcements/Reminders:

- **White Elephant** Bring your stuff for May meeting...

- Margaret is hosting the Knit Along project with Jackie O's patterns:

Here is the link (first one) to sign up for the shawl Knit Along we talked about today. You can view the blog at the second link and Jackie's is the third one. If you decide to participate, I will forward your email address to Mary Hunt, Knitalong Administrator, and she will send you an invitation to the Knitalong blog where you can post comments and pictures. We're going to have a lot of fun and would love to see some guild members there.

Knit Along info - <http://www.heritageyarns.com/PROMOTION.htm>

Knit Along blog - <http://elegantlysimpleknit.blogspot.com/>

Designer - <http://www.heartstringsfiberarts.com>

- **Membership form to be sent with dues will be sent in a separate mailing.**

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell and for our program: Sheep to Shawl.
Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy

Show and Tell:

- Karin brought the lovely shawl she wove for her mother.
- Marva - felting with Easter eggs - pictures of felted eggs and small macrame curtain rings (yarn with waxed linen).
- Nancy - scraps of handwoven pieces that she made into other objects: small, silk-lined

bags.

- Margaret - Knit-Along shawl.

• **News from or about our members:**

- *Karin Roberson and Rissa Root* attended/helped Lilly Chin "World's Fastest Crocheter" with her program/workshop at Needlearts in Natchez in April.

• *Debbie Stringer* wrote, "I'm weaving about 20 bookmarks for an online bookmark exchange with a group of weavers from the weaving list. I'm using textile paints, a stamp I carved and a brush to apply a design to the 10/2 perle cotton warp (in natural) on the loom before each bookmark is woven. Sett is 30 epi; weft is the same as the warp but unpainted. The result is not a bold, clear design but rather a soft, faded look (think vintage cottons). I can e-mail (news@epaofms.com) a photo to anyone interested in the technique."

- *Chris Cline-Dahlman* New e-mail address: julepthreads@hotmail.com

Program: Our Sheep to Shawl was well attended and lovely weather made everybody happy. Several folks and families with children came by and watched and asked questions ... Thanks to all who worked hard to make it happen (Donna, Margaret, Sandi, Carolyn, et al), to all the "demoers", and to the the Mama of the two sweet cahsmere kids (Sarah Sassnet)!

- A note from Synnove

How's your history knowledge?

From last month - (I believe Sandi Tucker has contacted the State Archives and will share any information she receives, but I haven't heard from anyone else ...):

• **Interesting tidbit:** From the April 10, 2006 US News & World Report issue: **A VIEW TO A KILT** The Scottish Declaration of Independence was signed in 1320 – and much later used as a model for the American one. So it is only right that Scottish-Americans are honored with National Tartan Day. In New York City, kelt wearers will parade down the avenue of the americas on April 8. And Mississippi has honored its Scots by adopting official state tartan.

Speaking of dates:1320 and earlier ... Last week I enjoyed visiting friends who live in northern CA, near several redwood groves - truly magnificent trees! I found myself saying, "Awesome!" and it was appropriate.

One "slice" of redwood (@9feet in diameter) had growth rings labeled from 1066 to about 1991 when it fell. To name just a few dates, and what at least the first date has to do with the fiber world ...:

1066, the Battle Hastings - the Norman Conquest- beginning of Anglo-Saxon and immense influence on language and culture, which was immortalized in the Bayeux

Tapestries, a 231-foot long piece of embroidery with colored wools on linen a little over 900 years ago to commemorate the battle (see National Geographic, August, 1966 for a wonderful article and fabulous pictures of the tapestry);

1215: Magna Carta - in England, served as basis for English guarantee of civil rights, influential in our history as well as that of many other countries;

1492 ... ;

1620: Plymouth Rock;

1776 ... :

1945: end of WWII ... and several other remarkable date. Now, that's historical ...

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

From Sharon Williams' list:

May 13 – Mayfair (North MS Fiber Guild demo booth) Senatobia, MS

Aug 12,13 – Demo at Crafts Center

Sept 8,9 – Germantown Festival

Oct 1 – Craftsmen's Guild Opening NWCC Senatobia, MS

Oct 5, 6, 7, 8 – Pink Palace Crafts Fair, Memphis, TN

Dec 2, 3 – Chimneyville, Jackson, 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!

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.

***For Sale:**

Harrisville Loom Model 45/4-45

Very smooth and quiet Jack-type

4 Harness, 6 Treadles, 45" Weaving Width

Wire Heddles, Maple Wood, Weight 135 lbs.

Includes Two Warp Beams - one is a Sectional.

Has floating lamms and suspended harness system.

\$1200.00 or best offer. Please contact:

Carolyn Nichols 601-613-8106

* Please note that any member may post items for sale free of charge. Anyone else must send a \$5.00 check to the Treasurer along with their ad.

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