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***Birds, Blooms and Butterflies* Exhibit Opens at Craft Center**

The *Birds, Blooms and Butterflies* exhibit opened Sun., Feb. 5, and will be featured in the small gallery of the Mississippi Craft Center through the month of February. The exhibit features work by CWSG members and includes woven, knitted, felted, spun, dyed, painted and sewn projects.

Exhibitors include Winki Allen, Nancy Landrum, Donna Peyton, Marva Goodman, Judy Rayner, Jane Klinck, Sharon Williams, Debbie Stringer, Marcy Petrini, Jane Dollar, Carolyn Campbell, Gio Chinchar and Patricia Holmberg. Plan to drop by the Craft Center this month.



Hello, friends!

If you were not able to attend the January meeting, you missed a great program. Marcy's presentation was like having a live mini PBS documentary on the history, characteristics and uses of cotton. I have read over the handout several times since the meeting and still smile when I read Sir John Mandeville's description of cotton. Thank you, Marcy, for a great program.

I know we are all looking forward to the opening of

FROM THE PRESIDENT

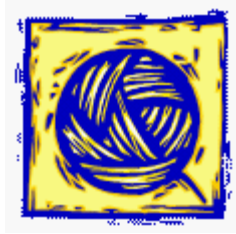
Birds, Blooms and Butterflies. Thanks to all of you who were able to participate and a special thanks to Sharon and all who helped hang the show! A special thank you also to the Mississippi Craft Center for welcoming this exhibit in their gallery.

I hope to see you at our February meeting. Debbie Stringer is providing the program, "Woven Pins," even though she will not be able to be present at the meeting. Thanks, Debbie.

Until then, Happy Valentine's Day to all of you and don't forget to put March 3 on your calendar for our annual Sheep to Shawl!

Peace—

Winki



2011-2012 Program Schedule

Feb. 18
Pin Weaving

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 Members

Kathy Perito
Madison

Madeline Moore
Water Valley



Happy February Birthday!

Nancy Landrum - February 5
Beverly Milner - February 16

Coming Soon

Birds, Blooms and Butterflies **CWSG Annual Exhibit**

Feb. 2012

Small Gallery

Mississippi Craft Center

Opening, Sun., Feb. 5

2 - 4 p.m.

A selection of fantastic fiber crafts
by CWSG members.

Fiber Folks at the Center

Sun., Apr. 1

2 - 5 p.m.

Mississippi Craft Center

Bring a project that needs finishing,
and join the fun.



February CWSG Program— Weave a Pin

Come prepared to take
part in a fun, hands-on
(and easy) weaving
activity during our

February meeting. We will make wearable art
using a simple needle-weaving technique on a
warp wrapped around a small piece of black mat
board. No weaving experience necessary.

Winki has offered to lead the program in
Debbie's absence. You will be supplied with some
of the materials and a handout, but you should
bring the following:

- tapestry needle
- small pair of scissors
- small amounts of yarns in various colors
and textures (anything goes as long as it
can be threaded through your tapestry
needle's eye)
- optional embellishments: small beads,
small decorative button, craft wire.

New Library Book Review:
In Sheep's Clothing:
A Handspinner's Guide to Wool

Donna Peyton

This book by Nola and Jane Fournier from Interweave Press was originally published in 1995 and is still considered one of the most definitive books on wool for spinners. The book gives a great overview of wool in general before discussing the different types of wool breeds. *In Sheep's Clothing* also covers selecting, sorting, and storing fleece, as well as how to blend wool for spinning.

Pass the
Word

Sheep to Shawl

Sat., March 3
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



COTTON — Marcy Petrini discusses the fiber quiz she gave CWSG members with Jenni Howard at the January meeting. Marcy presented the history of cotton as well information for spinning, weaving and knitting with cotton. In the 14th century, Sir John Mandeville described cotton as “a wonderful tree with tiny lambs at the end of its branches which are so pliable that can bend and reach the ground to allow the tiny lambs to eat when they are hungry.” Hence the German name “baumwolle” or tree-wool. Cotton and its cousins, hibiscus and okra, are still Southern favorites.

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 Craft Center Library. Bring a sack lunch and other refreshments, and spend the afternoon!

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CWSG Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2012

Present: Winki Allen Judy Rayner
Debbie Stringer Nancy Landrum
Donna Peyton Darlene Steel
Carolyn Campbell Marcy Petrini
Barbara Mitchell Gio Chinchar
Jenni Howard Larry Howard
Kathy Perito Alma Ellis

Winki Allen, president, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. She welcomed Judy Rayner who had been seriously ill and hospitalized for weeks last year. Judy thanked everyone for their kind wishes and prayers. Individual introductions were made, and Kathy Perito, a weaving student of Marcy's, was welcomed as a visitor.

Winki announced the consideration of old business. The guild show, Birds, Blooms and Butterflies, was discussed. Winki said Sharon Williams asked if Donna Peyton would assist with set up of the show by receiving works brought to the guild meeting. The show will be held in February in the small gallery at the Center.

Five new books are now available in the CWSG library. Donna showed each book and noted there is \$100 remaining in the library fund.

Winki opened discussion on the organization of Sheep to Shawl and asked for volunteers. The annual event is scheduled for Mar. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Craft Center. Volunteers are: event organization - Nancy, Donna; spinning - Donna, Winki; weaving - Debbie; knitting - Donna; children's activities - Darlene, Gio; fiber animals - Jenni, Larry; publicity - Alma. It was mentioned that Brenda and Mike Harrower will probably agree to spin and weave. Nancy mentioned "pounding" prints featured at the November meeting as a good activity for children. Jane Dollar will be asked to dye. Alma will do a press release and flyer. Winki suggested Alma contact Craft Center volunteer Pat Flynn about additional publicity. Debbie will include information in the Today in Mississippi newsletter with Alma's cell phone number as a contact number. Alma will bring flyers to the February meeting. Gio mentioned signs were previously done, and someone should check with Sherry Cox to locate these to be used again. Members will all bring a dish to share for the day.

Winki asked for new business. Nancy mentioned CWSG should look into a workshop with India Flint while she is in New Orleans in 2013. Winki asked Nancy if she would make that contact.

Debbie announced a February program change. Debbie was scheduled to present a program on Saori weaving, but she will be out of town. She asked members to allow her to change the program to a hands-on pin weaving workshop.

Debbie will supply the materials. It was suggested by members that Debbie might present the Saori weaving as a summer workshop. Nancy volunteered her studio. Dates in July or August were discussed, with the reminder that Convergence is in July. Marcy announced she will be holding a day of indigo dyeing at the Craft Center on Sat., Aug. 25. The date strongly considered for the Saori weaving workshop was the third Sat., Aug. 18.

Winki shared with the group that a local church congregation is using the Craft Center library, CWSG's regular meeting room, for services on Sunday mornings. The guild will be asked to use the Harbor Room at times, although hearing can be an issue in that room. When we do use the library, we will need to leave it arranged as it is for the church service when we leave.

Winki asked members about their preference for the December 2012 meeting. Do members want to meet with the rug hooking group in Canton again? There was discussion about the meeting being held at the jail or another location, and the opening up of the gift exchange to the entire group rather than dividing into two groups as done in December 2011. Members agreed they enjoyed the joint holiday party and want to participate again. Barbara mentioned that the Wool Dust Society meets on the second Saturday of each month.

Members held a short Show and Tell session which included rust dyeing and woven projects. Marcy had mentioned Winki's rust dyeing to Sandy Bowles with the Hand Weavers Guild of America, and she will be doing an article on this for *Spindle Shuttle and Dyepot* in the future.

Kathy Perito joined CWSG as a new member.

The meeting adjourned to the Harbour View Room for Marcy's program on cotton spinning and weaving.

February Financial Report

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Previous Balance	\$3,965.51
Interest	0.17
Ending Balance	\$3,965.68

Creativity is inspiration coupled with initiative.

Walking in this World
Julia Cameron