



Happy Birthday

Sandi Tucker Kooistra December 10
Kathy Cohron December 25
Liz Turner December 27

Condolences and prayers are extended to Nancy Landrum on the passing of her Father.

Letter from the Prez, December 2009:

Hello to all:

Thank you for understanding the absence of our planned program leaders at our Nov. meeting. Sharon and Marva both had out of town family emergency situations, which we all understand must take precedence. Thanks to you all and to Anne Marsh, knitter supreme and the ultimate recycler, who advised us on possibilities for odds and ends and those things we have woven that we do not know what to do with....

Thanks to Barbara and Nancy for great refreshments. I don't think I needed any lunch!

Thanks to all who contributed ornaments for the Chimneyville Festival. They are in some cases very beautiful and in some cases really cute! Good job!

Our Loom Crawl has had to move since Larry Howard has not yet recovered from his knee surgery. We will need to reschedule those Mississippi sleigh rides for another time. The Howards had volunteered to chair and host our Loom Crawl; but we specialize in flexibility, so we will carry on and hope to see them back with us soon.

Kathy Cohron has agreed to host us at her house, although she is leaving town for Christmas and will not have decorated. Also, she cautions that her house is rather small. She recommends that we plan to be flexible about our sitting (the young and agile may have to take to the floor.) Kathy will also supply drinks (soft). Thank you, Kathy, for filling in when we needed you; we always count on you!

I am substituting for the Howards in the party chairmanship role: I am asking that you bring food as follows:

Appetizers if your last name begins with A-F

Vegetable or fruit side dish if G-L

Meat, poultry, fish, pork, or cheese dish if M-R -- might be a chicken casserole, I don't mean a whole turkey or ham here.

Dessert if S-Z

This should work as long as you RSVP me as to whether you are coming or not and also tell me what you plan to bring. That way, if we get overloaded in one arena and undersupplied in another, I can ask others who call to adjust their dish. Please call me at 601 824 9141 and leave me a message as to your attendance and your dish.

The time for the party is 10:30. Please, if you want to do the gift exchange, limit your purchases to \$20. It can be hand made (by someone, not necessarily you) or a fiber related gift (you know, like a loom, ha!). The gift exchange, as always, is OPTIONAL. Please wrap your gift and add a From card and YOUR name. We will do a numbering system and draw numbers as in the past.

Please consider the proposal which Gio will include with the newsletter on page 4. This is for a workshop by Daryl Lancaster. Our maximum potential financial exposure is estimated at about \$800 (can't be sure due to unknown air fare), and we can make a go or no-go decision as to whether to assume that after we see what the workshop participation will be. If we can't finance the workshop with participants' fees, we will not proceed with the project. If we vote to do this, we will be recruiting participants during the month of January and make a final decision by February 7th. I understand that Daryl is a fine weaver, sewer, and teacher, well known and highly respected in the field. The Board feels this is an excellent opportunity to bring in a well-known, so to speak Big Name, to our area. The Board is presenting this to you as a motion on the floor. We will vote at the December party, our only business item. We will discuss at the party, so bring any questions to Kathy's. And, yes, you can do the vest workshop with regular cloth if you are unable to weave a piece of yardage by time for the workshop in early May.

We have two Big events ahead of us: our Christmas party and the visit by the New Orleans weavers in February. And the possibility of a third: the Daryl Lancaster Workshop and Lectures. Exciting!

See you all at the party! I will be the one whose mouth is full..... Lu, your "prez"

Minutes November 21, 2009 meeting

President Lu Harding opened the meeting by having each member introduce themselves. She then welcomed Anne Marsh who was invited to help with the program which was how to recycle out "Leftovers".

Odds & Ends & Leftovers: Anne shared with us how she "recycled" some of her leftovers. Her mother-in-law had made some seat covers which were never used. Anne converted them into purses. The necklace Anne was wearing (Carolyn Campbell took a picture, if you were not at the meeting and would like to see k, it.) was recycled from her grandmother's jewelry box, various earrings and other gewgaws. She made a camera bag from leftover needlepoint yarn (knit and felted). From an old sweater, she made a new sweater for her granddaughter. She also had some fun tassels that she made using leftover yarn. Debbie Stringer shared a placemat that she quilted using scraps. She did this during a rainy weekend at Roosevelt State Park. She also made ornaments out of scraps and some vintage buttons. Sharon Humble shared with us what she did with little looms (4" and 2"). One of the looms was a vintage 1934 wood loom. Using these looms she wove squares with scrap yarn. She had an old ficus tree from which she removed the leaves, spray painted it white, strung some lights around the trunk and used the squares as ornaments. She calls it her "weavette" tree. Lu brought a number of items (her first knit afghan, unfinished sweater, woven pieces of various kinds) and asked for suggestions. The suggestions included making vests, pillows, table runners, Christmas stockings, to name a few.

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

Business meeting:

Debbie Stringer reported that the Quilt project is still a work in progress.

We were reminded about our commitment to the Red Scarf project. Kathy Cohron will collect the scarves and take them to St. Dominic's.

Ornaments for Chimneyville were turned in. Sandra Mayo, in keeping with the theme of the program, showed the Christmas sweater ornaments that she knitted from left over yarn. Caroline made some lovely hearts, Debbie had the quilted squares, and Liz Turner brought Hazel's ornaments which are Carolina snowflakes made from reeds.

Lu handed out committee/refreshment assignments. These are as follows:

Committee/Refreshment Assignments

Hospitality: Jan: Carolyn Campbell, Beverly Milner

Hospitality: Feb.: Jenni Kersh and Larry Howard (may need to change),

Hospitality: Mar: Kathy Cohron

Hospitality: April: open

Hospitality: May: open

Library: Beverly is librarian, of course, Nancy McCowan on committee

Loom crawl: open – Kathy Cohron

White elephant: Carolyn Campbell

Chimney festival decorations: Sharon Williams

Exhibits shows: Sharon Williams, Chmn, Marva Goodman committee

Education: open (Gio Chinchar will explore with Daryl Lancaster)
Publicity: Debbie Stringer
Membership: Liz Turner
Sheep to shawl: Darlene, Gio Chinchar, Larry and Jenni (hopefully, Larry will be all well!)
Ways and means: Jane Klink
Liaison with other guilds: Sharon Williams
Liaison with MCG: Lu Harding
Heart health red scarves: Kathy Cohron
Audit: Nancy Landrum
Parliamentarian: Barbara Mitchell
Community service: Winki Allen
Retreat (could be combined with a workshop possibly): Jane Dollar

Lu reported that Marva will not be able to chair the Lancaster Workshop. Gio agreed to get some information about price, space, and class topic and share it with the guild members to see who might be interested.

Nancy McGowan and Kathy Cohron volunteered to host members of the New Orleans guild who will be presenting the February program.

The Loom Crawl will be held on Dec. 12 and it was agreed that there will be a gift exchange. The home made gift should have a value of approximately \$20.

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.

Gio Chinchar
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Credit - \$60

Debits - none

Ending balance = \$3146.88

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Program:

December 21, 2009: Loom Crawl at Kathy Cohron's. The directions to her home can be found at the following link. If you need further guidance, please call Kathy.

<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/9-bo5zZpn0OX3i>

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Debbie Stringer thought that this may be of interest to some of our members. She paraphrased from the Clarion-Ledger's Jack Sunn column:

Hospital volunteers use donated yarn, fabric

Someone recently asked the Clarion-Ledger's Jack Sunn columnist where one can donate leftover yarn, fabric and other materials from quilting projects. Jack said to take the stuff to the Methodist Rehabilitation Center on Woodrow Wilson Drive in Jackson. Bettye Sullivan, volunteer director for The Wilson Foundation at the center, says the materials are used to make wheelchair walker bags, quilts and lap blankets for the patients. For information, contact Sullivan at (601) 364-3474 or e-mail bettyesullivan@wilsonfoundation.org.

Proposal for Daryl Lancaster Workshop/Seminars
Co-sponsored by Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild and the Central MS Sewing Guild
May 6, 7, 8, 9

May 4	Reception at Craft Center 5:30 – 7:30	Cost: Members of CWSG and Central MS Sewing Guild will provide refreshments
May 5	2 ½ hour lecture 1:00 – 3:30 pm Seams Great: Creative Seam and Edge Finishing for Wow! Garments www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Seam_Finish_Lecture.pdf	Cost: Her cost is \$200 Charge \$25 for attendance. Need 8 participants to break even. Craft Center has agreed to let us use the Harbor View Room
May 5	2 ½ hour lecture 6:30 – 9:00 pm Color and Inspiration www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Color_and_Inspiration2HrLecture.pdf	Cost: Her cost is \$200 Charge \$25 for attendance. Need 8 participants to break even. Craft Center has agreed to let us use the Harbor View Room
May 6	2 ½ hour lecture 1:00 – 3:30 pm Closures www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Closures_Lecture.pdf	Cost: Her cost is \$200 Charge \$25 for attendance. Need 8 participants to break even. Craft Center has agreed to let us use the Harbor View Room
May 6	2 ½ hour lecture 6:30 – 9:00 pm Photographing Your Work www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Photographing_your_work.pdf	Cost: Her cost is \$200 Charge \$25 for attendance. Need 8 participants to break even. Craft Center has agreed to let us use the Harbor View Room
May 7, and 8	2 day workshop sponsored by CWSG and Central MS Sewing Guild 9 am – Noon 1 to 4 pm Jumpstart Vest All levels are welcome. Maximum enrollment =15 Materials fee: \$25.00 includes interfacing, pattern paper and handout. www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/JumpstartVestWorkshop.pdf	Cost: \$800 plus airfare to be shared with Memphis Guild. (\$200 est) = \$1000 Participant cost: \$100 Rankin Extension Building has been reserved – no cost to us.

Any monies made in excess of the \$200 for the lectures will go to the Craft Center.

Sharon Williams has agreed to pick Daryl up from Memphis and transport her to Jackson.

Someone has volunteered to host Daryl during her stay here. If that does not work out for one reason or another, others have volunteered. So there will be no cost for hosting her.

Sheri Cox has volunteered to get out publicity for the lectures.

Registration for the lectures will be handled by the Craft Center. Deadline for Registration and fee will be March 15.

The Jumpstart Vest Workshop is co-sponsored by the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild and the Central MS Sewing Guild. Registration for the workshop will be handled by these organizations. Sharron Belew (601-825-1462) is the contact person for the Central MS Sewing Guild and ?????? is the contact person for CWSG. Deadline for registration and the \$100 fee will be Feb. 8.

Daryl said she would like a firm commitment, if possible, by Feb 11.

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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