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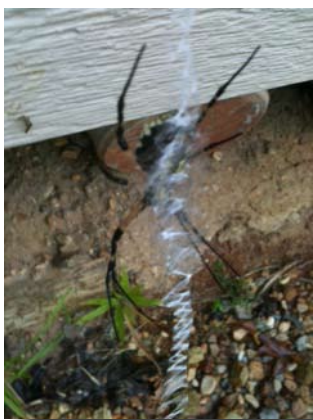
Hello, weavers and spinners!

It was great to see so many of you at the first meeting of our 2011-2012 program year. I can tell it is going to be a great one.

Thank you, Alma, for inspiring and expanding our creative spirits . . . I heard many say we should expand on this for a full day workshop. Hmmm . . . what do you all think?

The Fiber Festival, sponsored by the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi is scheduled for OCTOBER 14, 5-7p.m. AND OCTOBER 15, 10a.m.-4p.m. We are all going to have a marvelous Friday evening, shopping and mingling with fellow fiber artists. Then we will meet again on Saturday for more shopping, clinics, and the fashion show! I can't wait to join you there.

Until then, enjoy the awesome work of your hands and continue to create—whether it be weaving, spinning, knitting, crocheting, felting, rug hooking or dyeing.



Always—

Winki

Can you spin
like this?



FIBER FESTIVAL AT THE CENTER

Mississippi Craft Center
950 Rice Road, Ridgeland

Friday, Oct. 14, 5-7 p.m.
Registrants Only

Wine and Cheese Reception

Visit with Other Fiber Enthusiasts and
Shop the Vendors Market for Books, Yarns,
and Handmade Tools from
Mississippi Fiber Growers and Vendors
from Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia

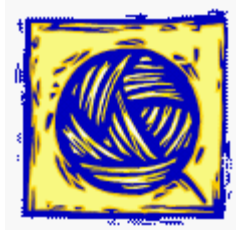
Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Open to the Public Free of Charge

Fiber Art Fashion Show
Featuring Handwoven, Knitted and Felted
Garments and Accessories

Fiber Arts Clinics with Experts on Knitting,
Weaving, Spinning, Felting and Caring for
Spinning Wheels and Weaving Looms

Vendors Market

For more info, e-mail: fiberfestival@gmail.com
or visit <http://mscrafts.org>



2011-2012 Program Schedule

Oct. 15
Fiber Festival

Nov. 19
Eco Dyeing
Nancy Landrum/Winki Allen

Dec. 10
Christmas Get-Together
P is for Primitive, 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

If you have suggestions for good fiber books or DVDs to add to the guild library, please e-mail Donna Peyton at peytondonna@gmail.com.

Coming Soon

Fiber Friends/Art in the City
Sat., Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
City Pavilion
Plaquemine, LA

Sponsored by the City of Plaquemine
Mainstreet Program
Free event, fiber vendors, no fee for vendors.
For more information, contact
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Fiber Folks at the Center
Sun., Nov. 20, 2 - 5 p.m.
Mississippi Craft Center
Finish a project or just visit.
Enjoy a discount coupon for the day
for shopping at the Gallery.



Gio Chincar shared this colorful towel she wove during the summer at the September meeting.



Happy October Birthday!

Lu Harding - October 8
Carolyn Nichols - October 8



Donna Peyton works on her colorful potholder.

Creativity . . . and the CWSG 2011-2012 Challenge

Alma Ellis

What is creativity? Are you creative? These were the first questions I asked members attending the September meeting program. I explained different thoughts on creativity and shared my experience of participating in an Artist's Way creativity study group. I introduced the Artist's Way two basic tools: morning pages and artist's dates.

To start some creative thinking, I asked members to complete five lists that included creative things they wanted to do but were afraid to try, or things they once enjoyed and no longer do.

Next, everyone got their hands busy drawing zentangles. Pencils and pens were flying as members took a paper tile, drew a box, started their "string" and then added to their own unique creation, tracing all their lines with a black pen.

The program included weaving—potholder weaving. Guild members naturally excelled, completing the most colorful, creative potholders.

While everyone worked, we discussed creative "prompts" such as poetry, music, photographs, books, Internet sites, and other artists' work. Members brought favorite books that spark their creativity and shared ideas for being more creative fiber artists. Handouts included a list of my favorite creative Web sites and articles on creativity and creative weaving.

Finally, we discussed **the 2011-2012 CWSG**

Challenge. Members will use the program year to think more creatively about their fiber art and challenge themselves to complete and present their own unique project during the May program.

Homework was assigned for the November meeting to guide members in the quest for their personal creative challenge. Everyone left with a blank artist's trading card (ATC) to bring back completed with their own design in any medium to trade at the November meeting. Members also received a half sheet of poster board and instructions for making a personal CWSG visioning board for their challenge project idea to also share at the November meeting.



Marva Goodman worked with greens, plums and purples.

If you were unable to attend the meeting or had to leave early, please plan

to participate in the ATC trade and visioning board exercises. I will have blank ATC cards and poster boards at the October Fiber Festival meeting and can provide guidance on the challenge homework.

As requested, books mentioned in my presentation:

The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron
Walking in This World by Julia Cameron
The Creative License by Danny Gregory
The Awe-Manac by Jill Badonsky
Creative Time and Space by Rice Freeman-Zachary
Living Artfully by Sandra Magsamen
How to be an Explorer of the World by Keri Smith
Totally Tangled by Sandy Steen Bartholomew
How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci by Michael j. Gelb
The Well of Creativity by Julia Cameron, Natalie Goldberg and others
The 12 Secrets of Highly Creative Women by Gail McMeekin



Ravelry—More Than Just a Facebook for Knitters (and Crocheters)

Donna Peyton

Ravelry (www.ravelry.com) was developed as a social networking site for knitters and crocheters to organize and document all their “stuff.”

Under your personal profile are places to keep a record of your stash, needles, projects (queued, in progress, and finished), books, patterns, and magazines. There is also a place for friends and groups which you can talk and hold conversations with.

There are several other aspects of Ravelry that I find very beneficial. One is the pattern search. All knitting and crochet patterns can be found on this site.

A pattern can be searched by title, style, garment, yarn weight, or any other signal words linked to the pattern. If it is in a book, magazine, or Web site, the page will tell about it. Some patterns are for sale on Ravelry itself, and there are many that are free. I like searching for free ones myself!

There is also a yarn search. Various yarns can be searched for and found, and Ravelers (the people on Ravelry) have made comments and ranked

the yarn. The yarn is also linked to patterns and to projects that Ravelers have made with it. If there is a yarn you have heard about but don't know much about, this is an excellent way to research it.

There is a search tab for people on Ravelry too. One can locate friends, other people with the same interests, or even people in your area!

The Forums/Groups are my favorite. You can find a forum for anything! I have joined groups for podcasts, spinning, Doctor Who, and yarn. In a group, is a list of different topics called “threads.” If you find a thread you like, you can go in and read the conversations and even make comments. Groups are monitored by a moderator who makes sure there is nothing bad, rude, etc. happening on the forum.

And then there is shopping! Ravelry has it's own shopping tab so that you can find any fiber related merchandise you may desire. My favorite are stitch markers. I love jewelry for my knitting!

I am hoping to start a forum for our guild on Ravelry. In this group I am hoping we will be able to have threads on there to share ideas and projects and basically just to enjoy each other's company. This should also allow others to be able to find us.

People in the area that are on Ravelry will get to know more about us and the other guilds in our “Roc Day” group will be able to join in with us too. This should be another way for us to get together between meetings and to let others know more about our guild.

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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CWSG Board Minutes, September 17, 2011

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

Winki called the meeting to order at 9: 17 a.m. She told the board she notified Sheri Cox at the Mississippi Craft Center of CWSG's 2011-2012 meeting dates. There is a conflict with the May date because of a wedding scheduled that day. Members will have to leave the meeting room by noon. Debbie suggested the meeting start at 9 a.m. that month. Lu suggested we make a final decision closer to the meeting date. Winki asked Alma to include Sheri Cox's e-mail on CWSG's newsletter list.

Debbie reminded the board about providing a DVD, "A Fiber Artist's Guide to Color," as CWSG's door prize at the Fiber Festival in October. She has purchased the DVD for \$20 and can be reimbursed if the guild agrees on the DVD as a door prize.

In further discussion about the Fiber Festival, Donna informed the board there are currently six vendors registered for the Fiber Festival, including the Handweaver's Guild of America. Lu asked if the Festival needed additional help with anything. It was mentioned that the Festival was not posted on the Craftsmen's Guild Web site.

Winki began the discussion on committees. Previous committees have included Sheep to Shawl, Public Relations, Refreshments, Shows/Exhibits, Christmas Loom Crawl and Membership. In the past a Craftsmen's Guild liaison was designated. The board discussed asking one person to chair each committee and letting the chair ask for additional help from members when needed. In discussing membership activities, it was suggested that CWSG should use the interest generated from Sheep to Shawl to add new members. Donna mentioned several ideas for increasing membership.

The board discussed opening Facebook and Raverly accounts for CWSG. Donna, who already participates on Raverly, agreed to be the Raverly monitor. There was a question asked about the cost for an ad on Raverly. Donna mentioned that Brenda Harrower would know the cost. Lu suggested CWSG start with Facebook since many people might already have accounts. Debbie agreed to be the Facebook monitor. Winki asked the board if it wanted to recommend to the membership to do both. Donna said she would write an article for the newsletter on how to use Raverly.

Winki asked about a CWSG mission statement and asked Alma to check the bylaws.

The board meeting was adjourned for the regular meeting at 10 a.m. ■

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CWSG Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2011

Present: Donna Peyton
Winki Allen
Debbie Stringer
Marva Goodman
Marcy Petrini
Rosina Echols
Darlene Steel
Larry Howard

Judy Rayner
Nancy Landrum
Sandra Mayo
Lu Harding
Jane Dollar
Gio Chinchar
Jenni Howard
Angel Sullivan

President Winki Allen called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and handed out the agenda. She called for approval of the minutes for the July 23 board meeting held in Meridian before the summer get-together. Lu made a motion that the minutes be approved as e-mailed to the board on Aug. 3. Marcy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership.

Winki announced that membership dues are now due and can be paid at today's meeting to Debbie or mailed to Carolyn, CWSG treasurer, who had to work.

Winki mentioned the guild's commitment for each member to make two scarves a year for the Red Scarf project at St. Dominic's Hospital. Marcy commented that the program is voluntary, and the guild asks but does not require this participation. She explained why she does not participate. Winki said those participating can give their scarves to Gio for delivery to the hospital.

Winki asked members to look over the agenda. She mentioned the July board meeting and said the guild should discuss several issues about this year's programs. The Fiber Festival will take the place of the guild's regular meeting for October. The December program will be held in Canton in conjunction with P is for Primitive. Many CWSG members are involved in knitting and rug hooking, too. Winki mentioned the board had discussed a gift exchange or supporting a charity. The March meeting, Sheep to Shawl, will be held on March 3, to accommodate another event scheduled for the Craft Center on the third Saturday. A wedding on May 19, will require CWSG to end its meeting at noon. Donna made a motion to accept the 2011-2012 program schedule as outlined. Marcy seconded. The motion was approved.

Winki mentioned some possibilities for CWSG workshops during the program year. Suggestions included Martha Owen from the John C. Campbell School, Nancy Carrs or Cheryl Dunworth of the New Orleans guild. A chair will be appointed to the Workshop Committee. Discussion followed that Martha Owen teaches spinning. Cheryl Dunworth teaches shibori and the rigid heddle loom. Nancy Carrs teaches cotton spinning. Nancy mentioned that India Flint will be an artist in residence at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts in New Orleans in November 2012.

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Winki thanked Marcy and her husband, Terry, for all the work done to the updated Web site and asked Marcy to share information with the guild. Marcy mentioned that pictures had been posted and suggested Donna check these. Winki asked Marcy to tell Terry the site is beautiful.

The library was addressed next. Donna said a recommendation has been made to spend \$250 for books and DVDs, which would be about seven items, to update the guild library. Donna had asked for suggestions in recent newsletters, and Winki had submitted some suggestions. Donna mentioned since the Handweaver's Guild of America will have a booth at the Fiber Festival, this would be a good time to purchase some books and DVDs. Donna said the guild had not bought any news books in three years. She asked members to please give her their suggestions. Lu made a motion that the guild spend its white elephant money plus other funds if needed to total up to \$250 for books and DVDs for the guild library. Jane seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Discussion followed that the guild could buy reasonably priced materials from Interweave, Knit Picks and Amazon.

Discussion was begun on the guild providing a DVD as a door prize for the Fiber Festival next month. Debbie made a motion that the guild spend \$20 for the suggested DVD, "A Fiber Artist's Guide to Color," as a door prize given on behalf of CWSG at the Fiber Festival. Rosina seconded the motion. The motion passed. Marcy abstained from this vote since she is chair of the Fiber Festival.

Winki addressed the issue of committees and mentioned the board's discussion that the guild start with a chair for each committee and then recruit committee members as needed. Committees named were: Membership and Recruitment, Public Relations, Sheep to Shawl, Refreshments, Show and Exhibits, Craftsmen's Guild Liaison, Loom Crawl and Education/Workshops. Winki asked for volunteers to contact her.

Marcy provided members with information about the Fiber Festival. She said that members should think about it being similar to Roc Day. Registration is \$30. The registration includes the wine and cheese reception on Friday, Oct. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. Registrants can visit and shop the vendors during this time when the festival is not open to the public. On Saturday, Oct. 15, the festival will be open to the public, but registrants will receive lunch, the goodie bag, a 10% discount for the Craft Center gallery and be eligible for door prizes. Clinics will be held upstairs and there will be a fashion show. T shirts will be for sale, and registrants will receive \$2 off the full price. Registration for the Festival closes on Sept. 19. Donna has registration forms, and Marcy will take forms and checks at today's meeting. Questions were asked about the time of the fashion show. Marcy said

Sheri Cox of the Craft Center is staging the show which will be held after lunch. Julia Daily will MC the show.

Debbie asked for tips to include on the CWSG tip sheet which will be included in the goodie bags. Paper was passed for tips.

A question was asked about when the Fiber Festival would be added to the Craftsmen's Guild Web site. Discussion followed that this question had been asked and the CG was having technical problems with their Web site.

Lu mentioned the Fiber Festival being held Nov. 12, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, and shared a flyer.

Discussion was started about the possibility of the guild having a presence on Facebook and/or Ravelry. Debbie addressed Facebook, mentioning it as a recruitment tool and a place to share videos easily. Gio mentioned having to have a certain type of page. Nancy mentioned that she has a Facebook page for her Dragon Fly Studio. A Facebook page would be open to the public. It was mentioned that Ravelry is a membership site similar to Facebook but was created for knitters and crocheters. Users can create "threads" about certain topics and provide updates and photos. CWSG would be listed as a Mississippi group. Marva asked the question about why choose between the two, just do both. A motion was made by Marva to authorize the guild to establish Facebook and Ravelry sites. Rosina seconded the motion. The motion was approved. It was agreed that further information about Facebook and Ravelry would appear in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned for the program, "Creativity . . . and the CWSG Challenge," presented by Alma. ■

September Financial Report

Deposits = \$160.00

Ending Balance = \$3,754.66

2011-2012 Membership Dues - \$20

**Bring your check to the October meeting
or mail to:**

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