



Happy Birthday

Marcy Petrini March 12
Mike Harrower March 14
Nancye McCowan March 14
Hazel Howell March 26

March 2010 letter from the Prez:

Many many thanks to Margaret Pittman for her program on dyeing at our February meeting. I learned a lot. Her yarns are so beautiful and her colors so pure. She made me want to go get messy! I lack a good place to dye. But warmer weather should open up the back yard for that possibility. Thank you for reminding us of the safety tips, also, Margaret. Now, soon, we want you and our other fiber professionals to tell us about building your fiber businesses. We are so fortunate to have y'all in our Guild to share what you have learned, much in the school of hard knocks.... Thank you again.

And I usually thank the refreshment person, but since that was me in February, I will say thank you to you for not complaining about no home cooking. I plan to turn on my stove after I retire, but probably I will not get that done any time in the near future.

Sharon is doing our program in March. We will be learning more about felting. Thank you, Sharon; and we look forward to your sharing with us on another topic. (Insert from Sharon: Fiber supplies will be provided for \$5.00. Please bring scissors, dish towel, beads & needle or anything for decoration, optional.....felting needles, hair dryer, rubber gloves)

Please be thinking about Red Scarves for Hearts and also Sheep to Shawl and what your contribution will be to the success of that day. It will be April 17th. Liz Turner is chairing. Gio is going to include a sign up sheet with the newsletter. If you did not sign up at the February meeting, please do so, picking the area you will enjoy the most.

Please note in the minutes a motion that we approve \$250 for expenses for our next Show next spring. Sharon will be re-locating this to a place that will work better for us all. We have just learned that Sharon has been personally bearing the expenses of the shows for quite a while (although she says they were quite reasonable), and we need to take these on as a Guild. We will vote on this motion next time. Thank you to Sharon for her work as Show Chairman, a post she has had for a long, long time.

If you have a suggestion for any office, please let me know. I will shortly be appointing the nominating committee and working with them for next year's slate. Completing terms are Gio as secretary, and Carolyn (two terms) as treasurer. Sandra Mayo and I have another year to serve (if you can put up with us). Sharon is resigning as vice president, although she has another year to serve; she just has too much going on with her folks and living so far away and her obligations to the Craftsmen's Guild. I believe Beverly has another year as historian and librarian. So be thinking. Program chairman is probably the hardest job. Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian/Librarian are on going, but I think these ladies will tell us that once you work out your routine, not too much trouble to take on serving....

Still room in the Daryl Lancaster workshop. And don't forget to sign up for the lectures. Thank you again and so much to Gio for being Workshop Chair for this large project.

All the best and see you in March! Lu (the "Prez")

Minutes February 20, 2010 meeting

President Lu Harding opened the meeting and thanked Sharon Williams and Patricia Holmberg for presenting the program last month, Sharon Williams for organizing and collecting the works for the Guided Expressions (Think Pink) exhibit, and Margaret Pittman for today's program.

The New Orleans Guild who has a new President, decided it was too far to travel to Jackson to give "just" a program. So they canceled. Margaret Pittman very generously stepped in and presented a program on dyeing. Her program was very informational and she had wonderful examples to demonstrate her points. Thank you Margaret!

Sharon Williams mentioned that the Guided Expressions theme for next year is *Birds, Bloom, and Butterflies*. It will be held in the DeSoto Arts Center in Hernando because the Center is open for longer hours and also on the weekends. This means that those individuals who work would still have an opportunity to see it. At Northwest Community College, the exhibit is open only until 3:00pm Monday through Friday.

Action item: A motion was made and seconded to give \$250 toward the Guided Expressions exhibit for 2011. This money will be used for the opening reception and invitations. In the past Sharon has been using her own money to do this. This motion will be voted on at the next meeting.

Red Scarf Project: This project is ongoing. Kathy delivered the scarves she had to St. Dominic's. So, if you have a red scarf, give it to Kathy.

Daryl Lancaster Workshop Report: There are 12 signed up for the workshop; still 3 or 4 spots available, if you know of anyone who would like to participate. The Lectures will be promoted by the MS Crafts Center (Sheri Cox). Debbie Stringer has agreed to put the lecture information in her publication. It was also suggested that we put it on our website. Publicity about the lectures will be sent to The Wool Dust Society, The Stitchery Guild, and Quilters Guilds throughout the state. Additionally Fliers will be provided to Continental Sewing, Bernina, and Hancock. All lectures will be held in the library at the Crafts Center.

Sheep to Shawl Report: Liz Turner has agreed to Chair the event. She is gathering the material from last year and has passed around a sheet asking for chairs for the different stations. It was noted that Kathy Smith has a sheep and her husband may be the shearer. With Liz's help, Hazel will be in charge of the washing station. Donna Peyton has agreed to help with the drop spindle. Debbie Stringer agreed to put together a flier. Come to the March meeting prepared to volunteer where needed.

Nominating Committee: A nominating committee of two members shall be appointed by the President in March. The committee shall present nominations to the members in the April Newsletter for the officers to be elected. Elections will be held during the regular meeting in April.

Officers to be elected this year (even numbered year) are Secretary, Treasurer and Historian (Librarian).

Effective May 2010, Sharon Williams has resigned as Vice-President. The Board is empowered to fill this vacancy.

Gio

Treasurer's Report:

Debit - 0

Credit - \$1007.50

Ending balance \$4077.71

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

White Elephant and Show and tell this month!!!!!!!!!!

Sheep-to-shawl update: see the attached sign up sheet

There has been no contact with the "sheep lady." I still plan to talk to her, but I am concerned that her health may be an issue. So if anyone has any other suggestions--they would be well received.

As far as Sheep to Shawl:

We need chairmen for the Dyeing and Knitting stations.

We thank Patricia for chairing the carding station

Hazel for chairing the washing station

Margaret for chairing the Spinning station

Debbie and Nancy for chairing the weaving station

Beverly for being at the weaving pieces display from 10:00 - 12:00

Donna for chairing the spindle spinning station

We are waiting to hear if Winki will create weaving projects for the children.

We need to know how to contribute to the weaving display.

Thank you!

Daryl Lancaster Workshop update: Twelve slots for the Jumpstart Vest Workshop have been filled; three slots remain. The cost of attending the lectures is \$25 each for advance registration and \$30 at the door. Attached to the Newsletter is a list of the lectures and the website which describes them. You may register for the lectures by writing a check made out to Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild and sending it to

**Sheri Cox
950 Rice Rd
Ridgeland, MS 39157-3040**

Be sure to indicate on your check what lecture(s) you plan to attend.

Also our Guild will be responsible for providing refreshments for the opening reception on May 4. I'll send out a sign up sheet in April to insure that we have refreshments and individuals to help set up and clean up.

Items needed the two days of the workshop: two or three irons and ironing boards, a full-length mirror and garment rack for hanging samples, an electric pencil sharpener.

Daryl Lancaster podcast on Weavezine

This is a link to a Weavezine podcast called "Sew Your Weaving" with Daryl Lancaster. If the link doesn't work for you, just go to Weavezine.com and find episode No. 26. You can listen online or download it and listen from your PC or MP3 player. In case you're not familiar with it, Weavezine is an online magazine about weaving by Syne Mitchell. She has lots of great podcasts with nationally known weavers, as well as projects, event listings and other fiber stuff.

Here's the link: <http://weavezine.com/2008/03/episode-26-sew-your-weaving.html>

Please note: a special invitation from Marcy I would like to invite the Guild to a spin-in at my house to see my new studio on Friday, March 19 at 6:30. Bring your wheel, knitting, etc. Please let me know IF YOU ARE COMING, so I may plan the food (I do NOT need to know if you are NOT coming – in fact, it's just confusing) We will be able to sit and work and drink wine (or whatever) in the family room and sitting room – but no food or drink in the studio!

My address is: 950 Fairfax Cr. Jackson, MS 39211, two blocks East of I-55 at the Beasley/Adkins exit.

Hope to see you then! Marcy

For Sale by Margaret Pittman: Norwood 40" 8-shaft cherry floor loom - Solid, super-size cloth and warp beams, a ratchet brake system that needs no adjustment, an excellent shed and extra long weaving space. The floating lamms, jacks and harness tracks are constructed of wood, allowing for quiet operation. Sectional warping rails. Beautiful craftsmanship and top grade cherry wood. One reed and lease sticks included. Weaving width 40"; number of shafts 8; number of treadles 12; number of heddles 2000 (1000 more than new); overall width 47"; depth open 42"; depth folded 31-1/2"; height open 39"; height folded 45-1/2"; depth between reed and breast beam 16-1/2". Weight approximately 175 lbs. Excellent condition/\$2500. (New birch looms are 150 lbs./\$3200-\$3500). Email with questions at Margaret@heritageyarns.com or leave message at (601) 956-1478.

ALL GUILD MEETINGS:

Guild Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month (September through May, except December) at 10:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Crafts Center Library. The December meeting (Loom Crawl) is the second Saturday and is hosted at someone's home.

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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Daryl Lancaster Workshop/Seminars
Co-sponsored by Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild and the Mississippi Crafts Center

May 4	Reception at Craft Center 5:30 – 7:30	Members of CWSG 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	Charge \$25 for attendance. Crafts Center Library
May 5	2 ½ hour lecture 6:30 – 9:00 pm Color and Inspiration www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Color and Inspiration 2HrLecture.pdf	Charge \$25 for attendance. Crafts Center Library
May 6	2 ½ hour lecture 1:00 – 3:30 pm Closures www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Closures Lecture.pdf	Charge \$25 for attendance. Crafts Center Library
May 6	2 ½ hour lecture 6:30 – 9:00 pm Photographing Your Work www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/Photographing your work.pdf	Charge \$25 for attendance. Crafts Center Library
May 7, and 8	2 day workshop 9 am – Noon 1 to 4 pm Jumpstart Vest Maximum enrollment =15 Materials fee: \$25.00 includes interfacing, pattern paper and handout. www.daryllancaster.com/Webfiles/JumpstartVestWorkshop.pdf	Participant cost: \$100 Location: Electric Power Associations of Mississippi 665 Highland Colony Parkway Ridgeland, MS