

CHIMNEYVILLE

**WEAVERS &
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GUILD**



Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, fiber enthusiasts,

Spring is here! I know, if you've been able, you've all been working and creating wonderful works this year. I often think about our first program on creativity that Alma presented and can't wait to see what each of you have been spending your quiet, or not so quiet, hours on... May will be here soon!

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Meridian recently sponsored a three-day photography workshop that was absolutely awesome. Robin Smith from Columbia, South Carolina, was the teacher, and there was hardly a moment I didn't think of Carolyn or Debbie or each of you and how much you, too, would have enjoyed it. Like weaving or any other fine art/craft, photography is all about seeing... though with weaving we can also feel the textures, can't we? Anyway, I hope each of you are able to find the quiet and sacred spaces in your life that weaving, photography and the works of your hearts and hands lead you to.

Looking forward to seeing you at the April meeting.

Peace—

Winki



A Tisket, a Tasket, Make a Gathering Basket

Hop on in to the April meeting to weave a glorious gathering basket big enough for bunnies, eggs and lots of chocolate.

Marva, Nancy, and Winki will be leading the April program. If you plan to attend and participate in the basket making, please e-mail Nancy Landrum at nland85863@bellsouth.net so our leaders can have enough materials for everyone.



Happy April Birthday!

**Darlene Steel - April 15
Rosina Echols - April 23**



2011-2012 Program Schedule

Apr. 21

Weaving a Gathering Basket

Marva Goodman/Winki Allen/Nancy Landrum

May 19

Show and Tell - A Year of Creativity
Guild Members

Held Over



Birds, Blooms and Butterflies

CWSG Annual Exhibit

Through Apr. 2012

Small Gallery

Mississippi Craft Center

A selection of fantastic fiber crafts
by CWSG members.

2012 CWSG Officer Nominations

The CWSG Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for even year elected positions:

Treasurer - Carolyn Campbell

Librarian/Historian - Donna Peyton

Extended board term - Lu Harding

These individuals have been contacted and have consented to serve if elected.

Nominating Committee: Marva Goodman, Nancy Landrum, Lu Harding

Congrats to Brenda!

Brenda Harrower of Vicksburg is a new member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. Accepted for her spinning and knitting skills, Brenda now has items in the Craft Center gallery shop.

Randall Darwall to be Featured

Craft in America, now in its 4th season on PBS stations nationwide of exploring America's rich craft history, will air its 8th episode, *Threads*, on May 11, at 9 p.m. Weaver Randall Darwall will be one of the fiber artists profiled.

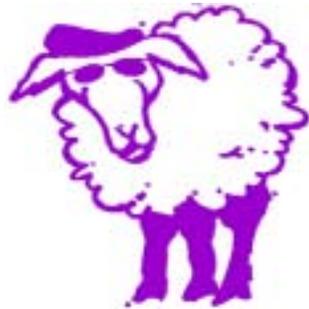
April Financial Report

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Previous Balance	\$4,005.85
Interest	0.16
Ending Balance	\$4,006.01

CWSG Now on Facebook

If you are on Facebook, be sure to like CWSG—and post something while you're at it. Just log on to Facebook and search for Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild. You'll know you're there when you see Beauregard!



Interested in a Saori Workshop?

Saori-style weaving is simple, freestyle, "in the moment" weaving conceived in Japan.

It is especially fun in a group situation where everyone shares yarns. If there is interest, Debbie Stringer will host a Saori workshop (more like a weave-in) at her office in Ridgeland on a Saturday in May or June. Participants would bring a warped loom with two or more shafts, yarn and an open mind. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Debbie soon (news@epaofms.com), and we will begin planning a date. Read about the philosophy behind Saori at saoriworchester.com.

July 15-21
Long Beach, California

HGA Convergence® Update

Winki Allen, HGA Representative

The experience of going to Convergence® is wonderful for fiber artists—full of color, texture, shapes and forms, and more than you could ever expect! If you have never attended—go when and if you can—you won't be sorry!

Help is always needed and welcomed for check-in, booth sitters, vendor booth sitters, leader assistants, ticket takers, and more. To volunteer, you can contact Gio or go to www.weavespindye.org, open the Convergence® page and click on the volunteer information.

Also, don't forget that if you have donated \$100 or more to The Fiber Trust, you will get priority seating at the fashion show and an invitation to the Fiber Trust Reception. It is always an awesome show! The Fiber Trust provides funds for many of the scholarships and grants HGA provides each year. The Fiber Trust provides for the student assistantships during Convergence®, and the awards given for the exhibits. Also, the Fiber Trust underwrites "Small Expressions," which had over 20,000 visitors to the exhibit held in Nashville last summer.

How Creativity Works

Author Jonah Lehrer has written a new book: *Imagine: How Creativity Works*. Lehrer was interviewed twice recently for the NPR website book section. You can read his interviews or listen to them by going to the NPR book website at <http://www.npr.org/books> and using the "search" feature on the page. These interviews may not help you one bit in trying to make creative decisions on your spinning, knitting or weaving, but they are certainly interesting, and you'll learn it helps to get up and take a walk when you get stumped creatively.



SHEEP TO SHAWL FINERY - So quickly, it was just a blur, this young lady placed a hat from the sample table perfectly on her head and flung the soft pink scarf around her neck. Gorgeous!

GUILD MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, CWSG meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month from September through May at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center Library. Bring a sack lunch and other refreshments, and spend the afternoon!

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