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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, guild friends—

Thank you so much for letting Nancy and I share the fun we have had experimenting with eco dyeing at our November meeting. I have been very involved in a couple of projects with the colored silks that I over-dyed . . . perfect for the inspiration I felt from Alma's creativity program in September. I hope to have one finished for Show and Tell at our December meeting and the other by next May!

Thank you all for the prayers, notes, e-mails and calls about Judy. She is very weak but continues to improve a little daily. She has expressed her thanks for all the love and support. Hopefully, by January, she will be able to join us again.

Can't wait to see you all in December! Look for details and directions in this newsletter.

In this season of giving, I am grateful for each of you and your constant gift of friendship.

See you soon! Peace—

Winki



A pounded leaf imprint from Winki's stash.



CWSG Holiday Party

Sat., Dec. 10

11 a.m.

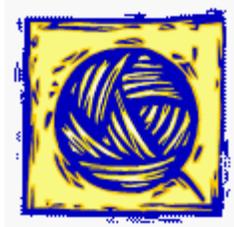
Old Jail

234 East Fulton Street, Canton

The December CWSG meeting is a potluck lunch in a combined party with the P is for Primitive rug hooking group. Donna Peyton is keeping a food list for CWSG. E-mail her at peytondonna@gmail.com. CWSG members will exchange fiber-related gifts. The rug hookers are donating canned goods to Stewpot if you would like to participate. Bring your handwork and visit. Don't forget a wrap since the Old Jail is chilly and have something for Show and Tell.



Creative knitted and fused fabric artist trading cards completed by Donna Peyton and Debbie Stringer.



2011-2012 Program Schedule

Dec. 10

Christmas Get-Together
Old Jail Museum, Canton

Jan. 21

Cotton Spinning and Weaving
Marcy Petrini

Feb. 18

Saori Weaving
Debbie Stringer

Mar. 3

Sheep to Shawl

Apr. 21

Weaving a Gathering Basket
Marva Goodman/Winki Allen/Nancy Landrum

May 19

Show and Tell - A Year of Creativity
Guild Members



Happy December Birthday!

Melba Nipper - December 9
Kathy Cohron - December 25

Coming Soon

Roc Day 2012

Sat., Jan. 7, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dry Creek Baptist Church

Beauregard Parish, LA

\$25 fee for registration, beverages, lunch
and dessert.

Deadline, Dec. 1

For more information, contact Beth Syron at
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Thanks to our November Presenters

Debbie Stringer, Vice President

Winki does a gracious job of thanking our program presenters in the newsletter, but since she (with Nancy) led the November program, I'll assume the honors this time. Nancy and Winki did a wonderful job of sharing their experiences and experiments with natural dyeing. I left the meeting inspired to pound some pokeberries and scout for rusty objects. As program chair speaking on behalf of the membership, I want to thank Winki and Nancy for sharing their gorgeous samples and expertise. Also, thanks to Nancy for donating (after Winki reads it) the "Eco Dyeing" book to our library!

November Financial Report

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Previous Balance	\$3,805.18
Deposits	160.00
Interest	0.17
Ending Balance	\$3,965.35

*Too often we become spectators of life
instead of creating life.*

Marlene Glickman, Fiber Artist



ECO DYEING—Winki Allen, left, and Nancy Landrum, right, display some of the many samples of eco dyeing techniques they shared with CWSG members during their presentation on Nov. 19. They demonstrated rust dyeing, leaf pounding and dyeing with natural materials.



Nancy dyed these silk scarves and skeins of wool with eucalyptus leaves, sassafras twigs, bark, and leaves, and avocado seed skins.

CWSG Board Minutes, November 19, 2011

- Present: Winki Allen, President
 Debbie Stringer, Vice President
 Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer
 Donna Peyton, Librarian/Historian
 Lu Harding, Past President
 Alma Ellis, Secretary

The board meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. The Christmas party was discussed first. The party will be held Dec. 10, in conjunction with the rug hookers group in Canton. The board agreed CWSG members will hold their gift exchange separate from the rug hookers group. CWSG members attending are asked to bring a dish—whatever

they would like to fix. Donna volunteered to keep the CWSG party food list.

Winki told the board she had received an e-mail from the Craftsmen’s Guild inquiring if CWSG would be interested in holding a fiber festival in conjunction with Sheep to Shawl in Mar. instead of in Oct. The first question asked was if the request was for Sheep to Shawl 2012 or 2013. The board agreed it would be great to have vendors at Sheep to Shawl, but this could be a problem for those CWSG members who participate heavily in Sheep to Shawl activities and are also vendors. These members: the Howards, Patricia Holmberg and the Harrowers should be consulted. It was pointed out that while it is great to have more participation at events and more customers for the vendors, Sheep to Shawl has always been considered an educational event and there are many families with children attending. The board decided there is still time to consider this request, but agreed that the Craftsmen’s Guild needs to provide better promotion for events on their calendar and Web site. It was mentioned a set date for the event would be easier for planning. Gio is compiling a final report for the Fiber Festival. A review of the report should be helpful in making a decision about when to hold another festival.

Winki announced the Southeast Fiber Forum will be held Apr. 4-7, 2013, at Arrowmont in Gatlinburg. She had also gotten information about the Fiber Festival to be held in Oxford, on Jan. 20-22, 2012. Festival promoters are looking for fiber artists who would like to sell their crafts at a joint festival booth for a 25% commission. Carolyn mentioned Linda Weghorst will be teaching at the Oxford festival. The Oxford festival will be held at the Powerhouse which is about two blocks from Knit 1 and close to the Square. Winki mentioned the Oxford group is also looking for demonstrators.

Before the board adjourned for the regular 10 a.m. meeting, several board members asked if anyone was planning to attend Roc Day in Louisiana. Winki said she would ask members at the meeting. ■

CWSG Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2011

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| Present: | Winki Allen | Donna Peyton |
| | Carolyn Campbell | Nancy Landrum |
| | Debbie Stringer | Marva Goodman |
| | Marcy Petrini | Jane Dollar |
| | Darlene Steel | Beverly Milner |
| | Barbara Mitchell | Patricia Holmberg |
| | Jo Miles-Seely | Lu Harding |
| | Alma Ellis | |

President Winki Allen called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and handed out the agenda. She welcomed Jo Miles-Seely of Canton as a visitor and potential member. Winki asked for approval of the board/member meeting minutes

for Sept. 17. Debbie made a motion that the minutes be approved as published in the CWSG Nov. newsletter. Alma seconded the motion. The motion was approved. There were no minutes for the Oct. meeting because of participation in the Fiber Festival. Carolyn noted the Oct. treasurer's report was published in the Nov. newsletter.

As old business, Donna spoke about the Dec. 10 meeting, explaining that the Christmas party will be held with the rug hookers group in Canton. The party will be held at 10 a.m. at the Old Jail Museum on Fulton Street. The rug hookers are bringing canned goods for their Christmas activity, and CWSG members are welcome to participate in this food drive. Refreshments are pot luck. Members can bring whatever dish they like. Donna will keep a list of what everyone is bringing. E-mail her at peytondonna@gmail.com. The rug hookers are exchanging wool for their group gifts. CWSG members will exchange fiber-related gifts as usual. Members are encouraged to bring handwork. Barbara said to dress warm, the old jail is chilly. Donna will get directions and check to see if a microwave is available.

Four books were purchased for the library during the Fiber Festival. Donna said there is \$100 remaining in the \$250 set aside this year for books and DVDs. Nancy is donating a copy of India Flint's book, *Eco Colour*, to the library.

Winki reminded members the CWSG spring workshop has not yet been determined. She passed a committee form asking for volunteers for various CWSG committees.

Winki mentioned the Craftsmen's Guild suggestion of a combined Sheep to Shawl and Fiber Festival. Comments included Sheep to Shawl being educational and basically for children. There would also be a problem with participation by members who are demonstrating. It was also stated that Sheep to Shawl draws a large, but different audience from the Fiber Festival. Marcy, who chaired the Fiber Festival in Oct., said she has also had suggestions made to her by Craftsmen's Guild staff for changing or combining Sheep to Shawl and the Fiber Festival. She and Gio will be completing a report which will provide

additional information for consideration. The Craftsmen's Guild has also mentioned working with Lianne Miller on a Fiber Festival.

As new business, Winki mentioned the Southeast Fiber Forum set for Apr.4-7, 2013, at Arrowmont in Gatlinburg. Scholarships are available but must be applied for. Marva said suggestions can be made for workshop subjects. Debbie asked if we are considered members. Marva said yes. She encouraged members to visit the Web site: southeastfiber.com.

Nancy mentioned that India Flint will be the artist in residence in New Orleans in Nov. 2012. There was discussion about whether the HGA would try to book Flint for a workshop during that time.

Winki asked if anyone were going to Roc Day in Louisiana and were they interested in carpooling. Marcy said she is going but will be staying at a hotel rather than the retreat center which is out from Lake Charles.

The Oxford Fiber Festival is scheduled for Jan. 20-22, 2012. Winki mentioned fiber artists could participate in the festival booth for a 25% commission on the sale of their crafts. She mentioned Linda Weghorst will be presenting. Knit 1 is working on a flyer. This is the same weekend as the CWSG Feb. meeting.

Marcy reminded members that Sun., Nov. 20, is Fiber Folks afternoon at the Craft Center. She encouraged members to bring a project and come visit. Marcy also mentioned that the "artist village" at Chimneyville on Dec. 2-4, was changing their previous policies for demonstrators. Demonstrators no longer have to be members of the Craftsmen's Guild to demonstrate on Saturday and Sunday. Marcy had copies of the just printed *Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot* with information on Convergence.

Members shared projects and information during Show and Tell. The meeting was adjourned for the program on eco dyeing presented by Nancy and Winki. ■

GUILD MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, CWSG meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month from September through May at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Crafts Center Library. Bring a sack lunch and other refreshments, and spend the afternoon!

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