



CHIMNEYVILLE WEAVERS

FEBRUARY, 1991, NEWSLETTER

Calendar

- February 16, 1991--February Guild meeting; 9:30 board meeting, 10:00 general meeting; at Ag and Forestry Museum. After we get all our business done, we'll knit and spin and generally commune with each other.
- February 28, 1991--Entry deadline for Mississippi Weaves III
- March 9, 1991--Tentative Guild meeting--more information in next newsletter
- March 14, 1991--Mississippi Weaves III opening celebration, 8-10 at Gallery 121
- March 14-17, 1991--American Craft Council Southeast Regional Conference in Jackson
- March 14-28, 1991--Mississippi Weaves III
- December, 1991--Weaving Exhibit, DGNB Gallery Downtown

January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was held at the Chimneyville Craft Center at the Mississippi Ag and Forestry Museum. Margaret Williard called the meeting to order. Hazel reported our budget as having \$783.33. Hazel also reported on Roc Day--sounds like everyone had a great time.

Amy Evans and Barbara Mitchell reported on Mississippi Weaves III. Our juror will be Virginia West. Invitations to the Opening will be distributed to Guild members at the February meeting to send to family and friends. We voted to extend the \$10 entry fee to include members of the Dyed-in-the-Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild and to encourage their participation in the show. The following Show committees were set up:

Food Committee

Jane Burrows 1 & 2--chairmen
Marcy Petrini
Margaret Pittman
Gerry Reiff

Hanging Committee (hanging Wednesday, 3/13/91, 9:30 a.m.)

Amy Evans, chair
Butch Almond
Hazel Howell
Sharon Williams
Nell Elam

Unhanging

Amy Evans, chair
Hazel Howell
Margaret Williard
Marva Goodman

Invitation

Gerry Reiff, chair
Ginny Trainer
Marcy Petrini
Margaret Williard

Catalog and Labels

Sandy Tucker
Tina Bradford

Publicity

Barbara Mitchell
Dianne Davidson
Carol Parks

Amy Evans will bring information on hanging ideas to the February meeting. The Guild was approached by Andy Young regarding a split of the cost of Virginia West's airfare. After discussion, the Guild voted not to incur this expense.

The HGA Board of Directors meeting plans were finalized and all needed slots for food, transportation, et al were filled. On Thursday, January 24, the drivers deliver Board members to Marcy's where there will be dinner at 7:30, and guests will rendezvous with their hostesses. All lunch slots are filled and lunch hostesses prepared. Friday night, Jan. 25, guests will be treated to some real Southern hospitality by Hazel Howell at her home in Canton. The menu sounds fabulous! On Saturday night Marcy is hosting a casual party at her home in honor of the board members.

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Dear Weavers:

I would like to express my appreciation on my behalf and that of the HGA Board of Directors. I am truly grateful for all the help you gave me during this *very hectic* time. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm with which you cooked, drove, cleaned up, hosted and all the hundreds other tasks that you did. Not having to worry about all the details was a great relief to me.

Norma Smayda has asked me to thank you for your patience; not having the luxury to meet but twice a year, makes each meeting minute very precious. We all serve on one committee, some on more than one. Each person had to report on all the activities from the previous 6 months; for me, for example, that is not only the work I accomplished, but also that of my 7 volunteer committees. We all have to vote on policy matters and that means educating everyone prior to voting. Some of this is accomplished by mail, but it is impossible to have through letters the kind of discussion and interaction that the organization needs for its vitality.

We didn't get done everything we had planned on, but came close, thanks to the extra half hour here and half hour there that you were willing to accommodate.

Getting away from business in the evenings was, for me, a welcomed relief. I hope you enjoyed the social occasions as much as I did.

And I was totally surprised by the present you gave me. The earrings are gorgeous and I will always cherish them. I am not sure why I deserve them: let's see, you gave me a present because I made you work like crazy for 4 days? Not a bad deal!

I am going out town for business, but when I get back I would like us to get together and spend some *unhectic* time together.

Love, *Marcy*

NURSING HOME KNITTING PROJECT

I am happy with the response to my idea of knitting squares for Afghans for nursing homes.

I have done a bit of investigating, and here is what I have found:

Using Tena's "dishtowel" pattern for squares, with size 10 1/2" needles and 4 ply orlon, my squares are approximately 9 1/4" to 9 1/2" square and weigh approximately 1 1/4 oz., so that 1 skein will yield 2 to 3 squares. I am sure the gauge will vary with the knitter. And I am sure Hazel will find a way to put them all together!

Of course you don't have to use Tena's pattern, and, in fact, this would be a wonderful opportunity to practice all sorts of stitches, etc. I will bring to the next meeting a booklet that Dianne Davidson brought me with several patterns for dishcloths. However, if we attempt to make the squares somewhat uniform in size, the putting together will be easier at the end.

We have to use yarn that can be machine washed and dried. So, buying orlon or similar yarns is ideal. There are several skeins or partial skeins in the studio that can be used. However, feel free to use several strands of other yarns, provided that they can be machine washed and dried. *Please wash all squares that way before turning them in.*

I will bring to the meeting room a box to collect the squares. I will place it by our library. Bring whatever you have done to the next meeting!

Mary

Notes/Announcements

Add this new member to your directory: Kathy Cohron, Rt. 3, Box 347C, Jackson, MS 39213. Phone: 856-6698.

Change this address (Yes, I moved last week, as if I had nothing else going on!!): Virginia Rogers, 117 E. Hill Dr., Madison, MS 39110. Same phone: 856-3142.

Spinning wheel. I saw an old spinning wheel in an antique shop in Madison for \$300 or so. It was described as being in working condition, but I don't know anything about them, so I couldn't judge. If you want more information, ask me.

Many thanks--to Marva Goodman for helping me get this newsletter out. Delivery is very near (February 24 due date), so I'm feeling overloaded both physically and mentally!

P.S.: Virginia has a boy! Born February 5, his name is Victor Lamar Rogers, III. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 19" long.

For Sale: LeClerc, 18" table model loom, 2 harness, 90 steel heddles on each harness; warping frame (about 40" x 40"). Both in excellent condition. \$150 for both. Mary Jane Moak, 1015 Eighth St., New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone: (504) 897-9589.

Of Interest to Weavers: Textile Study Tour of China
(October 3-21, 1991). Virginia West is organizing a textile
study tour of China. This custom-designed trip will be accom-
panied by Professor Walter Hahn and is limited in size. For
more information, write or call: VIRGINIA WEST
2809 Grasty Woods Lane
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RE: Invitations to opening of Mississippi Weaves III

If you want to take advantage of bulk mailing rates through
the Craftsman's Guild at a saving of 7 to 8 cents per piece, come
to the February meeting prepared to address cards to your personal
friends. If you do not desire to take advantage of this bulk
mailing, you may mail cards at your own expense.

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