



# NEWSLETTER

PO Box 16888, Jackson, MS 39236-6888

November 2014

## OCTOBER MINUTES

The board did not meet prior to the October guild meeting. Guild members gathered on Saturday, October 19 at 10 am. We welcomed back returning member Ann Hayne who reported that she had been absent from the guild for about 15 years. She still, however, retains fond memories of guild members helping her to warp her loom when she first started weaving. Welcome home Ann!

We discussed plans for upcoming programs. Rita Grice offered to do a program in March on blocking for knitting and crocheting. Winki Allen offered to do a program on shibori dyeing at our May meeting to be held at the Electric Power Association. We still do not have a program planned for our January meeting. We also need to select a site for our December gathering.

We discussed the possibility of having Mary Russman, a master spinner from Memphis, come to provide a program for us. Ms. Russman would require \$125 for a 2.5 hour class plus \$.11/mile for her travel plus a place to stay while she's in MS. We tabled the discussion until a later date.

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## HELLO, FELLOW WEAVERS AND SPINNERS—

This is your Guild secretary, Beth Palmer, with an apology for losing our president's words of wisdom for this month's newsletter. Come to our meeting this Saturday and hear Donna speak about dyeing wool. It will be great fun!

See you there, Your Sect'y, *BETH*

*Join us this Saturday, November 15 at the MS Craft Center when our program features President Donna Peyton who will talk about dyeing wool. Y'all come!*

### Upcoming Programs

- November—Dyeing wool/Donna Peyton
- December—Loom crawl/party—location TBD
- 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



Spinners gather to celebrate Roc Day in New Orleans in 2009.

## ROC DAY 2015

In olden days, women tucked away their spinning and weaving to prepare for Christmas holidays. After the twelve days of Christmas passed, they would gather together for a day of rocking and spinning to reconnect and mark the return to everyday work in the new year. This tradition continues with Roc Day events hosted by spinning and weaving guilds everywhere.

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.

Activities include a fashion display, swap table, equipment and fiber sales, and demonstrations.

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

Early bird registration by December 1 guarantees receipt of a special Roc Day gift.

Participants may register online at [www.nowg.org/roc-day](http://www.nowg.org/roc-day) or by sending a check (with luncheon menu choice) for \$25 made out to New Orleans Weavers' Guild to Maureen Preau, PO Box 58726, New Orleans, LA 70158.

## 38TH ANNUAL CHIMNEYVILLE CRAFTS FESTIVAL

More than 160 juried craftspeople will gather at the MS Trade Mart in downtown Jackson December 5-7 for the 38th Annual Chimneyville Crafts Festival.

Named the "Best Festival in Mississippi" by the Mississippi Tourism Association in 2011, the Chimneyville Crafts Festival offers timeless objects crafted from wood, pottery, glass, fiber, and metal.

The festival opens with a preview party on Friday evening from 7 to 10 pm. The public is invited to visit Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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## BIRTHDAYS

Fabulous fiber festivities to members:

Janet Smith (Nov. 21)

Jane Dollar (Nov. 29)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We made \$.04 interest this month and collected \$400 in dues, bringing our bank account balance up to \$4,873.27

If you have not yet paid your dues of \$20 for 2015 please send them to Carolyn Campbell so that we can include you in our updated directory.



**A beautiful view is always a plus when you're working on a project! This is the view from the second-floor porch of Bluff Top, the Natchez B&B where sisters Debbie Stringer and Janet Smith enjoyed a sew-cation in October.**

## THE TRUTH ABOUT YARN BUYING

Recent studies indicate that yarns emit certain pheromones that hypnotize women and cause them to purchase ungodly amounts. When stored in large quantities in enclosed spaces (as in a yarn store), these pheromones in the yarn causes memory loss and induce the gathering syndrome, similar to the one squirrels have before the onset of winter.

Studies also reveal that yarns emit a very high-pitched sound heard only by a select few, known as stitchers. When played backward, these sounds are heard as chants...'Buy me! Knit me!' Furthermore, pheromones seem to cause a pathological need to hide the yarn purchases away when one takes them home and blend them into the existing stash. When asked by a significant other if the yarn is new, the reply is, "oh, I've had it for a while!"

In order to overcome the so-called feeding frenzy effect that these yarns cause, one must wear a face mask when entering a storage facility, and use ear plugs to avoid being pulled into their grip. It is also beneficial to enter these storage facilities without the presence of cash or credit cards.

Sad to say, the addictive qualities of this compulsive behavior are cumulative, and are ameliorated only by the purchase of more and more and more yarns.—Adapted from a quilters' newsletter in North Carolina...author unknown.

## OCTOBER MINUTES (CONT'D)

Carolyn Campbell reported that the balance in our treasury is high. Donna Peyton reminded us that Alma Ellis is working on finding a weaving workshop for us. Debbie Stringer is working on new acquisitions for our library and has received suggestions for two new dvd's, both featuring Tom Knisely of The Mannings.

Nichol Treuil led a discussion on plans for our sheep to shawl demonstration on Saturday, April 11, 2015. We discussed the need for new and improved signs for the demonstrations. Nichol pointed out that we also need someone to head up this event.

During Show & Tell Rita Grice shared two scarves she made on her triangle loom. One piece used continuous weave and commercial yarn. The other used the cut strand process and Chroma yarn from KnitPicks. Rita also shared a ball of yarn spun from Wensleydale wool and alpaca. Winki Allen shared her latest work with rust and eco-dyeing using hickory and shibori processes.

We all enjoyed a fabulous program by Margaret Richardson on creating critters from felted sweaters and notions. We also enjoyed a potluck lunch that included *sex in a pan* (ask Rita about this!).

Those present included Beverly Allen, Winki Allen, Carolyn Campbell, Rita Grice, Ann Hayne, Brenda Harrower, Jane Klinck, Nancy Landrum, Beth Palmer, Donna Peyton, Margaret Richardson, Debbie Stringer, Nichol Treuil, and Terry Wetzel.

## 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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