



NEWSLETTER

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Above Savannah, the shepherdess at our recent Sheep-to-Shawl event smiles from behind a handful of fleece. At right, member Debbie Stringer teaches a youngster to weave while mom watches.
(Photos by Carolyn Campbell)

DEAR FELLOW WEAVERS AND SPINNERS,

I think we had a great Sheep to Shawl last month. It was great to have the hookers (rug) join us and our shepherdess was great!

I will miss you this month, but I have a demonstration to do at the Champion Hill Day. It has been a great time as your president. It is now time to choose a new one, and I will pass on the torch at the summer meeting.

Also, looking forward to seeing everyone at the Magnolia State Fiber Festival!!

YOUR PREZ, DONNA

P.S. Congrats to Donna on the recent publication by *Cooperative Press* of her knitting pattern for a Shakespeare doll. Bravo!

Upcoming Programs

- May—Bias infinity scarf/Marva Goodman



May 29th and 30th, 2015

Join us for the 3rd annual Magnolia State Fiber Festival on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30 in historic Vicksburg, MS. This year's festival moves to the Vicksburg Convention Center at 1600 Mulberry Street where we will have plenty of space to shop and learn, better lighting, and a loading dock for our 30+ vendors.

We'll be open for shopping from noon to 6 pm on Friday and 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday. Workshops take place between 9 am and 4 pm both days. Admission to the festival is free. Workshops require fees.

Workshops include blending, color and crochet; felting and fiber processing; knitting; rug hooking and shuttle tatting; spinning and weaving. Beginners and advanced students will find lessons from basics to beyond. Learn how to blend fiber on a board or a hackle. Practice Tunisian or filet crochet. Coil a basket. Fix your knitting mistakes. Spin with a wheel or a spindle. Weave on an inkle, tablet, triangle or rigid heddle loom. It's all good!

Vendors offer all sorts of animal and plant fibers, from alpaca to bamboo, silk to wool. You'll also find all sorts of fiber equipment from spindles and wheels to looms and accessories, fiber-inspired jewelry and spa products for the fiber enthusiast in need of a little TLC.

Bring the whole family to the Fiber Festival. There's lots to do in Vicksburg! Visit the Vicksburg National Military Park and discover why Vicksburg was called "the key to the South." Shop downtown Vicksburg for unique gifts and beautiful antiques. Enjoy delicious seafood, fabulous fried chicken, or bountiful barbecue. There's a taste treat for everyone.

For more information about the Magnolia State Fiber Festival and to register for workshops, visit msff.net

BIRTHDAYS

Fabulous fiber festivities to members:

Darlene Steel (April 15)

Rosina Echols (April 23)

Gio Chinchar (May 14)

Patricia Holmberg (May 27)

TREASURER'S REPORT

After paying \$200 for the sheep and shepherdess at S2S plus \$129.60 for new posters for S2S, our current balance is \$4,631.91

MARCH MINUTES

We gathered on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the MS Craft Center for our regular meeting. We had 13 members present for the meeting.

Under Old Business, we talked about plans for the Sheep to Shawl day planned for Saturday, April 11. We reviewed who signed up for what tasks that day. We will set up at 9 am and the actual event begins at 10. Everyone is invited to bring something to share for lunch. Alma Ellis is redoing our signs for the event. Beth Palmer made a motion, seconded by multiple members, to authorize up to \$250 to have the new signs laminated.

We talked again about scheduling spinning workshops with Mary Lessman. She offers 1/2 day classes and we will schedule her for a Saturday this summer. Brenda Harrower will organize a vote on our choice of topics. We have already identified an overwhelming interest in Mary's class on spinning exotic fibers. The group will choose one other topic to explore.

Alma Ellis announced that Katherine Webber of Blazing Shuttles will offer a workshop for us May 5 through 7, 2016. We discussed having a weaving workshop on Thursday and Friday and perhaps something on dyeing on Saturday. The weaving workshop will be limited to 12 participants. Ms. Webber's rate is \$450/day plus travel expenses.

There was no New Business.

Marcy Petrini inquired whether CWSG maintains membership in HGA. We deferred the question until Carolyn Campbell could respond.

We enjoyed a lively show and tell followed by a program on blocked hand-knitted or crocheted items led by Rita Grice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29 & 30, 2015 — Magnolia State Fiber Festival at Vicksburg Convention Center; more info and class schedule at msff.net

June 18-20, 2015 — Midwest Weaver's Conference, Minneapolis, MN

July 25 & 26, 2015 — *Weaving with Echo and Iris* workshop, Jackson, TN, sponsored by Traditional Skills and Fiberworks Guild in Jackson, TN

August 15, 2015 — Marbling Workshop, sponsored by the Traditional Skills and Fiberworks Guild in Jackson, TN

November 2015—FiberFest in Plaquemine, LA

January 2016 — ROC Day sponsored by Bayou Yarn Benders, Baton Rouge

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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