

Notes from Sandra

Now it is September, 2007 and we are moving to our new home, the Mississippi Crafts Center on Rice Road. What a treat and hope you are all as excited as I am about this wonderful opportunity. Of course, as I have often told my children, with every privilege comes attendant responsibilities. Our privilege is a space at the Crafts Center and our responsibilities are to maintain our meeting place in a neat and orderly manner; to be extremely careful with our food items and craft projects; to support the Crafts Center in Harvest Day and any other special events which "advertise" Mississippi artist.

Not too, too many responsibilities but really important ones.

The library has been moved, thanks especially to Tim Williams, Sharon William's husband, and others for assisting with this task. It is locked so the books are to be checked out as usual. The monthly and bimonthly magazines belonging to the Guild are on shelves in the library and are to be checked out on an "honor" system. They have all been stamped with our name.

That same Saturday, a group cleaned up the two front rooms at the Farm House at the Agriculture Center and did a great deal of dusting, moving furniture, and general straightening up. Surprised you all could not see the dust flying. Thanks to this great group. There will be another work day this spring. Notice will be sent out to all and you are invited to attend and have fun.

Our September meeting will be a very busy one, so if you have anything special you need brought up at this time, please let me know ahead so it can be included on the agenda. Of course, ROC DAY will be our primary business. It is certainly getting close.

Stories for Debbie, Goodie Bag items and Door Prizes are due at this meeting.

Also, very important, Hazel needs those members borrowing her inkle looms, shuttles, and any other items to return them at the September meeting, they are needed for another project she is committed to.

Thank you all for the privilege and opportunity to be your president for a few years. Very exciting times.

Happy weaving,

Sandra Mayo

* All Guild Meetings *

Guild Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month (September through May) at 10:00 at the Mississippi Crafts Center. CWSG Board Meeting will start at 9:00 during the regular guild schedule unless otherwise notified by President. Bring a snack 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 the morning program.

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Things to Remember!

IMPORTANT: Those members interest in Linda Weghorst Tapestry workshop the weekend of October 27th need to come prepared to signup at the September meeting.

Door prizes and items for the goodie bags for ROC Day, as well as your stories for the booklet are due at the September meeting!

If you borrowed an inkle loom from Hazel, don't forget to bring it to the September meeting!

AT THE FARM HOUSE

Braving the heat and armed with brooms, rags, hammers, and determination, a group of warped weavers descended on the Farm House at the Ag Museum on August 18, with the declared purpose of making good on our promise to fluff the premises there in return for our monthly meeting space the past couple of years

Those of us who were clever took our antihistamine before we came, too—we stirred up plenty of dust/dirt/??? as we courageously began taking away years of neglect from the old domicile. The calico curtains went up in the "front room" windows, the handwoven rugs and mats Hazel's protégés made found their places there and in the adjoining bedroom, windows and mirrors and oil lamp chimneys were cleaned, authentic family photographs were refurbished and hung, and – what

all women love to do – furniture was rearranged, with the help of Museum maintenance staff!

When the temperature approached 100 degrees about noon, we called for adjournment until an appropriate time in 2008, when we'll take on the back of the house.

...MEANWHILE, BACK AT FITZGERALD, another group of hardy souls disassembled and transported the Guild library, complete with cabinets – plus our weaving/spinning equipment – to our new home at the Craftsmen's Guild building, so that everything will be ready for us in September.

It was a hot day, and a good day, and we had a lot of fun, too!

Sandi







