



# NEWSLETTER

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December 2014



Marcy Petrini knit these bears from fiber she dyed with Easter egg dyes and then hand spun. How clever!

DEAR FELLOW WEAVERS AND SPINNERS,

I am frantically getting ready for the Chimneyville Crafts Festival as I type. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you there! As always we will have fun.

This month we will have our Christmas party at the Craft Center. We are going to demo/fellowship, eat and exchange gifts, and demo/fellowship some more. This will be new and different, but I'm really looking forward to it. See you all at the party!

YOUR PREZ, DONNA

Join us **Saturday, December 13 at 10 am** at the MS Craft Center for our annual December loom crawl, spin-in, holiday potluck party and gift exchange. Y'all come!

## Upcoming Programs

- December 13—Loom crawl/party/potluck and gift exchange at the Craft Center
- January—OPEN
- February—Polymer buttons/Nancy Landrum & Winki Allen
- March—Blocking for knitting & crocheting/Rita Grice
- April 11—Sheep to Shawl demo
- May—Shibori dyeing/Winki Allen

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CRAFTS FESTIVAL

DECEMBER  
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## ROC DAY 2015

The New Orleans Weavers' Guild invites one and all to join them for Roc Day 2015 to be held from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, January 10 at Deutsches' Haus, 1023 Ridgewood Drive in Metairie LA.

Registrations are due by December 10. Cost of registration is \$25/each which includes luncheon choices of vegetable lasagna or brats and sauerkraut.

Participants may register online at [www.nowg.org/roc-day](http://www.nowg.org/roc-day)

or by writing a check (with luncheon menu choice) for \$25 made out to New Orleans Weavers' Guild

and sending it to:

Maureen Preau, PO Box 58726,  
New Orleans, LA 70158.



## BIRTHDAYS

Fabulous fiber festivities to members:

Jimmy Smith (Dec. 9)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We made \$.04 interest this month and collected \$20 in dues, bringing our bank account balance up to \$4,893.31

If you have not yet paid your dues of \$20 for 2015 please send them to Carolyn Campbell at 109 Munich Drive, Madison, MS 39110 so that we can include you in our updated directory.



## We lost a dear weaving friend in Elizabeth Wynne Lewis

### ELIZABETH WYNNE LEWIS

The fiber community will miss the infectious smile of Elizabeth Wynne Lewis of Coldwater, MS, who passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at home, surrounded by her loved ones and her beautiful textiles.

A visit to Elizabeth's home was a treat for the eyes; using jewel tones of cotton, Tencel® and bamboo, she wove scarves, shawls, blankets and other accessories that sparkled and won many awards, the most recent of which a first place in hand-weaving and a Best of Shaw award for the 2014 "Fantastic Fiber Expressions", and 1<sup>st</sup> place in fiber arts for the 2014 National American Heritage Exhibit of the Daughters of the American Revolution of which she was a member.

An educator for more than 30 years, Elizabeth's generous spirit gave back much to her community, serving in leadership positions of many organizations, notably the Sycamore Arts Council and the Tate County Heritage Museum. Her family has established a scholarship in her name at the Northwest Mississippi Community College.

—Written by Marcy Petrini, Sharon Williams,  
and Bobbie Embrey for SS&D

# NOVEMBER MINUTES

Guild members gathered on Saturday, November 15 at 10 am. President Donna Peyton suggested that it's time for us to review our bylaws. She asked that officers gather for review, either in January when we meet at EPA, or in a separate meeting. Following review and revision by guild officers, we will present the updated bylaws to membership for approval.

We further discussed the idea of bringing master spinner Mary Russman from TN for a guild presentation. The consensus was that we would prefer for Ms. Russman to offer a full-fledged class vs. a short program at a guild meeting. We will work through guild member Nichol Treuil to coordinate this event.

Our annual Christmas get-together this year will be held on Saturday, December 13 (note that this is the *second* Saturday of the month vs. our regular third Saturday meeting day) at 10 am here at the MS Craft Center. Everyone is invited to bring a loom or spinning wheel, plus food to share. We will weave, spin, eat, drink and exchange gifts. What more could we want?

We discussed plans for the upcoming Chimneyville Crafts Festival to be held December 6 & 7 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Guild members are invited to demonstrate fiber arts throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Contact Debbie Stringer to let her know when you can be there and what you will demonstrate. Rumor has it that demonstrators receive free tickets to Friday night's opening.

ROC day will be held January 10 in New Orleans. Remember to register by December 10. Several guild members (Marcy Petrini, Brenda Harrower) will have booths there.

During show and tell Carolyn Campbell showed the eco-dyed scarves she completed at a workshop by Winki Allen. Carolyn Campbell and Donna Peyton showed the felted critters they created at our October meeting.

Donna Peyton gave a program on Kool-Aid dyeing, complete with recipes. She wraps the yarn to be dyed in a ball or in a skein and used vinegar as mordant. She heats the dye bath and yarn in the microwave on high for two minutes. She reports that rinsing is optional. Donna reports that food coloring and Easter egg dyes can also be used successfully.

Those present included Carolyn Campbell, Alma Ellis, Beth Palmer, Marcy Petrini, Donna Peyton, and Margaret Richardson.

## JOIN US!

The CWSG newsletter is published the first week of each month and is distributed by email to members and friends.

We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, usually at the MS Craft Center (upstairs) at 950 Rice Road, Ridgeland, MS 39157

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