



October, 1991, Newsletter

### Calendar

- October 8 - November 14--Fiber Arts competition and exhibition, sponsored by BASF Carpet Fibers and Creative Arts Guild, Dalton, GA.
- October 26--October Guild Meeting and Pioneer Festival. Location: Natchez Trace Crafts Center, Board Meeting: 9:30, General Meeting: 10:00. More details following.
- October 26--Marcy Petrini's seminar/workshop on The Transition Between 4 and More on how to extend weaving structure from 4 shafts to multi-shafts. Location: New Orleans. For further information, contact Valerie Lorio, 203 Maumus, New Orleans, LA 70131.
- November 2--Spinning class, first in series to be held at home of Tina Bradford. (More details following.)
- November 16--November Guild Meeting: Program on tapestry by Lucille Miller.
- December 2-30--Weaving exhibit, DGNB Gallery, downtown Jackson.
- December 5-8--Chimneyville Crafts Festival, Jackson Trade Mart.
- December 14--December Guild Meeting and Annual Loom Crawl.
- January 4, 1992--ROC Day '92, Sponsored by the Bayou Yarn Benders, Baton Rouge Fiber Guild. Location: First Baptist Church Family Activities Center, 9637 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA from 10-4. More details following.
- January 18, 1992--January Guild Meeting. Program: "Stop and Smell the Roses"
- January 22-26, 1992--Spin-in and Stitch-in, Holiday Inn, 1020 U.S. Hwy. 98, P.O. Box 577, Destin, FL 32541, (904) 837-6181 or contact Margaret Pittman for copy of registration form.
- February 15, 1992--February Guild Meeting. Program: "Pine Straw Tenneriffe" by Hazel Howell.

### September Minutes

The first formal meeting for the year was very productive. Introductions were made of visitors and members. Afterwards, Jane Dollar, our present Director, presented Margaret Williard, our last year's Director, with a beautiful, pewter, feather pin for a job well done! Discussion of all upcoming events, interests and concerns followed. ¶ A motion was made by Marva Goodman and seconded by Virginia Rogers to file in the library all vendor information and/or newsletters from other guilds. It was felt that everyone should have access to these. ¶ Tina Bradford, our Vice Director, suggested we might consider pen pals from far-away places as a learning/friendship exchange. ¶ In the interest of economizing/ecologizing a suggestion was made for future guild meetings that everyone bring their own coffee mug. ¶ To promote our guild, Tina suggested information be sent to "Spin-Off" and/or "Shuttle, Spindle and Dye Pot" regarding our dishrag afghan project. It could possibly be entitled "How to Change a Oklahoma Dishrag into a Mississippi Afghan". ¶ It was decided that a minimal charge of \$3 be assessed anyone interested in having a cookbook who did not participate in HGA's visit. ¶ Tina announced that our theme for the year re: programs will be "I Have a Variation". Each program will start out with a new or different way to plan, knit, spin, etc. ¶ Spinners' corner: Hazel Howell, our Treasurer, strongly recommended drum carder instructions be written. Tina suggested that at promotional events such as "Sheep-to-Shawl", we have a "Drop in and Spin" so that interested passersby would get a "taste" for spinning. She also said that the host for the 1993 Spinning COE had been taken but 1995 is available. ¶ Hazel reported that Loom Crawl will start out at Lu Harding's house for appetizers, Margaret Pittman's for main dish and Marva Goodman's for dessert.

¶ Hazel opened the discussion of helping with Chimneyville Crafts Festival. We will be responsible for the lounge and helping with booths. She said they could use 3 or 4 people to serve at supper for craftsmen before the patrons' party. A list was passed for volunteers. A discussion of the Christmas tree followed and Hazel reported it would be furnished by The Jolly Elf Christmas Tree Farm. Hazel asked that we please bring a list of ornaments we brought and/or mark them in a special way. ¶ Amy Evans will discuss with Dianne Dickson the possibility of having a fashion show at next year's Chimneyville Crafts Festival. This could include knitters, jewelers, etc. ¶ Gerry Reiff gave information re: the December DGB show and asked for volunteers/ input. We will hang on 12/2 and take down on 12/30. There was a discussion of space and possible displays. Lu Harding suggested using part of the space for PR and education by using photographs of looms, shuttles, etc. Gerry suggested part of this might come from the historian. Sharron Williams added pictures of spinning wheels, dyed yarns and handspun yarns. Virginia Rogers and Lu suggested submitting samples from previous projects or classes. ( Questionnaire will follow later in the newsletter for your input re: this show. Please help Gerry out by replying ASAP.) ¶ Marcy brought up the possibility of hosting a show for the "Year of the American Craft." It would be for 1993, same year as MS Weaves III and in conjunction with other guilds; a traveling show. Could be held simultaneously with MS Weaves III. Amy Evans made a motion to pursue it with Louisiana and it was seconded. ¶ The program was presented by Amy Evans and Sharron Williams. It covered planning warps; EPI, shrinkage, fulling, etc., and was very informative. Tina presented the variation of the month; her variation of the McMoran Balance that works! Gem of the month: When Judy Foster is winding her warp and at the midway point still has at least half of her warp thread left, she knows she's in good shape. However-----if not, she starts varyingwarp at that point so that she doesn't have 2 inches of "strange stuff" at the end of her warp! ¶ Among the last news of the day was from Margaret Williard. She is engaged to be married to John Moses Pipkin from Greensboro, NC. He is a retired professor of religion at Gilford College in Greensboro, former Quaker minister, published poet and Margaret says, "... a neat guy." We are happy for you both and wish you our best!

Margaret Pittman

#### Treasurer's Report

Hazel reported there is currently \$554.78 in the treasury. A list of paid-up members will be given out at the October meeting. If you know you have not paid and wish to remain a member, please pay at this time.

#### From the Lab

I hope everyone had as much fun at the September meeting as I did! I do promise to try and be a bit more formal/organized/whatever from now on. I'm really not used to doing things like this, so be patient, please! Also, since we were running late and I forgot to have show and tell, I'm going to tell and let Margaret Williard show at the next meeting - she's getting married! So congrats and best wishes to her! See you all at the Trace Crafts Center! -- Jane Dollar

#### October Meeting

The October Guild Meeting will be held at the Natchez Trace Crafts Center on Saturday, October 26, and in conjunction with the Pioneer Festival. General meeting will start at 10:00. After a short business meeting, those wishing to bring spinning wheels, looms, etc. are encouraged to demonstrate. Wear pioneer costumes if you have them. Bring a brown bag lunch as we probably will not break for lunch. If you would like coffee, please bring thermoses and mugs as we will not have access to a coffee pot. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

## Notes/Announcements

Marcy will have a pot-luck and/or spin-in at her house on Saturday, October 19 at 7:00. (You don't have to spin to come. Everyone loves to eat.) She says we can celebrate National Weaving and Spinning Week a week late and visit with Cynthia Crull who will be in town that day. Give Marcy a call if you can add to the pot and/or would like to come. Her # is 957-1423.

All spinners are invited to Margaret Pittman's on Friday night, October 25. Come about 6:00. Menu will be split-pea soup if I can find a good ham bone. Give me a call at 956-1478 (home) or 992-0715 (office) so that I'll know what size pot.

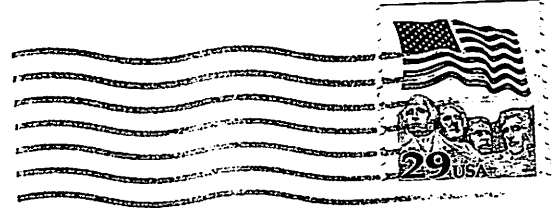
Tina's first spinning class of a series will be on November 2 at her house. Give her a call for details, directions and/or to let her know if you will be a student. Her # is 673-9114.

Marcy said that the Baton Rouge newsletter reported they would have to limit ROC Day to 100 because of space; they will take the first 100 people. I sent my back-dated check today! All kidding aside, all who went last year are still talking about what a good time we had. Let's not miss it.

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## DGNB SHOW INFORMATION

- We need you to take a moment to get this information together. Please let us know how many pieces you can provide for the DGNB show. It is to be hung on 12/2 and taken down on 12/30. This will not be "engraved in granite" but we would like to have a rough count in order that we can make a reasonable committment. Send to Gerry Reiff, 810 Fairview, Jackson, MS 39202, or bring to the October meeting. We will need your pieces by the November meeting in order to catalog. Thank you.



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