

## **Proposal for a Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Website**

As you know, the Roc Day 2008 website will expire this summer; we registered the name for one year, since we figured that there wouldn't be much sense in having the name RocDay2008.com for longer.

We can have a web site for the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild in the same location (off my website) at no cost to the guild (it doesn't cost me anything additional). This is my proposal for this web site. There is a motion on the floor to be voted at the March meeting:

1. We would register the name and the guild would own it. The name registration is independent of the hosting site. The cost of registration is \$35 a year. This would mean that if, for whatever reason, the hosting site would need to change, the name would remain and accessing the website, once is up and running, would be identical to the user.
2. We need to come up with a good name. As Debbie pointed out at the February meeting ChimneyvilleWeaversandSpinnersGuild.com would be awkward in print, i.e., publicity, and in entering it in the browser; "&" is not allowed in web site names, neither are spaces. Once registered, the name cannot be changed easily (changing it would require a new registration AND starting from scratch on setting up the website).
3. Terry has volunteered (actually it was his idea: "shouldn't the Guild have a website?") to be the webmaster; he would set it up for us and I would maintain it with his help if needed. Once it was set up, I pretty much maintained the Roc Day website. It's not hard, just time consuming.
4. Updates would be once or twice a year for big changes, i.e., new officers, programs, etc. Small updates would be limited to uploading the monthly newsletters. All pertinent new information should be in the newsletter anyway. If there is personal information in the newsletter that we don't want on the website, the secretary would send me a modified newsletter ready for uploading to the site.
5. The website would contain all of some of the following (Debbie volunteered with prettying things up):
  - a. List of officers' names and e-mail addresses
  - b. History of the Guild
  - c. Directions to the Craft Center for guild meetings
  - d. List of programs and activities for the year
  - e. *Reciprocal* links to individual members' websites and other pertinent websites (the emphasis is on reciprocal)
  - f. Pictures of events – perhaps; space is not infinite, so we are looking into this.
  - g. Other?
6. The consensus of the group in February seemed to me to be that we don't want a directory on line. We don't want to make it easy for anybody to find individuals' homes. Setting up a portion of the website with password protection is actually not very secure, it can be by-passed. Securing the website would require an additional layer of cost with a provider and software than we don't own. We have all heard of "secure" websites from which personal information was stolen.