



# NEWSLETTER

PO Box 16888, Jackson, MS 39236-6888

December 2015

## ROC DAY

ROC Day 2016 takes place Saturday, January 9 at the Gym of the Florida Boulevard Baptist Church, 10915 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA. Hosts for the event are the Bayou Yarn Benders/Baton Rouge Fiber Guild. ROC Day opens at 10 am and runs til 4 pm. Registration is now closed.

Directions from Jackson: Coming in on I-12 from Hammond, exit at Sherwood Forest Blvd. and go North – to your right. Continue on Sherwood Forest Blvd. through lights at Old Hammond Highway and Goodwood Blvd.

The next traffic light will be Florida Blvd. Turn left at that light onto Florida Blvd. headed into Baton Rouge.

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## DEAR FELLOW WEAVERS AND SPINNERS,

At the Christmas time I'm thinking of all those mothers, grandmothers, and "fiber mothers" who shared their knowledge and love of fibers with us. This past month Nicole Wyatt, Sharon Williams and Margaret Richardson all lost their mothers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them. If your mama is still among us, hug her neck. If she's gone on to heaven, pray that the good Lord has given her a role in spinning, weaving, sewing or just enjoying some heavenly textiles.

YOUR SECRETARY, BETH

## Upcoming Programs

- December—Loom crawl (Nancy Landrum)
- January—HGA and Convergence 2016 (Kathy Perito)
- February—Planning & Evaluating Your Work (Marcy Petrini)
- March—Fiber art cuffs (Debbie Stringer)
- April—Sheep to shawl
- May—TBD

## NOVEMBER MINUTES

NOTE: Previously published minutes for October mistakenly reported that the Guild library had already purchased two dvd's. In fact, ***we will vote on the purchase at our December gathering.*** Titles include *The Weaver's Yarn Companion* and *Weaving with Novelty Yarns*, both by Tom Knisely of The Mannings.

We gathered on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the MS Craft Center. The board met at 9 am and the guild meeting began at 10 am. In the absence of President Margaret Richardson, Vice President Gio Chinchar ran the board and regular meetings.

We had 11 members present for the Guild meeting and one guest (Sue Mast, sister of Beth Palmer). The meeting began with a moment of silence to remember Sharon Wyatt. Marcy Petrini made a motion, seconded by Marva Goodman, for the Guild to contribute \$100 to the Sharon Wyatt memorial fund at UMMC. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Secretary Beth Palmer was instructed to inform Treasurer Carolyn Campbell of the action.

The minutes from October were presented in the November newsletter. Donna Peyton moved that the minutes be accepted as amended (see note above). Sharon Williams seconded the motion. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The current financial report was included in the November newsletter. Carolyn Campbell was not present at the meeting to offer any updates. No report was available re the financial outcome of the recent exotic fibers spinning class held November 7.

Under Old Business, Alma Ellis outlined plans for the upcoming weaving and dyeing classes to be offered Thursday—Saturday, May 5, 6, and 7, 2016 by Kathrin Weber. Classes will be held at the MS Craft Center. The two-day weaving class is entitled *Controlled Chaos* and will cost \$125/Guild member participant or \$145/non-member. The materials fee for the weaving class is \$45. The one-day dyeing class is entitled *Not Your Grandma's Dyepot* and will cost \$45/Guild member participant or \$55/non-member participant. The materials fee for the dyeing class is \$25. Members may register for either or both classes NOW by sending a check for the appropriate amount(s) to Carolyn Campbell.

Debbie Stringer plans to demonstrate at the Chimneyville Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5. All members interested in participating should contact Debbie who will put together a schedule and inform Sheri Cox.

The December loom crawl will take place at the home of Nancy Landrum, 4250 Valley Road, Meridian. We'll gather at 10 am and disperse by 3 pm. All are invited to bring a dish to share and a gift to exchange (\$20 limit).

Under New Business, Gio announced that the board will work on revising the bylaws. She also announced that Kathy Perito will lead the program in January. Topics will include HGA and Convergence 2016 to be held in Milwaukee. After show & tell, the meeting adjourned for the program on ideas for busting weaving stash.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

After taking in \$370 in dues and workshop fees, earning \$.04 in interest, and paying out \$317.29 for expenses, our balance is \$4,871.90

The Mary Lessman workshop on spinning exotic fibers cost the Guild \$490.99. We had 7 members and 2 non-members take the class. Income from participants was \$315. Contractual obligation to the instructor was \$805.99.



## WINKI SPEAKS OUT

On November 20, 2015 Guild member Winki Allen was a keynote speaker and juror at the Mississippi Cotton, Weaving Futures 2015 conference and competition at MS State University. She spoke about her textile history, influences and processes in weaving, dyeing and surface design to students from textile design and merchandising programs at MS State University, University of Southern MS, and Delta State University.

Winki also shared information about the Craftsmen's Guild of MS (and the upcoming Chimneyville Craft Show) and the Handweaver's Guild of America (along with the HGA website and Convergence 2016).

Funding for this program was awarded by Cotton Incorporated to The University of Southern MS, Delta State University, and MS State University.

## ROC DAY CONT'D

At the first light you come to on Florida Blvd., you will be directly in front of Florida Blvd. Baptist Church. Turn right at this light and go to the last driveway into the church – there will be a sign directing you to the Parking lot and the building where Roc Day will be held.

There are numerous places to stay in Baton Rouge. The areas off O'Neal Lane at I-12, Sherwood at I-12, Seigen at I-10 and I-10 at Bluebonnet near the Mall of Louisiana have several different motels. There are many restaurants and shopping areas as well as a movie theater if you plan to come the night before or stay the night after Roc Day.

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 day each year.

## 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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