



the CHIMNEYVILLE Weavers & Spinners Guild

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From the President

Dear Weavers,

Can you believe that our big day SHEEP TO SHAWL is drawing near. Get ready for this Saturday at the Crafts Center from 9-4 (these are our hours) with shearers showing up for 11 and 1:30 shearing. What an exciting day. Be sure and come in dress for the time, such as long skirts, etc. Those who took Lynda Weghorst Tapestry class are planning on bring their tapestry projects as all were done with wool; some members are bringing looms; knitting projects; carding; and spinning, all with wool so visitors can see the entire process. We are looking for a good turnout from our members.

Hazel Howell is chairperson and has so much help that I hesitate to list the helpers for fear that I will leave someone out. Just look around Saturday and see the busy-bees doing what Hazel says.

Oops, almost forgot to mention that you should bring something for potluck and we will spread this in the kitchen, taking turns eating so all demonstrations can go ahead. Again, Hazel is bring tea and some paper products, so we can furnish the rest.

March meeting was full of fun with Eva Joan Henderson presenting card weaving and members staying that afternoon to learn more about this craft. One thing I learned from Eva Joan, is the usefulness of card weaving to check on relationship of colors and different yarn, also a useful way to check sett for your project.

One confession; I took up too much time on business at the March meeting leaving Eva Joan with limited time prior to 12 to introduce her program. So much of our business must be limited to short discussion; possibly prior introduction via email and mail outs, so that we do not take away from our programs.

So for some business; First, remember that we are collecting dues for the next guild year, which are due now through May. \$20.00 for the year and a questionnaire will be emailed and mailed to check on any changes in address, phone numbers, etc. for next years membership booklet. Please pay Carolyn Campbell and turn in any changes to Karin Roberson.

Second business, ballots have been emailed and mailed for new officers, these need to be returned prior to Friday of this week.

Third business, white elephant in May and Show and Tell at every meeting especially SHEEP TO SHAWL.

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 Craft 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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MINUTES

Sandra opened the meeting, and we discussed Marcy's proposal for a website for the guild. The suggestion for a domain name is currently www.cwsg.com. We discussed possible tags to include in the coding for the website so that search engines would be able to find us. Tag suggestions included: weavers, spinners, hand-crafted, Mississippi, fiber arts, craftsmen, handcrafts, weave, spin, patterns, instructions. We discussed not listing officer's email addresses, just names, and setting up a web-based email account for the guild, with the secretary and president of the guild having access to the account. We discussed the possibility of having educational materials and pamphlets and articles on the website in addition to basic information about the guild. A domain name would cost approximately \$35 to register, and the website would be hosted on Marcy's website. Lu moved that we register the domain www.cwsg.com and set up a guild website. Rosina seconded. The guild voted to approve Marcy's proposal.

Mention was made of setting up a Yahoo group/discussion board for the guild, but discussion of this was postponed for a later date.

The minutes for the March newsletter were approved.

As of the March meeting, we had collected \$297 for the tapestry workshop.

Sandra thanked Carolyn Campbell for leading the February meeting.

Tapestry Workshop: Lu brought the loom she had constructed for the workshop. The materials to build the loom should be available at Michaels or Hobby Lobby. Hazel volunteered to host someone for the workshop if needed. Debbie said she would email directions for the location of the workshop to participants. Announcements were being made in the Rankin, Madison, and Jackson newspapers. Cost of workshop depends on the number of participants.

The SWIC is having a spin-in May 21-23. Lu has registration forms if anyone is interested.

We discussed having the retreat in May as our last meeting for the year. Discussed possibilities of Coldwater Alpaca Ranch in Olive Branch (rooms \$100/night + food and gas) or Top Quality Alpacas near Ocean Springs. A possibility for a place to stay in Ocean Springs would be the Gulf Hills Dude Ranch, for about the same price as the accommodations in Olive Branch. If we held the retreat in south Mississippi, we could invite the coast's guild to participate with us. We are keeping the coast in mind for the

retreat in May and will discuss in the April meeting.

Terri is moving to North Carolina. We will miss her!

Guided Inspirations: not that many of our members participated this year, and Sharon wants to know if we want to participate in the future. Patricia mentioned that many people who see it aren't fine artists, and aren't looking for perfection, and that we shouldn't feel intimidated about exhibiting our work. Sharon is looking for places in the Jackson area to hang the show. Some possibilities suggested include the Municipal Art Gallery, local libraries (though size and security may be an issue with libraries), Millsaps, Belhaven, Archives & History, the new Library Commission on Ridgewood Road. If you have suggestions for a place, let Sharon know. Nancy moved that we participate. Marva seconded, and the guild voted unanimously to participate in Guided Inspirations.

Sheep-to-Shawl

Hazel asked that we dress in period clothing. Julia & Sherry will be giving the event a lot of publicity, and it would be good to make it memorable for those who attend.

We will have a potluck lunch during sheep-to-shawl. We will have use of the kitchen. Hazel will bring plates, etc. & tea. Please bring a dish to

share! We won't all be able to eat at once, so that there will always be someone demonstrating. Debbie & Sandi will handle brochures/signs. Please come around 9:00 to set up. Plan on staying till about 4:00. Sandra will bring a rigid heddle loom w/ wool. Hazel is dressing a loom for a hunting tartan and may need more brown handspun wool. We want a professional shearer, and will probably need to pay the shearer because the cost of gas is so high.

The nominating committee (Marva & Jane) nominate the following for the following offices:

Secretary - Eva-Joan Henderson

Treasurer - Carolyn Campbell

Librarian - Gio Chinchar

We are voting via email/phone/mail, and will have the induction at the May meeting.

Remember that dues for next year are due in May.

Hazel asked if we had a list of books in the library that could be circulated so that we know what we have.

The cabinets:

The motion to purchase the cabinets was amended to purchase four instead of three, to provide room for growth of our library. Marva suggested tabling the motion to purchase the cabinets until the next meeting because there are some questions about the

procedure. The guild voted unanimously to table the motion.

Nancy had exciting news! The dress that she and Jill made (that was exhibited at Roc Day) was accepted into the Convergence fashion show. Congratulations, Nancy!!!

There were many beautiful items in the show-and-tell this month. Thank you to everyone for sharing what you've been working on.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

The next white elephant is in May.

Bring items for show & tell! We want to see what everyone has been up to!

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(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.

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ADS

Any member may post items for sale free of charge. Anyone else must send a \$5.00 check to the Treasurer along with the ad.

SUBMISSION FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for items submitted for publication in the CWSG Newsletter is the fifth day of the month.

Guild Calendar

April 4-6, 2008

Tapestry Workshop

April 19, 2008

Sheep to Shawl

May 17, 2008

Toothbrush Rugs

June 2008

Retreat

July 2008

Summer Meeting at Jane Dollar's