

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Newsletter
September 2005

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild meets the **third Saturday of each month, September-May, at 10 AM at the Ag Museum.**

Since this is the first newsletter for 2005/06, I've included the summer birthdays below (no June b'days?) ***Happy Birthday to all the following (& any "Birthday Babies" that I've missed):***

June: ???

July: *Carolyn Campbell, Marva Goodman, Joan Henderson, Deborah Levine*

August: *Patti Demers, Judy Fain, Jane Klinck, Elizabeth Lewis, Sandra Mayo, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Gayle Smith, Debbie Springer, Sharon Williams*

• Guild Calendar:

*** **Sept. 17** - First regular guild meeting at the Ag Museum **10 AM Fitzgerald Building.**

Summer meeting - We will meet at Marcy Petrini's house (specific date and time will be forwarded later) for our summer get together.

Minutes:

Sharon convened the May 21st. meeting, her last act as President of our CWSG. Many thanks for her guidance and leadership over the past two years!

At her request, we started with the program, followed by White Elephant Sale and Show and Tell, and then the business meeting.

Program:

Reports were given by members who attended Fiber Forum. *Debbie Stringer* and *Beverly Milner* showed us some samples they made at the "Surface Design" workshop with Claire Fenton as teacher who was featured in the Quilting Arts Magazine. *Sandi Tucker* and *Synnove Heggoy* attended a Wire Art workshop with Linda Seura as teacher, and Sandi showed her wire basket. *Nancy Landrum* attended a Spinning Workshop with Beverly Dutton, learning how to spin for a particular project.

At the end of the program, we moved into our:

White Elephant Sale And Show & Tell: We made \$13 from the White Elephant.

Marva Goodman: a woven triangle loom and a knitted square scarf with beads,

Joan Henderson: a knitted circular scarf,

Nancy Landrum: showed us a woven scarf in shadow weave and a baby blanket.

Donna Germany told us about fiber shop in Natchez - and then forwarded the following to us:

Ann Tillman, owner of Natchez Needlearts, said she would give guild members 15% off anything in the store! She knows you are going to have to spend gas to get here and she wants

your shopping experience to be a pleasant one!

Yahoo! Driving Directions - Jackson, MS to Natchez, MS

http://maps.yahoo.com/dd_result?newaddr=929+Willow+Cove+West&taddr=508+Franklin+Street&csz=Jackson%2C+MS+39252&country=us&tcsz=Natchez%2C+MS+39120&country=us&name=Chads

Several members, including *Debbie Stringer* and *Margaret Pittman* have visited the shop and found it quite wonderful.

Rissa Root, a new member told us a little about herself and her interests. She belongs to the knitting group at Borders, is a master crocheter, does felting projects and is President of the MS Needle arts. Her website is <prettyimpressivestuff.com>

Treasurer's Report:

At the May 20 Board meeting, Sandra Mayo gave a brief financial report, which was reported in our May 21 meeting:

Regular account: \$3,195.08. & White Elephant Funds: \$236.03 =Total: \$3,431.11

All bills currently paid including what was owed to Martha Owens for her workshop, and to Sandi Tucker for the new CWSG signs.

Sandra requested that a motion be made that CWSG contribute \$100.00 to the Fiber Trust for 2005, and that this be reflected in the minutes.

CWSG is a Charter member of Fiber Trust, which is sponsored by HGA. They send us some handwoven item to raffle every year.

Old business:

- New officers, President: Carolyn Nichols and Vice President: Margaret Pittman, were inducted at the May meeting. Let's all give them a helping hand!

New business:

- Sandi Tucker brought the banners and signs that will help attract attention to our guild meetings and/or special events and demonstrations at the Ag Museum.

Nice to have them!

She also asked for 3volunteers for an Ag Museum Demo on July 2nd. 10-12. Jane, Joan and Gwen volunteered. We'll have an update at our fall meeting.

- Marcy Petrini invited us to her house for summer get-together, with a "Fiber Afternoon" and an evening social!

- Sandra's request for a motion that CWSG contribute \$100.00 to the Fiber Trust for 2005, was made and seconded and reflected in these minutes.

Previous minutes were accepted as written.

After a brief discussion of coming events and future programs, the business meeting was adjourned and the program started.

(Respectfully submitted, Synnove Heggoy)

• **News from or about our members:**

**** Carolyn Nichols** - We can all be proud of Carolyn, our new CWSG president. The following was forwarded to Margaret Pittman by Carolyn's assistant.

As some of you may know, she [Carolyn] has background in criminal justice information processing. Basically this means that she assisted the US

Justice Department and local law enforcement search for criminals using a nationwide database for comparing evidence and profiles to solve crimes. With her background and training, it was determined that she would be an excellent candidate to assist with national and local search and rescue teams in reuniting families separated by Katrina; most of whom are housed in different shelters. She has in many cases gathered evidence by going onsite to various shelters and interviewing families with lost loved ones. As a result of her efforts, she has reunited many families already. She is working directly with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children with a direct line to President Bush.

In summary, she is making an important and commendable contribution during this time of tragedy for so many families. I am so proud of her and I know that you are as well.

Melinda

• Regarding hurricane Katrina:

from Marva:

HGA inquiry: "I just got a call from Sandy Bowles, executive director of HGA with a request: Do we know of any way that HGA can help here? She said she is getting messages from all over (even other countries) asking if there is any way they can help and inquiring about HGA members. If any of you know of any fiber people in the hurricane devastation area, please let us hear about them. We need to know if they are safe and if there is any way HGA members can be of assistance. This has been such a horrible thing for so many people and communication is still so sporadic. I will be a contact to relay information back to Sandy if anyone can let me know about specific people. Sandy's office will send me a special list of people and I will put that out to you as soon as I receive it. In the meantime, prayers to you. Marva G"

and response:

Marva, Cajun Lagniappe Guild is finding out about those that need help. Rhonda Selser is the organizer, tselser@camtel.net

Margaret"

Thanks to both of you for the information sharing.

* Congratulations to **Deborah Levine**: " I have juried into the Louisville Artisans Guild and also into the sales gallery at the Kentucky Museum for Art and Craft. I currently have 4 items there, 3 of which were made from Margaret's yarns. I guess this can be announced at a meeting or something. Hello to all!"

• Summer Guild get Together: **Marcy Petrini** and husband, Terry Dwyer, entertained the CWSG members and friends with a wonderful pizza party - hand made and cooked in the new brick oven they built! Delicious food and great company. Many thanks to our wonderful hosts!

• **Other dates of interest, Exhibits, Special Events, etc.:**

• **Debbie Stringer** submitted the following, which should be of interest to guild members:
Fiber events in Mississippi:

Native American basket symposium, **Sept. 29, Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel**. This marks the opening of the museum's revamped (and nationally renown) basket collection with works from more than 88 tribes. Details:
www.lrma.org

"The Fabric of Jazz," art quilts featuring jazz artists by Lauren Camp, **now through Oct. 9, Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale**. See the exhibit online at
www.thefabricofjazz.com.

(Please note that some of these exhibits may have been affected by Katrina - we'll wait on an update from Debbie at our meeting.)

• **New Gallery: Andrea Thomson's Imagine Gallery on Highway 51N** in Jackson

• **ROC DAY – 2006 Saturday, January 7.**
Reeves Uptown Catering Held by Spinners & Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu, Lake Charles SPIN-IN, DESTIN, FLA

Interesting reads:

From Sandra Mayo: "Debbie Macomber wrote one about a year ago "The Shop on Blossom Street" and now has a sequel "A Good Yarn". It starts off with a knitting pattern for socks and also some suggestions for charity work with "Warm Up America". Just read first chapter and realized that you might include this in the news letter coming out.

I am of the opinion that most weavers are closet knitters because we love yarn and can't take our looms on the road when we travel.

Sandra"

At our May meeting, the following title by Debbie Macomber was also recommended as a "good read": 4 Lives Knit Together.

Please share any info. you have about wonderful or interesting weaving/fiber books you have or

are reading.

There is also a lot of interesting information in the other guild newsletters. Do take advantage of reading them!

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Submission for Newsletter: Deadline for items submitted for publication of the CWSG Newsletter is the fifth day of that month.

(Also, please let me know of any corrections, items that I've missed, etc. I forwarded several news items over the summer, but may have inadvertently left out some information. Thanks!)