

Every year, the 1st Saturday in January after the New Year weekend, fiber enthusiasts get together for “Roc Day”. Legend has it that the women got back to their spinning and weaving after Epiphany, January 6, signaling the end of the holiday season. Traditionally Roc Day is the day after, January 7; “roc” is an old German word for the distaff, a tool that holds fiber ready for spinning, either attached to the spinning wheel or stand-alone.

In the Gulf States, the hosting of Roc Day is rotated among various guilds; we get together allegedly to practice our crafts, but mostly to visit with old friends, make new ones and shop at the market.

In 2008 Roc Day will be co-hosted by the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild and by the Craftsmen’s Guild of Mississippi and will be held on January 5 at the beautiful new Craft Center. Registrations are only \$20 and will include lunch, goodie bags and a chance at door prizes. Demonstrations and a fashion show will be the highlight of the Roc Day along with the market. Vendor registration is \$25 per booth. The event will be open to the public.

For more information and for registration forms, please see our web site which is updated regularly:

<http://www.rocday2008.com>