

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

## February meeting minutes

We met on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Mississippi Craft Center with 16 members present (i.e., a quorum). After determining that there were no changes to the agenda, minutes from our Jan. 21 meeting were approved as printed in the February newsletter. Treasurer Nancy Hester was not present to give a financial report.

Under Old Business, we discussed plans for the upcoming sheep to shawl event scheduled for Saturday, March 18, at the Mississippi Craft Center. Donna Peyton and Nancy Hester serve as co-chairs. We will set up for the day beginning at 9 a.m. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guild members are invited to bring a dish to share at the potluck luncheon. We will have a shepherdess present with sheep to shear during the day. Donna circulated a sign-up sheet for demonstrators.

Sharon Williams discussed final plans for the exhibit "Birds of a Feather," to be hung in the George Berry Gallery on March 1. She suggests that the show travel to Northwest Community College in October. Marcy Petrini asked if pieces could return to their owners between the two shows.

Under New Business, president Gio Chinchar reported on the board meeting held at her home on Feb. 9. She presented a proposal to raise annual dues to \$25/year beginning with the 2017/2018 period. Beth Palmer moved and Kathy Perito seconded the increase in dues to \$25/year. The motion passed unanimously.

Gio also reported on plans to reorganize the storage cabinets in the guild meeting room. A committee consisting of Jo Miles-Seely, Donna Peyton and Debra Sea-



Some birds like to weave too. See photo on next page.

## 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

## About CWSG

CWSG brings together people who enjoy and want to learn more about weaving and/or spinning.

### Membership

Membership is open to anyone with like interests. Annual membership fee is \$20 until June 31, 2017, and \$25 afterward. See website for membership form.

### Meetings

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.

### Newsletter

Please email newsletter submissions to newsletter editor Debbie Stringer ([news@ecm.coop](mailto:news@ecm.coop)) by the first of the month of publication.

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The weaver birds of Africa create elaborately woven nests from fibers and twigs. Could they have inspired prehistoric humans to weave baskets? Some of our own birds like to line their nest with soft fibers and moss. Now is the time to hang some wisps of unspun fiber around your yard to help them out.

gate will organize the books in our library. A second committee consisting of Marcy Petrini, Kathy Perito and Beth Palmer will organize guild records.

Gio also discussed ideas for a potential fiber retreat next fall and possible programs and workshops for next year.

Gio announced the nominating committee of Donna Peyton and Winki Allen to present candidates for president and vice president. Candidates will be announced in March, elected in April and take office in May.

During announcements, Winki Allen said she has indigo seed to share. Marcy Petrini mentioned quilter Evelyn Little who celebrates her 100th birthday. Debbie Stringer passed out flyers for the Sheep to Shawl demonstrations on March 18. We will hold a white elephant

## Programs 2017

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

- **March 18: Sheep to Shawl.** Color study group meets 8:30 a.m. Business meeting 9 a.m. with Sheep to Shawl set-up immediately afterward. Event hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center.
- **April 22: Projects/Potluck.** To be held at Debbie's office building, Electric Co-operatives of Mississippi, 665 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland. Bring white elephant items.
- **May 20: Presentations from Study Groups**

## Calendar

- **Fiber Forum 2017,** April 20-23, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Workshops Friday-Sunday. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Details: [sefiberforum.org](http://sefiberforum.org).
- **Mini Maker Faire,** April 28-30, Meridian. Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum. Details: [makerfairemeridian.com](http://makerfairemeridian.com).
- **Old Man River Quilt Fest,** Aug. 22-26, Vicksburg Convention Center. Classes, vendors, quilt show. Details: [oldmanriverquiltfest.com](http://oldmanriverquiltfest.com).

## 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. Or, if you create a Halcyon account, you can link it to CWSG to earn rewards. Click on "Guild Rewards" on Halcyon's home page to learn more.

- **Woolery link**

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

sale at our April meeting. On Saturday, May 6, the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi will hold a spring showcase and sale. The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will be present and the Natchez Trace historical group will feature an encampment and crafts demonstrations. (UPDATE: Our demo at the May 6 event has been cancelled and moved to either September or October. The Craftsmen's Guild is working on details.)

After show-and-tell we moved to a program on using the high-whorl drop spindle led by Donna Peyton.

Our next guild meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center. The color study group will meet that day at 8:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer, Secretary*

## New on Marcy's blog

Marcy Petrini recently blogged about our "Birds of a Feather" exhibit and one of her pieces, a knitted shawl. Using a variety of handspun yarns, she knitted upward from the bottom point until the yarn ran out. Go to [marcypetrini.com](http://marcypetrini.com) and click on "Marcy's Blogs."

## Join your CWSG friends on Ravelry!

*from Donna Peyton*

You may or may not know (or remember) that we do have a group on Ravelry.com. It is a great place to visit with friends online and share ideas and projects. If you are on Ravelry, please join our group and participate!

## Treasurer's Report

*from Nancy Hester*

Prior account balance:	\$3,538.06
Interest income	.03
Bank fee (replace prior missing statement)	(1.00)
Current balance	\$3,527.09

## CWSG Moment in History

*from Marcy Petrini*

The January 2002 newsletter announced that Roc Day would take place on Jan. 5, 2002, at the Hinds Community College Campus in Pearl. Melba Nipper and Debbie Levine were co-chairs and Debbie Stringer was president.

## Weaving conference

The Contemporary Handweavers of Texas biennial conference is May 31 - June 4 at the Sugar Land, Texas, Marriott. Registration fee includes one class and one half-day seminar. Deborah Chandler is keynote speaker. Details at [weavetexas.org](http://weavetexas.org).

Conference attendees are invited to a private viewing of HGA's "Small Expressions" exhibit in Houston.



## *Birds of a Feather*

Thanks to Sharon Williams for hanging another beautiful show of our work at the Mississippi Craft Center's George Berry Gallery.