



Holiday Loom Crawl Lands Members in Jail

Debbie Stringer

Our guild's traditional Christmas gathering had a different twist this year: partying with the hookers at the Canton jail. CWSG members joined Lisanne Miller and her merry gang of rug hookers for a combined Christmas party at Canton's Historic Jail House. It was fun to meet new fiber folks, see their gorgeous handwork and eat their CELEBRATING WITH HAZEL AT THE JAIL—Members attending the holiday meeting were, from left, seated, Nancy Landrum, Hazel Howell, Winki Allen, and Carolyn Campbell; standing, Debbie Stringer, Jane Dollar, Marva Goodman, Beverly Milner, Marcy Petrini, Gio Chinchar, Lu Harding, Donna Peyton, and Angel Sullivan.

food. While the hookers played Dirty Santa, Winki led our enthusiastic exchange of fiber-related and handmade gifts. We were thrilled to have lifetime guild member Hazel Howell join us for the festivities. It's been too long, Hazel! We all posed with Hazel for a group photo, made by Carolyn, before heading for home, or to Lisanne's shop.

Happy New Year, dear friends!

May you all be blessed with joy, love, peace and plenty of time for weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, sewing, knitting, and other fiber arts.

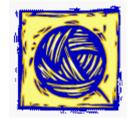
How wonderful it was to join the rug hooking group for our December "loom crawl" and pot luck in Canton! Thanks to whoever had the initial idea for us to come together for this gathering. Hopefully, we can do it again next year, as it was great fun and fellowship. Canton is a sweet southern town that's always fun to visit. I felt blessed to be able to visit with Hazel. . . I know many of you felt the same. For those who could not make it, I hope you'll be able to join us next year.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marcy will give our first program of the new year on cotton spinning and weaving. Nancy and I have recently been given some locally grown colored cotton, and we are hoping to grow some of our own. With luck, we'll be able to share from our crop next year. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have organically grown Mississippi cotton to spin and weave?

Please continue to remember Barbara and her son, Jeff Mitchell, after the sudden loss of his wife. Many of you know Judy is continuing to improve, and she hopes to join us at the January meeting.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Please don't forget to bring items for White Elephant and Show and Tell.



2011-2012 Program Schedule

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

Welcome New Member

Jo Miles-Seely Canton



Happy January Birthday!

Sharon Humble - January 1 Judy Rayner - January 19 Larry Howard - January 27

Coming Soon

Knit 1 Oxford 2nd Annual Fiber Festival Sat., Jan. 20-Sun., Jan. 22, 2012

Powerhouse, 413 S. 14th Street, Oxford, MS Free Event, Demonstrations, Workshops, Vendors For more information or to register for Handwoven Jewelry Workshop, call Knit 1 at 662-238-2829. http://www.knit1oxford.com/fiber-festival.htm See flyer included in newsletter.

Birds, Blooms and Butterflies

CWSG Annual Exhibit Feb. 2012 Small Gallery Mississippi Craft Center Opening, Sun., Jan. 5 Time: TBD Deliver items at Jan. meeting or no later than Jan. 27. Show will be hung Jan. 28. Work cannot

be sold unless fiber artist is a member of the Craftsmen's Guild. This is the second year CWSG has shown in small gallery. A section of the exhibit will be set aside for Red Scarf projects.

January CWSG Program— Cotton Spinning and Weaving Marcy Petrini

For the January program, we will review a brief history of cotton and then cover its characteristics and how to take advantage of them in spinning, knitting and weaving. Like everything else, cotton has some shortcomings, which we will discuss how to avoid in our work.

December Financial Report

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Previous Balance	\$3,965.35
Interest	0.16
Ending Balance	\$3,965.51

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Ravelry Update Donna Peyton



Our Ravelry forum, Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild, is up and running. We have a lively bunch of Ravelers in the group. Some are part of our guild, some are old friends, and some very new friends! We have

several threads going that are quite active. It's fun to visit with news on current and planned projects. It's also very easy to keep up with everyone's activities and happenings. Some of our threads are What's on your loom/wheel, What's on your needles, Creativity Challenge, Color Inspiration, and Festivals. If you are not a member of Ravelry, or if you are and haven't joined the group yet, please consider joining us! We have a great time and don't bite!



New Library Book Review: Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook Donna Peyton

Fleece and Fiber Sourcebook is one of our new books in our guild library. This fabulous book contains information on more than 200 different fibers, most of which are sheep. Each type of fiber has information and pictures of the sheep (or other animal) itself, the raw fiber, the carded or prepared fiber, the yarn, and a sample of weaving or knitting. This book is a must for understanding in depth the many types of wool and other spinning fibers and is an invaluable resource for our library. CWSG Life Member Hazel Howell opens her Christmas fiber gift at the December meeting in Canton. Everyone was excited to have Hazel attend.





Winki Allen and Judy Rayner just finished wrapping their rust dyeing projects, Judy's first art since her recent hospitalization.

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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Special Events

Friday, January 20th 2pm - 8pm

Dessert & Wine Reception at 6pm Featured Speaker: Linda Weghorst on African Kente Cloth at 6:30pm

Saturday January 21st 9am - 4pm

Demonstrations and Workshops Live Wooley Beasts and Free Fun Activities for Kids!

Sunday January 22nd 10am - 3pm

Demonstrations and Workshops

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