

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

Dear fiber lovers,

*by Gio Chinchar, president*

Happy fall! Is fall really here? With the unseasonably high temperatures it's difficult to tell, but the pine needles strewn across lawns is a sure indicator. Thanks to all who participated in October to celebrate Spinning and Weaving week and the 35th anniversary of CWSG. It was great fun. The yarn sale was a success, netting \$196.



There is no board meeting this month, but those who are in the Color Study Group will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the library. Be sure to bring your completed homework. *(Note from Kathy: Make sure your name is on your work*

*and you have listed the resources you used.)*

Our program this month is Donna Beliech, area horticulturist, who will speak to us about plants used in dyeing. To accommodate Donna's schedule, the program will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the business meeting.

Since we had the yarn sale in October, we will not have a White Elephant this month. However, there will be a table for show-and-tell.

Also, please be ready to sign up for your part in the Christmas party cooking (Dec. 10). As in the past, we will have an optional gift exchange. The item should be around \$20 if you purchase it. Or you can produce it yourself. Or it can be a fiber tool or book. Participation is up to you. We draw numbers once we arrive at the party. This is great fun, as so much is available to us through the Craft Center shop and the Craftsmen's Guild big show (Chimneyville Craft Festival) at the beginning of December, not to mention our many talented members who do great work.

**Reminder: Kathy Perito is giving a mini-workshop on kumihimo braiding Jan. 21.** If you wish to partici-

## Officers 2016-2017

*Each officer serves a two-year term on the CWSG board.*

- President: Gio Chinchar
- Vice president: Margaret Richardson
- Secretary: Beth Palmer
- Librarian/historian: Jo Miles
- Treasurer: Nancy Hester

• Newsletter editor: Debbie Stringer  
Please email newsletter submissions to Debbie ([news@epaofms.com](mailto:news@epaofms.com)) by the first of the month of publication.

## About CWSG

CWSG brings together people who enjoy and want to learn more about weaving and spinning. Membership is open to anyone with like interests. Annual membership fee is \$20. A membership form is available on our website.

We usually meet on the third Saturday of the month, September through May. Meetings include a business session, program and show-and-tell, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center in Ridgeland, unless otherwise noted.

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pate, the cost of supplies is \$15. If you bring your own disk, bobbins and weight, the cost will be \$7. Fees are due by Dec. 10. (Those who cannot come to the December meeting can sign up at the November meeting.) Please make check payable to Kathy Perito.

See you Nov. 19.

## October meeting minutes

*by Beth Palmer, secretary*

We met on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Mississippi Craft Center with 15 members present (vs. a quorum required of 10). Minutes from our Sept. 17 meeting were approved as presented in the October newsletter. Treasurer Nancy Hester was absent so we did not review the current financial report. (Note that the guild's board met Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. to discuss revisions to our bylaws.)

Under Old Business, we held a lively discussion regarding the possibility of viewing "YARN: The Movie" at a guild meeting later this year. Concerns emerged regarding the cost to the guild to view the film (\$150), appropriateness of the topic (knitting, crocheting, and public installations vs. weaving and spinning), and availability of an appropriate venue for viewing. Beth Palmer made a motion to cease consideration and to decline viewing the film. Marva Goodman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nancy Landrum offered her impressions from Convergence 2016 in Milwaukee and displayed several items she acquired there. Guild members eagerly await the announcement of the planned location for Convergence 2018.

Under New Business, Jo Miles-Seely moved that we offer bags of yarn for sale at today's program for \$2/each. Winki Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Judy Raynor announced that she has a 52" Norwood cherry loom for sale.

Marva Goodman announced that the new boardwalk linking the Mississippi Craft Center to the Natchez Trace walking trail will be dedicated in honor of Dan Overby on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The dedication includes Choctaw blessings and craft demonstrations.

Marva also announced that there will be a festival of veterans' art at Thalia Mara Hall in Jackson Oct. 14-15.



## Programs 2016-2017

*All meetings begin at 10 a.m.  
unless otherwise noted.*

- **Nov. 19: Plants Used in Dyeing.** (Donna Hamlin Beliech, Area Horticulturist). Color study group meets at 9:15 a.m.; participants will turn in written definitions and samples.
- **Dec. 10: Christmas Party,** Mississippi Craft Center. Gift swap and potluck. Deadline to sign up and pay fees for January's kumihimo braiding mini-workshop.
- **Jan. 21: Kumihimo Braiding.** Program and mini-workshop. (Kathy Perito)
- **Feb. 18: Drop Spinning.** (Donna Peyton)
- **March 18: Sheep to Shawl**
- **April 22:** to be determined
- **May 20: Presentations from Study Groups**

## Calendar

- **Chimneyville Craft Festival,** Dec. 1-3, Jackson. Mississippi Trade Mart. Schedule is different for this year's festival. Get details at [craftsmensguildofms.org](http://craftsmensguildofms.org).
- **Roc Day 2017,** Jan. 7, Dry Creek, La. Dry Creek Baptist Camp, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Hosted by Spinners and Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu Guild. For more info: [swicnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:swicnewsletter@gmail.com); SWIC, PO Box 1224, DeRidder, LA 70634.

## Shop and Support CWSG

- **Halcyon Yarn**  
Support CWSG when you shop at Halcyon Yarn. Just tell them you are a guild member and we'll receive 5%. Use discount code HYGR2016 to receive \$5 off your next order of \$50 or more.

- **Woolery link**  
Support the guild when you shop online at The Woolery. Use the Woolery link on our website, [www.cvilleswg.com](http://www.cvilleswg.com), so we will reap the benefits!





Workshops will be offered and the art of more than 60 veterans featured.

Winki Allen updated the guild on our exhibit "Colors That Sing." The show has moved from Senatobia to Meridian, where it will remain until Dec. 1.

The meeting adjourned and we moved into our program celebrating our 35th anniversary and national Spinning and Weaving Week.

Kathy Perito led an organizational meeting for our color study group. Our next guild meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center.

The color study group will meet that day at 9 a.m.

## CWSG to have booth at festival

Thanks to Sharon Williams, we will have our own corner booth at Chimneyville Craft Festival! Sharon will decorate the booth for the season and invites us to come demonstrate a fiber craft Friday or Saturday.

## Spinning wheel needs a good home

Nancy Hester is offering her Babe spinning wheel free to a good home. One of the treadles needs a slight repair but it works, and the wheel comes with lots of bobbins. You can reach Nancy at [nhester@me.com](mailto:nhester@me.com).

## Loom for sale

Judy Raynor is selling her loom due to back problems that prevent her from weaving. She is the original owner of the loom and is including everything needed to set up a studio and weave for some time. Asking price of \$5,000 cash (negotiable) includes:

- 52-inch four-shaft cherry Norwood jack loom with sectional warping beam
- Sectional warper (sits on loom to assist warping; includes reeds)
- Accessories: several reeds (need new reed tape), heddles, spools, spool winder/bobbin winder (homemade), bobbin rack, shuttles, niddy noddie, skein winder, ball winder
- Bench with three pockets
- Cones and skeins of yarn, almost all naturals, some hand dyed (about 17 big plastic containers and a few garbage bags)

Buyer must arrange pickup. Call Judy at 251-802-7519.

## Treasurer's Report

by Nancy Hester

• Twenty-two members have paid their dues. So far, the October dues deposit totals \$180. This brings the total amount of dues paid for the current year to \$440.

• The October yarn sale netted \$196 (deposited).

• Expenses of \$200 have been paid: \$100 to HGA Fiber Trust, \$100 to Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

• October's beginning account balance: \$3,321.20. Net change: \$176. Current account balance: \$3,497.20.

## CWSG Moment in History

by Marcy Petrini

In October 1994, in lieu of a program, the guild had participated in the Pioneer Festival at the Natchez Trace Craft Center; the summary of the event included this sentence:

"Although tickets for food and drinks were given to demo participants, Hazel (Howell) also brought us fruit-and-nut snack bags, tea cakes and "nervous" sandwiches stuffed with special ingredients guaranteed to keep you calm even when 4-year-old children decide to kick the spinning wheels. Thank you, Hazel, for nourishing both our bodies and souls with your thoughtfulness."

(Note: Be sure to check out Marcy's "Highlights of CWSG 35-Year History," attached to this newsletter.)

