

CHIMNEYVILLE

**WEAVERS &
SPINNERS
GUILD**



Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fiber friends,

Our end of the year show-and-tell was fabulous! Wow! You are all so gifted and skilled. Thank you, Alma, for our first program and creativity challenge... and for the closing program that enabled us an opportunity to share and see the work of our heart and hands.

Many thanks to each of you for a great year in CWSG. Thanks to those who provided programs and/or snacks, helped with Sheep-to-Shawl, the Birds, Blooms, and Butterflies Exhibit and opening reception at the MS Craft Center and participated in any way with our meetings or events!

My final thanks goes to the board of the guild for such a marvelous job. I thank each of you for your contribution.

Let's remember Marva, wishing her a healthy recovery from a second foot surgery.

I know we all look forward to our summer gathering at Nancy's home and a saori weaving day with Debbie. In the meantime, I'm teaching a few private classes and during June will weave "mug rugs" with 106 Lauderdale County

summer school students.

Enjoy your summer!

Peace—

Winki



These weavers are 4, 4 and 6 years old.



CREATIVE KIMONO - Already known for her colorful totes, Gayle Gray wowed everyone with this rayon kimono. Gayle wove the fabric, lots of it she said, and then sewed this beautiful kimono. How's this for a year of creativity!

Sharing Creativity Challenges

Towels and scarves and garments, oh my! There was a riot of colors and fibers as bags flew open and members shared the many products of their personal creativity challenges. Kathy and Gio had towels, Marcy had place mats. Donna had beautifully spun yarns, some with beads added. Winki had colorful silk scarves. Marva had silver inlay. Lu has been knitting silk. Barbara has been hooking rugs. What a creative year for everyone.



Happy June Birthday!

Gayle Gray - June 10
Angel Sullivan - June 19
Brenda Harrower - June 23



CWSG Featured on Southeast Fiber Forum Website

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild is featured in the May blog of the Southeast Fiber Forum. Check out the May Guild link at www.sefiberforum.org.

Tips on Artistic Style

A recent issue of the *Cloth Paper Scissors Today* online newsletter shared mixed media artist Tim Holtz's tips for creating your own signature artistic style.

1. Be yourself. Your personal style is simply that—your style, so be sure to stay true to what you like.
2. Look around. While our creative surroundings are full of inspiration, it's what you take from them to make it your own that's important.
3. Get inspired. There are so many ways to find inspiration from other designers. Check out blogs, magazines, and other online sources.
4. Experiment. Trying new things is key to developing your style. It's true that you won't know what you like until you try it.
5. Take time to play . It's a simple word we associate with children, but it's even more important as an adult-play. Play with a variety of colors, products, and mediums to discover what you like.



YARNS AND BUNNIES - Patricia Holmberg attended the Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival in Dickson, Tenn., on May 25-26. She had a great time, including taking a class on how to spin cable and crepe yarns with Jacey Boggs. Patricia said, "What a wonderful young woman with so much talent and knowledge and a great teacher also!! Did you know there was a moment in the final ply when the yarn "pops" and becomes cabled! Wow, so cool!! I have also purchased a new bunny, a chestnut agouti, French angora, of course! This little girl has dark broad bands and wonderful crimp!! A lot of beautiful fiber coming!!" Patricia sent photos of her yarn samples from her cable and crepe yarn class and angora rabbits, Little Bit Honey and Little Dove.



JORDAN'S SCARF - Winki shared this photo of Jordan, 11, and her beautifully woven, colorful scarf.

CWSG Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2012

Present: Winki Allen Debbie Stringer
Donna Peyton Carolyn Campbell
Marcy Petrini Angel Sullivan
Marva Goodman Gio Chinchar
Kathy Perito Barbara Mitchell
Gayle Gray Lu Harding
Alma Ellis

President Winki Allen called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and welcomed members to the final regular meeting of the 2012-2012 program year.

Old business: Members discussed the purchase of two DVDs, *The Loom Owners Companion* and *Warping the Loom Back to Front – a DVD Workshop with Peggy Osterkamp*, for the CWSG library. Winki asked that the Guild also consider purchasing the newest PBS Craft in America fiber program. Donna made a motion that the Guild purchase the three DVDs mentioned. Marcy seconded the motion. Guild members approved the purchases.

New business: The summer gathering scheduled for August at Nancy's studio in Meridian was discussed briefly. Debbie said she wanted to determine a date for the saori weaving workshop which she will host at her office in Ridgeland. She suggested Aug. 4 or 11, but said the date is subject to change if there is a hurricane at that time and her employer has to go into emergency mode. She said she will send an e-mail requesting date preferences from those planning to attend.

Marva brought a round "weave and chase" basket to show members. She suggested this style basket be

made during for basketweaving program next year. Marva also announced the Central Mississippi Sewing Guild will hold their Christmas in July on July 27-28.

Members present discussed the program year's creativity theme and took turns showing their personal weaving, spinning and knitting challenge items. Guest Jimmy Smith, an artist from Meridian, was welcomed. Jimmy has been learning to weave from Winki and Gayle and showed yards of cotton fabric he has woven.

Winki shared information about her recent week of surface design at John C. Campbell. Lu mentioned she will be attending the upcoming spinning workshop in Louisiana.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

June Financial Report

Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer

Previous balance	\$4,006.16
Post office box rental	-86.00
Interest paid	.09
Ending balance	\$3,920.25

Play is the exultation of the possible.

—Martin Buber
philosopher

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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