

September 13, 2008

Dear Guild Members:

So much to tell all of you that I thought letter form might be best. I will start in July and go forward.

The July meeting to continue work on "old" weaving patterns was canceled due to so few members that could attend on day set. This will be set again sometime this fall or winter. Marcy and I met to work on By-Laws and such, had a great meeting but I have slowed down the process due to incompatible computers, work, etc. Will get this done this fall or winter and email or mail a copy to all after approved by Board and where necessary voted on by members.

In August, we had a fun day at Jane Dollar's in Oktibbeha County, MS. About 15 or more were in attendance with lots of knitting and talking going on, and don't forget the good food. Thanks Jane for hosting this we always have a great time at your home. Several things were discussed as follows:

1. Next years program schedule from Winki Allen, Vice-President
2. Possibility of a small list of members and their phone numbers to be kept in purse or notebook
3. Back to the smaller booklet instead of the papers size one
4. Reminder of the Fiber Show scheduled at the Crafts Center on Tuesday November 18, 2008
5. Discussion on bringing sample of Christmas Tree ornament to September meeting

During the month of August I received word from EvaJoan Henderson that she was going to have to resign as Secretary of the Guild due to her work schedule, the distance she has to travel for the meetings and her plans to join the Coast Guild. Our standing By-Laws, II. Officers and Elections, Section 4, states: "The Board shall be empowered to fill vacancies in office with the exception that the Vice-President shall automatically become President in the case of a vacancy in the office of President." The Board will consider this matter at our regular board meeting at 9:00 on Saturday, September 20, 2008 and have a report at the regular meeting at 10:00.

Now for September. Patricia Holmberg has the program and she will be bringing a variety of fibers for blending, she will also bring the little drum carder for blending, hand carders and the mini combs. If any members have any fibers they would like to blend, please bring them and we will see what happens. **PLEASE BRING ANY SPINNING WHEELS, HAND HELD SPINDLES, FIBER OR ANY ITEMS USEFUL FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL BE HOLDING THIS PROGRAM DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE PUBLIC AT 11:00.**

EvaJoan Henderson always has hand held spindles, but will not be at this program, so if you want one she can mail same, if in a group they are \$5.00 each plus total shipping and if individual they are \$10.00. **YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, TO LET HER KNOW IF YOU WANT A HAND HELD SPINDLE.**

Please remember to bring a sample of your Christmas tree ornament to the September meeting so that all can see and Sharon can approve. We are looking for a minimum of 10 from as many Guild members as possible to be turned in at the November meeting.

Show and Tell will be sometime during the day and also White Elephant is on odd months.

Julia Daily has requested that several of our meetings be open to the public, being September, October, March, April and May. This means a change in our schedule for these meetings. Board meeting will continue to be at 9 sharp and Guild meeting starting at 10 sharp. Hopefully with emails and such our meeting will be short and to the point with the program personnel going down stairs at about 10:45 and the rest of us at 11:00 for the program for our guild and the public. Then back upstairs at 12 or there about for lunch where more business, Show and Tell, and White Elephant, can be conducted while we eat. Then back downstairs about 1:30 for the after portion of the program.

This will be our schedule for Saturday, September 20th, mainly as a trial to see just how effective this will be and if we can conduct all business as we preform for the public.

Personally, I think we are going to be squeezed for time, BUT this is such a good way to "advertise" our craft that we really need to try this and just see how it is going to work.

Know I am forgetting something and you may have more emails as the week goes on.

Hopefully will see all of you on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

Sandra Mayo