



Happy Birthday

**Lu Harding October 8
Carolyn Nichols October 8**

Letter from the Prez., October 2009:

Hello to all you members of CWSG:

Thank you for being such wonderful sports for the September meeting. I heard absolutely NO complaints about having to share the facility with the quilters. And I heard that y'all had a very good meeting and program. Thanks to all who participated.

WE WILL NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL OCTOBER MEETING. Please note this for your calendar. I personally really, really hate to cancel a meeting; but it seems the reasonable thing to do when we already know that about 8 to 12 of our members cannot attend on our usual date in October. The idea of re-scheduling, with all the other events that take place in October like fall festivals and fund raisers, is pretty impractical, I think. So, we will not make a habit of this; but just this once, no official meeting.

So, if you want to spin or weave at the Craft Center that day, please let Sherri Cox or myself know. It would be fun for a few folks to get together and do this. It might even be cool enough to spin outside. And the Craft Center likes for us to demonstrate. So, it can be a work day for those who are not involved other places. This suggestion came, I hear, from Debbie Stringer. Thank you, Debbie. Great idea!

Sharon is working hard on a special November program. And I have an optional "project" idea to present to you, just for those who want to participate. Please send your program ideas and suggestions to Sharon. Good programs are important, and they are very hard to produce!

Please be working on heart scarves to turn in to Kathy Cohron and quilt pieces for the Debbie Stringer-led project. (I am overdue, with apologies to Debbie! But I see a time slot coming up, and I will get it done, Debbie, I promise.)

And, please be working on those Christmas ornaments for the Chimneyville Festival. We donate those to support the Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild as a thank you for the regular use of their space for our meetings. For you new members, our goal is 10 each. The ornament should be handcrafted, preferably with fiber involved. The MCG presents these as a thank you to all those who make a \$10 donation. The donating person gets to select his/her own ornament, so we want them to be special. I understand that our meeting room ordinarily would rent for \$300 for each use, but we get it for no charge. So, we do want to show our appreciation. Thank you to our members who are members of MCG for helping make these arrangements.

More to come from Marva as she works on a proposal for a workshop on sewing handwovens to be held in the Spring with Daryl Lancaster. Hopefully, when her kitchen renovation is completed, she will have more time to put the proposal on paper.

CWSG member Margaret Pittman had a trunk showing of her beautiful hand dyed yarns at The P Is for Primitive shop in Canton on October 2. She also showed several sweaters she had knitted using her yarns, and they were lovely (though regrettably not my size). Margaret is an excellent knitter as well as dyer, and does not hesitate to modify a pattern or make one up to get the look she wants! (Do I smell a program or maybe even two here?) Her business is Heritage Yarns if you want to look her up on the Web. She in the past did a wholesale business, but now sells only retail—good news for us individuals.

I was at Hilton Head Island, staying in my sister and her husband's time share condo, in September. Hilton is a beautiful place, obviously planned very carefully. Barbara Mitchell helped me take my 98 year old mother; and I could not have made it without her help, as my mother became somewhat confused out of her usual surroundings. We had to be extremely flexible in everything we did to consider her. The place is beautiful; the condo was nice, complete with hot tub and pool and balcony for coffee with a view of the lovely marshes. Barbara and I took Mother through Savannah's old district. We also visited Charleston's historic area for a day and saw their sweetgrass basket makers. We visited a needlework and knitting shop and a rug hooking shop on Hilton Head island—very expensive places! We did not buy. Again, thanks to you for allow us to miss the meeting and spend this time in a beautiful place (which was FREE to us) with family and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you in November. I will get committee assignments out as soon as I get the volunteer sign up sheets from Sharon. She and I should meet next week.

Try to find some time to weave and spin and have fiber fun! **Lu**

Minutes September 19, 2009 meeting

Sharon Williams presided in President Lu Harding's absence.

There was a special thank you to Sandra Mayo, the immediate past-president of the guild, for her service. She was presented with a hand-crafted pin in the form of a weaving structure. Sandra was very appreciative of the gesture; she said she enjoyed her tenure as Guild President.

New members Angel Sullivan, Donna Peyton, Larry Howard, Jennifer Kersh-Howard, Tammy Merritt, and Sharon Humble were warmly welcomed.

Best Lesson/Idea/Tip was the lead off program for the start of the CWSG new year. Some of the helpful ideas included the following: follow instructions; if you make a mistake, follow it; use properly prepared fleece; someone keeps all the tips she comes across on a sheet at the beginning of her weaving binder; if making mistakes due to tiredness, not enough light, or too much wine, stop and pick it up later; don't be afraid to experiment; keep in mind the Artist's Prayer from the Artists' Way; never have an empty loom; go in the loom room, lock the door, ignore the teenager; learn well the way to do things and then adapt it to fit your ways; do what works for you; if I want a perfect yarn, I'll go to the store and buy it; don't card your own fleece, the more on the card is not better; there is no one way to do things, if it works a certain way for one person, it may not be the same for the next.

The program was followed by Show and Tell and White Elephant.

Business meeting:

Thank yous were extended to the Howard's for the July get together at their farm; to Marcy for letting us participate in the Yarn Sale; and to all of us for our patience with the Quilt Show at the Craft Center today.

Debbie Stringer received Quilt Blocks for the project for Sandi Tucker.

We were reminded about our commitment to the Red Scarf project. Kathy Cohron will collect the scarves and take them to St. Dominic's. For those who are new to the Guild I have attached an information sheet about the Red Scarf project.

We were also reminded about our commitment to make ornaments for Chimneyville. Beverly Milner showed us some sheep ornaments that she and Caroline made; Sharon showed some stars; and Sandra showed some knitted sweaters.

The theme for **Guided Inspirations 2010** is *Think Pink*. Items that are knitted, crocheted, woven, etc. must be ready by January to give to Sharon. These items must include some pink in the final product. These textiles will be displayed at North Mississippi Community College Art Gallery in Senatobia and then someplace in the central part of the state.

Sheets were passed around for members to sign up for various committees and activities.

Marva talked about the Lancaster Workshop – dates would be about May 6, 7, 8, 9. Marva will send out a form for you to indicate if you wish to participate and if so in which workshop you might be interested.

Action item: A motion was made to approve the moving of the program by the NO guild to February. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was originally scheduled for September, but the NO Guild could not make it at that time.

Action item: It was moved, seconded, and passed that the CWSG give \$140 to the Fiber trust of HAG. Usually CWSG gives \$100 per year. The extra \$40 is in celebration of HGA's 40th year.

Patricia Holmberg shared information about the Fiber to Fabric program supported by the DeSoto Arts council on Oct. 17 in Hernando, MS.

Patricia Holmberg has two hand cotton carders (Clemes) that were "left over" at Sheep-to-shawl. If they belong to you please contact Patricia.

Gio Chinchar, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Deposit of \$80 (dues)
No debits on this statement
Ending balance 3,282.64

We have a certificate of deposit that renewed on 9-22-09 at 1.74% in the amount of \$1324.80

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Request from Debbie Stringer:

If you are participating in the special project with Debbie and have not yet turned in your work, please email her (news@epaofms.com) as soon as possible to let her know you haven't forgotten—and when to expect your work.

Loom for Sale:

8 shaft, 15" Schacht table loom. Like new. 2 SS reeds, inserted eye heddles. \$450.00 Call 601.664.2125 .

A note from Librarian Beverly Milner:

Here is a list of the books from our library that are "missing in action".

If anyone knows the whereabouts of these books please help them find their way back to our library.

Make a Quilt in a Day E. Burns
Handbook of Brazilian Stitches for Wall Hangings and Rugs S. Carter
The Art and Craft of Paper Making S. Dawson
Paper Quilling M. Johnston
Crafts and Hobbies Readers Digest
Spinning Designer Yarns D. Varney
Sewing Spaces L. Black
Director of Textile Collections in the United States and Canada HGA
The Technique of Freeform Design N. Searles
Chart 'n Stitch-Reproducible Graph Paper Serendipity Designs
Textile Arts Index 1950-1987 S. Wilson
Card Weaving C. Crockett
Designing and Drafting for Handweavers B. Frey
Card Weaving R. Groff
Rugs M. Johnson
Make Your Own Rugs D Kirsch
Warp and Weave R. LeClerc
Rug Making from Start to Finish J. Scobey
Designing to Weave and Sew J. Scorgie
Patterns for Handspun P. Simmons
Tartan for Me P. Smith
Handweaving State Board of Vocational Education
A Weaver's Book of 8 Shaft Patterns C. Strickler
Back Strap Weaving-Fun and Easy E. Tallaksen
The Warp- A weaving Reference B. Tate
Handwoven's Design Collection M. van der Hoogt

If I have made an error concerning these books, forgive me, it was not intentional.

A note from Winki Allen:

The NOWG Educational Committee has awarded the 2009-10 Youth Educational Grant, to Winki Allen. Ms Allen teaches artistically gifted students at Southeast Elementary School in Meridian, Mississippi. Her proposal to work with children, teaching weaving, most fits the vision of our Guild's educational focus. Her students spend five continuous hours, one day per week, in her classroom. Ms. Allen says this length of time allows her adequate time for exploration of fine crafts in addition to art.

Here is what Ms. Allen has to say about weaving and children...“I believe weaving helps build critical thinking skills, communication and language skills, and math skills. Children are introduced to color theory and learn the fundamentals of art and art/craft vocabulary. In addition, many children are immensely successful in weaving. Success in art and fine craft builds self-esteem and enables children to build social skills. Lastly, it is critical for those of us who are weavers to allow young people the opportunity to observe and learn this fine craft.”

The \$300 has been well spent; purchasing new Cricket looms for her classroom. Click the web address www.nowg.org to see the article and a link to the photo gallery of pictures that will be updated regularly as the school year progresses.

The looms will be busy all year long as Ms. Allen plans on doing hands-on weaving demonstrations and summer classes for children as well as the traditional classroom work. We can all look to seeing her, and the looms, at the Threefoot Art Festival in Meridian and the Chimneyville Weaver's Sheep-to-Shawl in Jackson, Mississippi this upcoming year.



First Four finished scarves!

MISSISSIPPI HEARTSCARVES PROJECT

WomenHeart

National Coalition of Women with Heart Disease

Mission: To improve the quality of life and healthcare for women living with heart disease, and to advocate for their benefit

The Red Scarf Project originated in San Diego, CA where in 2005, Marilyn and Suzie, enthusiastic spokeswomen for WomenHeart, decided they would like to support their 'heart sisters', by giving each of them a hand-made red scarf. They started knitting. It soon became clear that there was no way that they, even with the help of dedicated friends, could make all the scarves that were needed.

Other knitters and weavers soon joined them and scarves began to pour in.

MISSISSIPPI will be the first state to join in this effort to support women with Heart Disease through the RED SCARF

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Our plan is simple:

MAKE A SCARF MAKE IT RED

CALL US

We will do the rest!

Our goal is to present a RED SCARF to each member of the local WomenHeart support groups, to women undergoing cardiac procedures and to some of the outstanding people who are advancing the cause of heart health for women. These scarves are about the connection from Heart to Heart. They are never for sale.

Call 662-746-8106

Email: tina@bradfordaglab.com or centralmiss@womenheart.org

- Our purpose is simple:

1. Support women already living with Heart Disease

Educate women about their vulnerability to Heart Disease

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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