

## Newsletter



**December 2008**

**Happy Birthday Melba Nipper (12/9), Sandi Tucker (12/10), Kathey Cohron !2/25, and Liz Turner 12/27**

### **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 Library

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 participate in the program.

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### **Dear Weavers and Spinners and Knitters and Fiber Lovers:**

Hope this covers our entire guild; also hoping all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ours was wonderful at our new cabins in Lafayette County, MS with 19 ½ family members present. The ½ is a new grandson due in February, who already bears the name of John Alexander Mayo.

My sister-in-law, Helen Jones, from Northern VA writes for a "crafts camp" in Pennsylvania and recently used the word "gathering". I began to think of this word and realized how much it covers and how many ways it can be used.

We have a gathering each month when we get together; a special gathering for Loom Crawl; an extra special gathering each summer. But how about when two or more are gathered together to just enjoy our crafts and our joy in fiber. What fun to just talk about fibers and their uses, what fun since we all speak the same language and are interested in the same crafts.

I have related to several of you how much our group means to me since, as far as I know, there are no weavers in Winston County, MS. There is no one who speaks the language and are interested in the craft. If I could only draw one new person to weaving I would feel like I had accomplished something.

I am writing this prior to Crafts Festival and can hardly wait to see the Christmas tree. What a great way to spread our craft. Thank you Julia for inviting us to participate, and Sharon for chairing this project. A big thanks goes to all the members who participated.

See you at Loom Crawl if not sooner.

**Sandra Mayo, President.**

## CWSG PROGRAMS 08-09

**August 16, 2008-** Not an official meeting- summer trip to Jane Dollar's home- Marva will teach felting projects for Christmas tree decorations.

1. **September 20**, Blending fine fiber with Patricia Holmberg. She will bring Angora rabbit ready for plucking! Downstairs

2. **October 18**: Spinning, plying, finishing with Marva Goodman and Jane Dollar. Downstairs

3. **November 15**: Terry Dwyer- Loom and Spinning Wheel Maintenance. Delivery and Show and Tell of Christmas tree decorations for the tree.

4. **December 13(2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)**: Loom Crawl - Meridian- starting at Winki Allen's house with appetizers, and then to Nancy Landrum's house for the meal.

5. **January 17**: Program: Marcy Petrini- FIBER

6. **February 21**: Textile show- audio-visual or other presentation

7. **March 21**: Navajo techniques on the tapestry loom by Nancy Landrum. Downstairs at the Craft's Center. \*

8. **April 18**: expanded Sheep to Shawl: shearing, washing, dyeing, carding, spinning, warping and weaving, sequenced and with visuals. Patricia Holmberg will bring her sheep. On the porch and outside at the Craft's Center

9. **May 16**: felting woven scarves by Winki Allen. On the porch at the Craft's Center.

## Dates to remember

**January 10, 2009 ROC Day:** in New Orleans

Beginning February 24: ***Small Expressions to showcase fiber art of a small at the Mississippi Crafts Center***

## Treasurer's Report

Two checks for a total of \$58.50 ( HGA membership and new locks for library cabinets)

Total of deposits = 86.00

Ending balance = 3,165.05

Carolyn Campbell  
Treasurer

## Minutes of November 15, 2008 meeting

In President Sandra Mayo's absence, Winki Allen led the meeting.

The minutes of the October 18, 2008 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report as it appeared in the November newsletter was approved.

### Old Business:

Marcy Petrini reported that the Website is up and running. You can access it at [www.cvillewsg.com](http://www.cvillewsg.com). Those who said at the last meeting that they would provide pictures for the web-site did not do so. If you have digital pictures of any Guild-related event from the past year, please forward them to Marcy for inclusion on the website. Terry Dwyer gave a quick tour of the website. The Guild is very appreciative of the efforts by Terry, Marcy, and Debbie Stringer for construction of the Website.

**Action item:** It was moved and seconded that to show our appreciation that we provide a gift certificate to these individuals. It was left to the Board to determine to what restaurant and in what amount.

The remaining ornaments for the Christmas trees were collected. Marcy mentioned that she and Sharon Williams were getting together this week to price ornaments.

**Volunteers** are needed at 1PM on **December 5** at the Trade Mart to help decorate the Christmas trees for Chimneyville Crafts Festival

Hazel Howell reported on the further preparations for Sheep-to-Shawl. Chairs for the various stations were name and are as follows: 1. Sheep and shearing: Patricia Holmberg, 2. Washing and drying: Katey Carter, 3. Carding: Patricia Holmberg, 4. Dyeing: Jane Dollar, 5. Spinning: Marva Goodman, 6. Knitting: Barbara Mitchell, 7. Weaving: Nancy Landrum. The chairs will be responsible for getting information and pictures about their topic to Katey Carter and Liz Turner who will prepare foam board posters. It was also suggested that two other stations be added. The seventh station would be "other things to do with wool" such as felting, etc. Winki Allen will chair this component. Inside near the reception desk an eighth station devoted to more contemporary weave structures will be set up. Margaret Pittman will chair this.

### New Business:

ROC day is New Orleans, January 10, 2009. Individuals have expressed an interest in carpooling. Margaret Pittman is leaving on Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday and asked if there was interest in caravanning. There was. Nancy McCowan has a van that can accommodate seven and said she could leave on Friday afternoon. The organizers of ROC day were going to look into hotels and get back to us. We can talk further about this at Loom Crawl or via e-mail.

**Loom Crawl is Dec. 13, 2008 at Winki Allen's and Nancy Landrum's Directions will be forthcoming via e-mail.**

Sandi Tucker reported that no one was able to volunteer at the Harvest Festival at the Ag Museum this year. The request came too late. Sandi informed Elizabeth that we would need notification the first of September next year, if we were to participate. This would give the Guild ample time to get volunteers.

There were many items in Show and Tell. Just about everyone wore something that they made, including Jane Klinck's socks!!!!

After the White Elephant, Terry Dwyer presented the program on ***Loom and Spinning Wheel Maintenance***. He pointed out the parts of the loom that need to be maintained on a fairly regular basis, even to how to care for the wood. In our humid Southern environment, the information about rust removal and treatment thereafter was a must. The talk was very well received and we assured him that after we went home and checked out our looms, we would have questions. Thank you Terry.

Gio Chinchar, Secretary

**A note from Debbie Stringer:**

**CWSG in SS&D**

CWSG is well represented in the fall 2008 issue of *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot*. In addition to Marcy's regular "Right From the Start" column, the magazine's coverage of Convergence includes three photos of Marcy--- including her famous first pitch at the Tampa Bay Rays game--and a photo of the handwoven red crepe dress by Nancy Landrum and Jill Hammes, from the Convergence fashion show and exhibition.