

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners

Newsletter

June 2008

President's Message:

Dear Weavers;

Hope you are coping with this Mississippi June weather better than I am. Working in AC is certainly a down turn for someone who loves the outdoors. When I do have a Saturday off, I literally "work myself to death", as the old saying goes.

Wish I could "work myself to death" at the loom. It calls my name but as usual too many things to do and not enough time. Don't let this happen to you. Go to your loom, spinning wheel, knitting needles, etc. and do something "cool" with yarn. Can't wait until August at Jane Dollar's home for our show and tell getting ready for Chimneyville Christmas tree decorations. These "cool" things can turn into neat things for our Christmas tree project.

All of you fortunate members going to Convergence in Tampa this month, have fun, bring home loads of new ideas, new ways of doing things, old ways of doing new things, souvenirs, pictures, and a great sun tan. Have fun. See you sometime this summer, maybe at the Crafts Center as I try my knitting or weaving in public.

Sandra

May Meeting Highlights:

Sheep to Shawl was very well attended in April. We estimate the attendance at 200 plus people, all asking questions and enjoying the process of making cloth from the wool sheared from the sheep. A big thanks to everyone who participated and to Hazel and her crew for the excellent organization.

The Craftsmen's Guild would like us to continue our demonstrations on an informal basis. So when you want to sit, talk to people, and work on your fibery objects, the Craft Center will provide you a cool place!! Let Hazel know when you can volunteer. Hazel's telephone number and address, 601-859-4836; 1468 Sunset Dr., Canton, MS 39046, since she no longer has email give her a call. She is in charge of the calendar. Any day of the week and time of day is welcomed. Every time I have been at the gift shop there are many out of state visitors and they would love to see some of the producers in action and talk with them.

Winky Allen was voted into the Vice Presidency. We are sorry Carolyn had to resign and wish her well in her current responsibilities that keep her from the office. We are looking forward to the programs for next year. Winky is working on ideas, help her out with programs where you would like to participate or lead.

I presented a program on rag rug techniques. After a brief lunch, many members worked on a "toothbrush" rug technique. Stitches were tried, pulled out and worked again. The toothbrush rug technique developed when stitchers used the handle from a toothbrush that was converted into a large needle and rags were made into a durable rug. This is one of those carry along projects that is child safe and washable.

Calendar Items to consider:

Membership dues are now payable for 2008-09. Please don't miss out on our programs.

The August 16 meeting will be at Jane Dollar's in Starkville, spend the night or just the day, pot luck food and Christmas ornament ideas. More details closer to time, but get your ideas together for ornaments you might like to make and contribute to the Craftsmen's Guild Christmas Tree at the annual sale. Sharon Williams is chairman and ornaments will be juried. Many of the Holiday publications should be appearing on the shelves about this time. We all need plenty of time to procrastinate.

June 15, 2008 Extended Registration for Convergence in Tampa, Florida on June 22-28.
<http://www.weavespindye.org/?loc=3-00-00>

September 12-13, "Jail House Rock" rug hook in, Canton, MS
Please contact Lisanne Miller at 601-859-4252 or
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September 19-20, Gourd Gracious, Collinsville, MS, Booths and classes
<http://gourdgracious.homestead.com/gourds.html>

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