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MAYBE PINK IS THE BEST COLOR! Debbie Stringer receives color tips from two young Sheep to Shawl attendees who guided her in choosing their favorite colors for the scarf she was weaving as she demonstrated on Saturday morning, March 3.

Sheep to Shawl, Always a Success

Sheep to Shawl fans come in all ages—five-year-olds who like color and soft fuzzy wool, 10-year-olds who step up to a loom for the first time and weave like it's something they do every day, and seniors who are fiber craftsmen themselves or are intrigued with the history of the age-old process of transforming fiber into fabric. Whatever the attraction, the annual event offered fun and learning to the many people who spent several hours at the Craft Center washing wool, waiting for yarn in their favorite color to be pulled out of a Kool-Aid dye bath, or watching a row of spinning wheels turn rhythmically round and round.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome, March!

Thank you, Debbie Stringer, for a fun program in February on handwoven pins. Your instructions were great, and the group worked together, helping each other. Wait till you all see our pins!

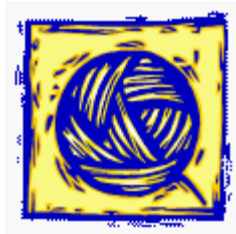
Sheep to Shawl 2012 was fantastic! Many, many thanks to all who helped or participated. You did a fabulous job. We had a great crowd, and Alma has a page full of folks who signed up who are interested in our guild.

Y'all enjoy the first day of spring later this month. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting in April.

Winki



Kool-Aid dyed wool and mohair from Sheep to Shawl



2011-2012 Program Schedule

Apr. 21

Weaving a Gathering Basket

Marva Goodman/Winki Allen/Nancy Landrum

May 19

Show and Tell - A Year of Creativity
Guild Members



Like CWSG on Facebook

Debbie Stringer

As we discussed earlier this year, I have finally created a fan page for the guild on Facebook. So, if you are on Facebook, be sure to like

us—and post something while you're at it. Just log on to Facebook and search for Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild. You'll know you're there when you see Beauregard!



Happy March Birthday!

Marcy Petrini - March 12

Mike Harrower - March 14

Jo Miles-Seely - March 19

Nancye McCowan - March 24

Hazel Howell - March 26

Coming Soon

Birds, Blooms and Butterflies

CWSG Annual Exhibit

Continuing through Mar. 2012

Small Gallery

Mississippi Craft Center

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.

A Note of Thanks from Debbie

I so appreciate Winki leading the February program on pin weaving in my absence. I hope those who could make it to the meeting (despite the nasty weather) enjoyed making a pin. If you made one, please bring it to a meeting for show-and-tell!



PIN WEAVING - Jenni Howard adds beads to her pin during the February program on pin weaving.



STICK WEAVING - Gio Chinchar worked with groups of young weavers to make a colorful ojo de dios.



TABLE LOOMS - Kathy Perito assisted several young weavers who quickly mastered every loom on the table.

Randall Darwall to be Featured

The emmy nominated and Peabody Award-winning documentary series *Craft in America*, now in its 4th season exploring America's rich craft history, will air its 8th episode, *Threads*, on PBS stations nationwide, on May 11, 2012 at 9pm.

Threads explores work by Faith Ringgold,

Consuelo Jimenez Underwood and Terese Agnew - who through story-quilts and fiber collages go beyond pure technique to tell us fictions and truths that pierce our sensibilities – and Randall Darwall, whose luscious woven textiles affect us intellectually and emotionally through musical and visual rhythms and sensuous tactility.

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, February 18, 2012

Present: Winki Allen Darlene Steel
Carolyn Campbell Kathy Perito
Gio Chinchar Jo Miles-Seeley
Marva Goodman Jenny Howard
Larry Howard Alma Ellis

Winki Allen, president, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked for the submission of any unfinished business. As there were no replies, Winki began the discussion of the CWSG Sheep to Shawl event scheduled for Mar. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Craft Center. Alma shared publicity that has been done by CWSG and the Craft Center and circulated printed flyers to everyone present to help post. Winki reminded members to bring snacks to share for lunch. Last month, members had discussed having an on-site food vendor for the day but the vendor contacted by the Craft Center had asked for a guarantee of 100 meals, an iffy proposition considering the chance of unpredictable spring weather. Sheri Cox with the Craft Center had left the signs and posters created for previous Sheep to Shawl events on the table in the library for CWSG's use next month. Members discussed the planned children's activities.

Winki called for new business. Workshop topics were discussed briefly, and member news shared. Darlene was thanked for providing refreshments for the 2011-2012 meetings. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. for a short refreshment break and the pin weaving activity organized by Debbie.

March Financial Report

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

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| Previous Balance | \$3,965.68 |
| Deposit | 40.00 |
| Interest | 0.17 |
| Ending Balance | \$4,005.85 |

I fear the venture into the unknown. But that is part of the act of creating and the art of performing.

Martha Graham, dancer



SHARING - Gayle Gray stops her spinning to discuss a scarf worn by a Sheep to Shawl attendee.



AHHHHHH! - Some Sheep to Shawl attendees wanted to hear Larry Howard talk about the process of carding, and some just wanted to enjoy the soft carded fibers.

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