



April 2014

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## April Special Event

### Sheep to Shawl

This year, CWSG's annual Sheep to Shawl on Saturday, April 12, is the highlight of a special Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi weekend, Craft by the Trace.

Craft by the Trace activities will start on Friday, April 11, and run through Sunday, April 13, with classes and demonstrations of all kinds, including fiber classes taught by CWSG members who are also members of the Craftsmen's Guild on Saturday during the day at Sheep to Shawl.

Spread the word to family and friends to drop by for Sheep to Shawl and to take part in other activities. See you Saturday!



Debbie Stringer shows a young weaver how to wind a bobbin during Sheep to Shawl in 2013.



## From the President

Hello, Fellow Weavers and Spinners,

I am so looking forward to Sheep to Shawl this year. We will have a new shepherd demonstrating with us, and he will be shearing! We will also be having classes given by Craftsmen, so this will be an extra special year!

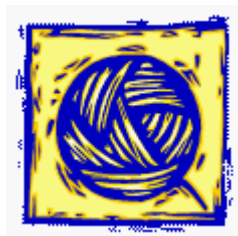
I haven't been doing much work other than my knitting classes this past month, but I have been knitting charity blocks for Lily: Love in the language of yarn. The blocks are sent to a lady in Syria who puts them together

for the displaced children in that country. If you would like to check it out, the website is [www.love-in-the-language-of-yarn.blogspot.com](http://www.love-in-the-language-of-yarn.blogspot.com).

Your president,  
*Donna*



Donna's blocks for Love in Language of Yarn



## 2013-2014 Program Schedule

**Apr. 12**  
*Sheep to Shawl*

**May 17**  
*Basket Weaving*  
Marva Goodman

### April Financial Report

*Carolyn Campbell, Treasurer*

Previous balance	\$5,333.72
Credits	+\$20.00
Debits (name tags, deposit stamp)	-\$59.76
Interest	<u>+ .04</u>
Ending balance	\$5,294.00

Certificate of Deposit renewed at 0.30% - current balance \$1,383.36



*Happy April Birthday!*

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

## *Coming Soon*

### Magnolia State Fiber Festival

May 30-31  
Lady Luck Casino  
Vicksburg  
Vendors, Demos, Classes  
[www.msff.net](http://www.msff.net)

### SWIC Spinning Retreat

May 29-June 1  
Acadian Baptist Center  
Eunice, LA  
Four days of spinning and weaving  
Vendors, Door Prizes, Show and Tell  
<http://runningmoonfarm.com/SWIC/Retreat2014.html>

### 5th Annual Fiber Art Festival

City of Plaquemine Main Street Program  
Nov. 7-8  
Plaquemine, LA  
Classes, Demos, Vendors, Music  
For more information,  
call Dr. Charlene Bishop, 225-687-8392.

### Nominations for Officers

The 2014 Nomination Committee, Winki Allen and Nancy Landrum, submit the following names for election to the listed offices at the May 2014 meeting:

Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Beth Palmer  
Treasurer - Carolyn Campbell  
Librarian/Historian - Debbie Stringer

The secretary/newsletter editor, treasurer and librarians/historian positions are two-year terms running from 2014 to 2016.

CWSG officers are elected in staggered terms, with the president and vice president elected in odd number years and the secretary/newsletter editor, treasurer and librarian/historian elected in even numbered years.



## Thank You!

Sharon Williams sends a big thanks to everyone who participated in the Inspirations of 5 x 7 exhibit. "The college always loves our exhibits," said Sharon. "Winki and I are planning another traveling exhibit in the future."

## Say It With RED, February 2015

Start planning now! Sharon has booked the small gallery at the Craft Center for a fiber exhibit, Say It with RED, for February 2015, for all who would like to participate.

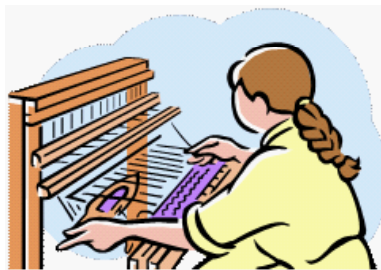
## HGA and Convergence



Winki Allen has brochures for Convergence 2014 and a couple of extra copies of the latest *Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot*. See her at Sheep to Shawl for copies.

## Baby, It's Cold Outside

Lu Harding sent her love last week from coldest Virginia: "It snowed again yesterday! I'm freezing my buns off. Where is spring?" Lu, we hope you warm up soon.

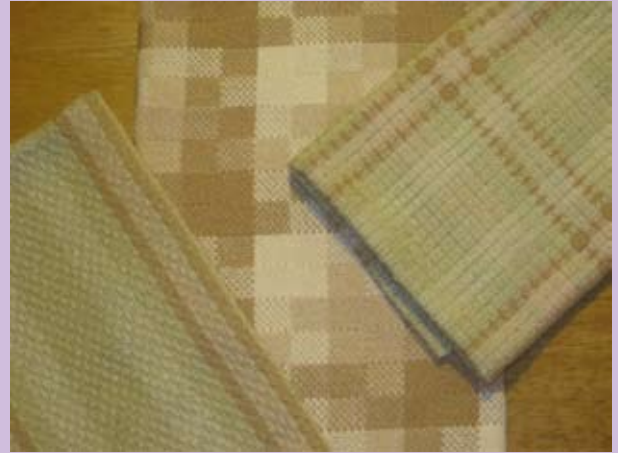


## Brenda Wins a Blue

Brenda Harrower attended the Jefferson City Fiber Retreat in Jefferson City, Missouri, in March. She won

the blue ribbon in spinning for art yarns in a competitive category. She took a day and a half seminar on beginning weaving, learning how to figure warp, dress the loom, and do some basic weaving. The instructor also taught her how to do overshot. He told Brenda she was the first student he had ever let go that far in a beginning weaving class. Must be the company she keeps!

## My Projects - Gio Chinchar



Gio is one of the most prolific and exacting weavers in the Guild. Always weaving beautiful projects, Gio is known for her towels and scarves. Gio shared photos of her recent projects and a current threading. "For Christmas, I received American Maid Naturally Colored cotton in dark green, light green, dark brown, and natural. One set of towels I wove in eight harness broken twill blocks (towel in middle), the next set (on left) I wove as an eight shaft spot weave, and the set I'm doing now is going to be woven as an eight shaft ribbed squares (on right). The last set I plan to weave will be an eight shaft waffle weave.



## My Projects - Rita Grice



Rita knits, spins and weaves. She shared several finished projects including a hat for her grandson modeled by the little bear and a purple scarf done on her triangle loom. "Spring has sprung and my husband wants a flower garden—two of them—so I have been busy weeding, buying plants, and taking up a rock garden to convert to a flower bed. I have just finished a baby hat knit for my 4-month-old grandson for next winter and a baby blanket that was knit in garter on two different size needles to give it an unusual look. I have three knitting projects in the VERY early stages and nothing on my looms this week."

## New Grandbaby

Judy Rayner was blessed with a new granddaughter last month. Mikah Shain was born on March 22, weighing 5 pounds, 2 ounces. Judy said she is tiny and delicate with curly blonde hair.



## Membership Cards

If you plan to apply for a JoAnn Fabric's discount card, you might like to have a CWSG membership card when you apply. Alma has created cards for everyone and will have them available at Sheep to Shawl on Saturday.



## Shear Madness

Some Guild members are enjoying the *Shear Madness* television show on Saturday nights on the National Geographic channel. The show follows a city-girl-turned-sheep-farmer Natalie Redding and her family on their sheep farm in California. Check it out!



## CWSG Meeting, March 15, 2014

Present: Donna Peyton      Debbie Stringer  
Jane Dollar      Beth Palmer  
Nichol Treuil      Winki Allen  
Nancy Landrum      Alma Ellis

President Donna Peyton called the meeting to order at 10:04 p.m. Member Patricia Holmberg who was to present the monthly program on inkle weaving was unable to attend; it was decided the meeting would focus on April Sheep to Shawl planning.

First, members talked about taking more time during or around the time of monthly meetings next year to weave and spin together. Members also discussed being more respectful in regard to side discussions during show and tell so that everyone can hear.

Donna announced it was time for nominations for several board positions. Kathy has resigned as librarian/historian. The secretary/newsletter editor and treasurer positions are up for election in 2014. Winki and Nancy volunteered to serve as the Nomination Committee. Donna mentioned that the Guild would work on revising its by-laws over the summer.

Nichol, Sheep to Shawl chair, contacted Jenny and Larry Howard, former members who have been bringing their sheep and alpacas for the last several years. The Howards are moving to Florida. Members were asked to help with finding sheep if they had any leads. Nichol mentioned her plan for creating a wooden sheep with an attached fleece. Beth brought a fleece to the meeting.

Donna said the Craft Center did not have a problem with members bringing dishes to share for the S2S lunch for members as done in past years. This had been a concern since S2S is part of the Craft by the Trace weekend this year.

Debbie will update the S2S flyer she developed last year and send it to the Craft Center and others. Jane mentioned that scrap yarn is needed. Donna said her Latin II students, all boys, are studying the drop spindle, and she has asked them to attend.

Nichol reviewed all S2S assignments. Winki asked and Nichol agreed to send an email to members with the assignment list. There was a discussion about set up and needing some small tables.

Donna asked Alma to check with Carolyn to see if the Craft Center had been paid for Roc Day.

Nancy and Winki have both had items accepted for exhibition at Convergence in July. Winki will be leading a three-day workshop for Phyllis at Mississippi State on April 22-24. Winki's new website is [www.winkisilks.com](http://www.winkisilks.com).

Show and tell followed the review of business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

***The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild newsletter is published the first week of each month and is distributed by email to members and friends. For more information, email [cvillewsg@gmail.com](mailto:cvillewsg@gmail.com).***

## GUILD MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, CWSG meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month from Sept., through May at 10 a.m. in the Mississippi Craft Center Library. Find us on Facebook and Ravelry.

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