



NEWSLETTER

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ANYBODY SEEN A WHITE ELEPHANT?

According to Wikipedia, a white elephant is a possession that's difficult to dispose of and whose

cost to maintain is greater than its value.

We're here to help you dispose of those white elephants you've been yearning to set free, especially those related to weaving, spinning, and the fiber arts. Bring them along to our September 19 meeting and we'll help them find new homes. Proceeds from our white elephant sale will go to benefit our guild library.

DEAR FELLOW WEAVERS AND SPINNERS,

I'm really looking forward to the Saturday, September 19th meeting at Debbie Stringer's office at 665 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland and seeing what everybody's working on. And we always have such delicious dishes at our potluck! Invite a friend and bring something for The White Elephant sale. (Proceeds from the sale benefit our guild library.)

YOUR PREZ, MARGARET

Upcoming Programs

- September—Project & membership day plus white elephant sale at EPA office (Debbie)
- October—Shibori and indigo dyeing (Winki)
- November—Stash busting for weavers (Beth)
- December—Loom crawl (Host TBD)
- January—Fiber & Food Lovers Tour (Sharon)
- February—Planning & Looking (Marcy)
- March—Fiber art cuffs (Debbie)
- April—Sheep to shawl
- May—TBD

MAY MINUTES

We gathered on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the MS Craft Center for our regular meeting. We had 13 members present for the meeting. We welcomed visitor Katy Clark.

Presidential nominee Margaret Richardson called the meeting to order. Winki Allen moved that the minutes from March be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Terry Wetzel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, our Sheep to Shawl event held in April went well. The group asked the secretary to add contact info for the shepherdess to our newsletter. Some felt that attendance was diminished this year and wondered if we should change the date in 2016.

We talked again about scheduling spinning workshops with Mary Lessman. Potential dates and topics were discussed. Nichol Kadler agreed to take the lead on this.

Under New Business, we discussed our traditional summer get-together to be held at Nancy Landrum's home. Gio Chinchar made a motion to schedule the gathering on July 18. Beth Palmer seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The summer gathering will include a potluck lunch. Winki Allen hopes to offer a program on shibori dyeing (later cancelled due to the heat).

The Nominating Committee announced candidates for office including Margaret Richardson for President and Gio Chinchar for Vice President. Winki Allen moved that we accept the nominations as presented. Marva Goodman seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Gio immediately circulated a sheet of paper to gather program ideas for the new year.

Winki Allen shared copies of *Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot*, a magazine published by the Handweavers' Guild of America. Marcy Petrini inquired again about CWSG's membership in HGA. Winki offered to follow up on the question. (See treasurer's report at right which mentions payment of HGA dues.) Marcy moved that the guild support the Handweavers' Guild of America Fiber Trust with a contribution of \$140. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Carolyn Campbell reports ongoing problems with our PO box which she has found taped shut on several occasions and the mail returned. We discussed allowing Carolyn to close the PO box and to register her home address as the guild's address.

Librarian Debbie Stringer mentioned that several books that do not belong to the guild had been left at the library. Marcy offered to check with the Craft Center about the books.

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BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating summer birthdays include:

Gayle Gray (June 10)

Angel Sullivan (June 19)

Brenda Harrower (June 23)

Marva Goodman (July 5)

Carolyn Campbell (July 11)

Beth Palmer (July 30)

Debbie Stringer (August 6)

Alma Ellis (August 10)

Winki Allen & Donna Peyton (August 10)

Jane Klinck (August 17)

Sandra Mayo (August 22)

Sharon Williams (August 29)

September birthdays include:

Kathy Perito (September 17)

TREASURER'S REPORT

After paying \$50 dues to the Handweavers' Guild of America and earning \$.16 in interest, our balance is \$4,582.07

MINUTES CONT'D

Alma Ellis offered to check on the names of our officers of record for the guild to see if they need to be updated.

Debbie Stringer talked about the Tougaloo Art Colony which she hopes to attend later this summer. She also offered the conference room at her office for our September meeting. We'll all bring projects to work on and bring along potential new members. Our September meeting will feature a white elephant sale to benefit our library fund.

After a lively round of show and tell, we enjoyed a program offered by Marva Goodman on bias scarves sewn on the straight-of-grain.

After our summer gathering on July 18 at the home of Nancy Landrum, our next regular meeting will be Saturday, September 19 beginning at 10 am at the offices of the Electrical Power Associations of MS, 665 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland (aka Debbie Stringer's office).



ROC DAY

ROC Day 2016 takes place on Saturday, January 9 at the Gym of the Florida Boulevard Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA. Hosts for the event are the Bayou Yarn

Benders/Baton Rouge Fiber Guild. ROC Day will open at 10 am and run until 4 pm. Lunch is included with registration.

Registrations forms and more info will be shared with guild newsletter editors in time for October/November newsletters. Vendor information forms will be mailed by October 20 2015. Folks interested in serving as a vendor at ROC Day may contact vendor chair Stannie Luker at spinmag-gie@cox.net

Overall chair for ROC Day 2016 (God bless her!) is Mary Lynn Jackson. She can be reached at cmjmlj@cox.net

For those unfamiliar with ROC Day, tradition tells us that January 7 was the day when women would resume their spinning after the excitement of the 12 Days of Christmas. Various guilds in our region share responsibility for ROC

FOR SALE

Reed: 12-dent reed for 15-inch Schacht Cricket rigid heddle loom. Never used. \$20.

Swift: Beka tabletop yarn swift. Free-standing, no clamp. Made of maple and holds skeins up to 72 inches. Like-new condition, still in box. See photo at www.Woolery.com. \$40.

The above prices include free delivery to the September guild meeting! Email Debbie Stringer, news@epaofms.com.

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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