

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter
October 2006

Happy Halloween!

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):

October: Nell Elam, Donna Germany, Lu Harding, and Carolyn Nichols.

Welcome to new members, Robin Breedlove, and Ann Hayne:

Robin Breedlove

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Robin heard about the guild through the weaving class.

Anne is a returning member.

We've recruited some fine members!

All Guild meetings

CWSG Board Meeting will start at 9 - during regular Guild schedule, ***unless*** otherwise notified by President.

- * Bring a sack lunch, drink and other refreshments you might like during the day, and plan to spend the afternoon as well so that you may complete projects started in morning program. •
- No white Elephant this month (odd months only).

• Guild Calendar 2006-2007:

CWSG Board Meeting will start at 9 during regular Guild schedule, unless otherwise notified.

Sept. 23 Guild meeting. Program: **Rag Strip Weaving** with Debbie Stringer.

- ***Oct. 21** Guild meeting. Program: **Surface-design handwoven bookmarks** to be donated for ROC Day to the Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers' Guild, MS Gulf Coast).
- Before our program, Special Guest, Tina Bradford, former guild member and promoter of the "Red Scarf Project" will share information regarding women's heart issues. Link for info. re. Tina <http://clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060831/FEAT05/>

Nov. 10-11 Harvest festival: Ag Museum

Demo

Nov. 18 - Guild meeting. Program:

- Clean Gourds. Nick will cut the gourd you bring and Carolyn will demonstrate how

to get gourds clean and ready for our Jan. program.

Dec. 1-3 Craftsmens' Guild Show (Chimneyville Crafts)

Dec. 9 Loom Crawl

Jan. 6 ROC DAY – 2007 (Saturday- Ocean Springs, MS - hosted by Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers' Guild)

Jan. 20 Guild meeting. Program: **Gourd Weaving** with Carolyn Nichols. Morning will be program, followed in the afternoon with weaving/decorating your gourd.
Sharon needs your piece for Guiled Inspiration IV.
• President appoints Chair: Sheep to Shawl.

Feb. 17 Guild meeting. Program: **Weaving a Stool Top** with Sandra Mayo, Carolyn Nichols, Sharon Williams.
• Guiled Inspiration IV - Theme: Landscapes
• Treasurer orders pin for outgoing President (odd years).

Mar. 17 Guild meeting. Program: **Weaving: Twill and Her Daughters, Crackle and Overshot**. Program leader to be announced.
• President appoints Nominating Committee.

Apr. 21 Guild meeting. Program: **Sheep to Shawl. Demo**
CWSG members' **Market Day**. Opportunity for members to sell their fiber wares.
• Membership votes on new officers presented by Nominating committee.
• Standing Committee Chairs provide 3 copies of annual report for the files.

May 19 Guild meeting. Program: **Inkle Loom** with Hazel Howell.
• New officers inducted.
• All Library materials are due.

July -?- Summer meeting/get-together (Informal meeting may take place around the state in the summer months.).

Minutes:

Carolyn Nichols, called the meeting to order.

She welcomed new members, Robin, Gio (joined in summer), and Anne.

Previous minutes were approved.

Agenda was handed out.

Carolyn requested that all committees, and groups provide a report for every meeting regarding their activities.

Induction of officers: Kathy Cohron, Librarian, Synnove Heggoy, Secretary, and Sandra Mayo, Treasurer.

Old business:

Votes on at the September 23 rd. meeting)published in sept. newsletter):

Vote #1.: Participation in Guild challenge – Mat board Mini-expressions.

Approved

Vote #2. : for Nov.:

A. both a demo (Nov. 8-11) and a regular meeting on Nov. 18th

Approved

B. consider the Demo our Nov. meeting - (Not approved)

E-mail directories and covers also available as print versions.

Chemo caps. If anyone still has the chemo cap they knitted for one of our projects a few years ago, please bring them to the Oct. meeting. Someone will collect them and find a good home for them.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Sandra Mayo

Regular account: \$3,312.44. \$524.02 for resource (books, etc.) Total= \$3,836.46.

New business:

- Member directories were e- mailed prior to Sept. meeting, and hard copies and covers, with activity calendar for the year, were also available.
- Carolyn introduced the Committee Boards, delineating tasks and responsibilities for each committee, with space for folks to sign up. These will be available at every meeting. A Spin In Board was also presented, with hopes that we could start up this enjoyable practice again. Mentor Board, with spaces for folks and months for people to serve as mentors for weaving, spinning, and even knitting. Lists of volunteers are attached at end of newsletter.
- Carolyn presented the issue of a Lace Workshop for March and asked for a vote. A motion was made, seconded, and voted (approved) to host the workshop (see below in Board minutes).
- Carolyn announced the need for a new Secretary. Karin Roberson volunteered and was gratefully accepted by both Carolyn and Synnove.

Reports:

• **Board Meeting.** The Board met before the meeting and the following items were discussed:

- Question about when the following events occur:
 - Roc Day: Hosts - every 5 years. Our turn is 2008,
 - Fiber Forum: Guilds volunteer to host ... when would be our turn?
 - Retreat: Do we want to do this again? Our Guild used to do this, but we have not done this in many years ...
- Update of Policies and Procedures: These policies and procedures were last updated in 1999. All members need to make notes about changes that are necessary and give them to the Board, which will then present them to the membership for approval.
- Scholarship: The board is interested in paying tuition for the following;
 1. for HGA -
 2. workshop tuition - such as Learning Exchange or TLC
 3. Tuition for Weaving ClassWe are working on how to determine who would get a scholarship - an application process would be appropriate.
- Chemo caps: Whatever happened to that project? Several members knitted chemo caps ... What is to be done with them?
- Mentors: Suggest that one a month be available. Folks would sign up to be mentors for weaving and/or spinning ...
- Silent auction: Whether or not to have it ... If we do, we need to start bidding at a "respectful" amount - this auction is not the same as "White Elephant".
- Web site: Our guild needs a web site, which will be available to the public - providing them with basic information about our guild, workshops, etc. -, as well as providing a site at which the

members will be able to "chat." We need a web master who will build one and give the Board recommendations to be approved before it is implemented. The Board will check on costs for establishing a public website, etc.

- Lace Workshop with Linda Webhorse - To present a workshop, 1st. wk.end in March. Cost would be \$400.00 to bring her here for a Fri. night, Sat., and Sun. Possible sight for the workshop would be Hinds Community College in Brandon – cost would be \$50 a day for a program" Lace Weave - Simple to Sublime." 10 folks for the workshop would be ideal -15 OK. If not enough people sign up by Oct. meeting, we will open to other guilds, public, etc.

The meeting was adjourned for our program: Rag Strip Weaving with Debbie Stringer. Great job Debbie - many very interesting pieces were made! (Please bring the rag strip weaving you made at our September meeting).

Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy

Show and Tell:

Several interesting things!, as usual, showing the ingenuity and creativity of our members. Particularly interesting: the CWSG members who attended and participated in classes at the Gourd Festival brought their wonderful gourd projects ... very interesting!

News from or about our members:

- *Carolyn Campbell, Kathy Cohron, Synnove Heggoy, Joan Henderson, Hazel Howell, Nancy Landrum, Beverly Milner, Barbara Mitchell, Carolyn Nichols, and Debbie Stringer* all attended the Gourd Gracious Festival in Collinsville, MS. It was truly an experience, with good folks who were willing to – and, did! – share their knowledge.

- *Marcy Petrini* spent almost two weeks in Scotland.

This is your newsletter and depends on you for news, etc. ... ***Please*** share any information you have about weaving/fiber books you have or are reading, and any other interesting news/tidbits about our fiber world!

Announcements/Reminders:

Carolyn asked folks to write down suggestions for "Program Wishes & Instructors" for next year. List: Using Color: Margaret; Toothbrush Rug: Sandra (will find instructor); Wish: spinning programs; Wish: using different kinds of yarn; Needle felting, Wet felting; Hair pin lace; Card-weaving bag: Joan; Surface design.

ROC Day 2008. Keep thinking about what we want to do ... Need volunteer to chair...

Suggestions for when our turn to host comes:

Card-weaving looms for Goody Bag; Spindle, Spin & Ply; Wooden name tags; Post card challenge.

- Red Scarf project. Sandi shared some information about heart issues and Tina Bradford, who trained at Mayo to be a representative for the Heart Association. Sandi and Margaret are on Steering Committee with her. They would like us to make a handmade red scarf that will be put in a small bag with information about the scarf and heart disease, and to give to a woman about to undergo surgery. That is the purpose of the Rd Scarf Project. This project will be a prototype for a national project. Sandi asked that if possible, folks could make one - knit, crochet or weave. Use any pattern.

- Lu shared a list of 10 top heart healthy foods. Lu is a wonderful example of someone who has followed this diet!

- Kathy reviewed rules about checking out materials from the Library, and she also needs an Historian to help with Library functions. Jane and Marva responded and volunteered.

- Carolyn asked folks to make notes on the bottom of their agenda for suggestions, and thoughts that might help them fill out the Spring Survey. (Keep the notes)

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

• **Jan. 6, 2207. ROC Day.** Gulf Coast - sponsored by Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers & Spinners Guild. Jean Sparks forwarded several Registration Forms, and a Vendor Registration, which I will bring to our meeting on the 21st. Additionally, you may access the following website: <www.diwwweavers.org> for information and forms.

• **March 23-25, 2007 - South East Fiber Forum 2007 Conference** will be hosted by Haley's Creek Knitting Guild, and will be held in Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN.

Visit our Web Site: <http://main.nc.us/sffa/>

(for more details and registration)

Email: Fiberforum2007@yahoo.com

- **Join HGA** (Handweavers Guild of America) <http://www.weavespindye.org/> and receive the magazine: Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot as part of your membership. (Members receive four issues per year of HGA's award-winning, quarterly magazine with articles on design, history, wearable art, exhibits, books, techniques, artist profiles and reports from museums, guilds, and members.)

- HGA's Spinning & Weaving Week is Oct. 2-8. Check this link to the Web site for more information <http://www.weavespindye.org/pages/?p=sww.html&loc=1-50-00>

- **Interweave Press** grants guild members a special subscription rate. Please use promotion code of DGLD6 to order or renew subscriptions. You may call 1-800-433--6451 & mention the code or, go on-line: www.interweave.com/magazines/.

sample rates: *Handwoven* - 5 issues@ \$19.95 *Spin Off* - 4 issues@ \$19.95 (Good deal!)

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

Ads: 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.

• *Finally, a word from Synnove ... I certainly have mixed emotions about leaving this guild, MS, and the friends I have made since moving to MS. Right now, I don't know if I'm still unpacking from my move to my new "old" house in Fondren, or if I'm just repacking the same old boxes! Three moves in three years is really not such a great idea! I've been reminded, once again, not to say never. "I'll never move again!" I said last November, thinking, "This is where I'll grow old(er!)."*

So, since I'm getting ready to turn over the secretary's job to Karin, (Thank you, Karin!), I just want to thank you all for letting me be a part of this wonderful guild and the world of weavers and spinners (& knitters...). Special thanks to Marcy and Terry. I know the guild will keep growing and contributing to the richness of Mississippi culture. Shortly after arriving in America as an 11-year old, I remember learning to spell Mississippi - not dreaming that I would one day live in that

strange and mysterious place with so many I's and S's!
Thank you and best wishes to you all.

Happy spinning, weaving and in all your fiber world endeavors!

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

Committee Board, Mentors, Spin-In: These will be available at every meeting.

Committee Boards Volunteers: (no special order - names as signed on boards)

Harvest Festival: Sandi has since sent out an "official" list - please check with her.

Wed. 8, Morn: Marva.

Thurs. morn: Jane, Kathy; afternoon: Jane, Rissa.

Fri. morn: Sandi; afternoon: Sandi, Rissa.

Sat. morn: Lu, Karin, Debbie, Teri; afternoon: Joan.

Exhibits: Sharon Williams

Publicity: Debbie Stringer and Sandi Tucker

Loom Crawl: Sandra Mayo and Nancy Landrum

Membership: Sandra Mayo and Synnove Heggoy

Farm House: Nancy Landrum, Hazel Howell, and Synnove Heggoy

White Elephant: Beverly Milner and Teri McGrady

Education: Lu Harding

Library: Kathy Cohron, Lisa Dunn, and Consultants: Marva Goodman and Jane Dollar.

Retreat: Chair:-----, Helpers: Lu Harding and Sandra Mayo.

Sheep-to-Shawl: Chair: -----, Helpers:

* <u>Mentors</u> :	Weave	Spin	Knit
Sept.	Hazel Howell		
Oct.	Margaret Pittman		
Nov.	Nancy Landrum	Nancy Landrum	
Dec.	Sandra		
Jan.		Jane Dollar	Jane Dollar
Feb.		Joan Henderson	Joan Henderson

***Spin-In:**

Oct..

Nov. Lu Harding

Jan.

Feb. Carolyn Nichols

Mar.

Apr.

May: Kathy Cohron

*Lace Workshop: 1st. weekend (Fri., Sat., Sun.) in March 2007. : Carolyn N., Kathy, sandra, Lu, Hazel, Synnove, Sarah, Beverly, Robin, Sharon, Nancy. Still a few slots left.