



From the "Prez":

I regret that I will miss our kickoff in September, but I have an invitation and a free place to stay in Hilton Head. No, no good looking man involved except my sister's husband and please don't worry, she will also be there! Sharon Williams will lead as vice president. I know she will do a good job. Please see her note in this newsletter to prepare for the program she has put together for us. Please forgive, and I do hate to miss. I will be taking my 98 year old mom, and possibly Barbara Mitchell will go also.

Great News! Sandi Tucker's wedding was lovely, and she is so happy. She is already a world traveler in her new life, and we should get some exciting reports on the rare occasions when we see her. Perhaps even on weaving in foreign countries. Sandi's beauty, both outer and inner, was so apparent on her wedding day. Paul Klooiistra is a lucky man....

Very Sad News! Carolyn Nichols has just been through the death of her husband, Nick. We all extend our sympathy to her. Carolyn, let us know how we can be of help to you. Having walked this path in recent years, I assure you that any act of support for Carolyn will be much appreciated. I know how much y'all meant to me when Randy died. Please be assured that knowing the right thing to say is not necessary; there is no right thing. The only thing is to be available....

Program Planning: We approved the motion regarding paying for the travel for the New Orleans Guild reps to do the program on rigid heddle weaving and the rebuilding of their guild. But, they have had to delay until February. We will vote on the following: **Transfer the gas money approved for their September travel to the rescheduled date. Also, we will need one pet-free, smoke-free home and two other homes to put them up in. I can supply one of those. This prevents the need for anyone to pay a motel bill. Also if you have a rigid heddle loom, please notify me.**

This is a repeat reminder: Please continue to work on Christmas ornaments for the Chimneyville Festival. Sharon has come up with some new ideas. She did not get to bring them in July but will share at the September meeting if you are still seeking inspiration at that point. Sharon, thank you for coming up with some really cute and easy ideas! The rest of us: please bring more ideas to share in September: The more, the better. I understand that the Craftsmen are counting on us.

Also a repeat reminder: Red scarves are needed for women's heart health project. Please turn in to new chair Kathy Cohron.

Those who are working on a quilting project with Debbie Stringer please have ready by the September meeting and turn in to her at that time, as planned.

I will leave a list of committees and volunteers needed for you to indicate your interest. Please know that everyone is needed to do her/his part to keep the guild running!

Let's kick off the year with a great Show and Tell! Also, let's bring those White Elephants we have been saving as we cleaned out through the summer months. The Library Fund always needs money. Beverly Milner will be in charge of this.

Marva Goodman has been tied up with a major house renovation, so we are not ready to move forward with a Daryl Lancaster workshop proposal yet. We will wait on that until Marva comes up for air.

Again, I will miss y'all. Have a great September meeting. See you as soon as possible.

Lu

September 19th meeting:

The Sept meeting will be a Guild Share. I would like everyone to bring at least one helpful hint they have learned over the years. Anything that has been learned in previous workshops, classes, in reading or whatever that makes creating easier. Also, show and tell any work done this summer. I also think that Lu said we were having the white elephant sale too.

I will be providing the food and drink for the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sharon Williams
Vice-president

Treasurer's Report

One debit this month: Check to Sandi Tucker for name tag reimbursement \$8.56
Ending balance: \$3202.37

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Of interest:

October 17: "Sheep (Goat) to Shawl. Will take place at the Desoto Art Council, Hernando, Mississippi. 10:00am to 4:00pm. All Types of Fiber animals, processing etc.... This will be the first year and we are hoping to make it an annual Fall Fiber event. Bring your spinning wheels, knitting and join in the fun! For more information, contact Patricia Holmberg and/or Sharon Williams.

Loom for Sale:

It is complete and he has the manual, etc. If interested call Mike Cartwright at 601-982-5467

Next Weaving and Spinning Class:

Instructor: Marcy Petrini

September 22 – November 24, 2009

Tuition: \$170 for the 10 week session

Times: 7:00 – 9:00pm on Tuesday nights

September 26 and 27: Alpaca Farm Days

All are invited to Coldwater Alpaca Farm, Coldwater MS.

COMING SOON!!

Coldwater Fall Fiber Festival & Shearing

Coldwater Alpaca Ranch

September 26 & 27, 2009

This event is in conjunction with National Alpaca Farm Day which is the last weekend in September every year. We will be listed as a participant on the AOBA (Alpaca Owner's and Breeder's Assoc.) website. We'll still be shearing too only this time **we're shearing our Angora goats for that fabulous mohair!** We will continue to add vendors and exhibitors and **WE WANT YOU!** The Spring Fiber Festival & Shearing was a great success even with the early morning rain. We had a fantastic turnout and some great free advertising from the Memphis Flyer. The guests were very complimentary of all the wonderful people that were exhibiting, shearing, and selling. We want everyone to have a great time, meet fiber animals (alpacas, llamas, goats, sheep and rabbits), see and touch a variety of fibers, experience goat shearing, see fiber arts demonstrations and hopefully BUY fiber (all of our yarn and rovings from this year's shearing will be ready) and fiber related items (hand knits, felted items, and more) !!!.

These are some of the vendors & exhibitors from last spring:

- John & Fran Schneider with functional wood products for home and fiber artists
- Lisanne Miller with rug making supplies and demonstration
- Gwen Townes with her pies & cakes
- Pearl's Marketplace with alpaca goods & bath products
- Nathan & Sandy Shaddigan with the pack llamas & treks through the property
- Alpaca yarn from Joe Pate Moore's farm & John and Edna Arnold's farm
- Numerous spinners including Debra Robinson, Nichol Treuil, Melissa Weipert and others

I would love to see llamas on an obstacle course, (Rebecca? along with Nathan & Sandy again with the trekking), sheep and some recent fiber that was sheared (Nichol?), baby goats (excuse me kids), crias (mine probably, which are growing like weeds), Suri alpacas (Roger & James?), a cart animal, a pack animal, whatever you want to do. Also, I know several of you have fiber that is sitting around the house just waiting to be sold, bring it!

We need lots of vendors, if you know someone please have them contact me ASAP. There will be a minimal charge this time for vendors, \$20.00, to help out with advertising costs. You need to bring your own tables, chairs and canopy (if you want one). The event is on Saturday & Sunday this time and is rain or shine. People called me last year from 100 miles away to say, "if you're having it, I'm coming, I don't care about the rain." However the rain had stopped by 10:00 am and we had a GREAT day.

Demonstrators: We need artists to demonstrate felting, weaving and spinning or any other fiber related art. If you know of someone or YOU want to do it, please let me know.

If you have a logo or business name you want me to include in advertising and press releases please send it on. **I need to have all the commitments by August 15th** in order to include you in the mailings, press releases, etc. If you have a mailing list that you would like me to include, especially email addresses please send those on also. I will be doing direct mail and email invitations. If you have any suggestions for improvement over last spring, please send that info to me also.

Hope to hear from ALL of you soon.

Cathy & Bucky

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ALL GUILD MEETINGS:

Guild Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month (September through May) at 10:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Crafts Center Library

CWSG Board Meeting will start at 9:00 during the regular Guild schedule unless otherwise notified by President.

You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch and stay the afternoon to fellowship and work with fellow weavers and spinners. You will be notified in the newsletter of any programs or teaching sessions that will continue in the afternoon.

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