

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

Dear fiber  
lovers,

*by Gio Chinchar, president*

I extend my thanks to Donna Peyton and Nancy Hester for chairing Sheep to Shawl; to Debbie Stringer, who prepared the posters; to Alma Ellis, who procured the shepherdess; and to all who demonstrated and participated in this event. The weather favored us, and we had a good crowd. Having a number of looms available for children and adults to try was wonderful. It seemed like everyone had a great time.

Coinciding with Sheep to Shawl was the "Birds of a Feather" exhibit in the George Berry Exhibit Hall. We deeply appreciate Sharon Williams for coordinating and putting up the display.

The Nominating Committee (Winki Allen and Donna Peyton) reported at the business meeting. Here is the slate of officers for 2017-2018 that we will vote on at the April meeting:

- Nominated for president: Nancy Landrum
- Nominated for vice president: Alma Ellis

Beth Palmer continues as secretary, Nancy Hester continues as treasurer, and Jo Miles-Seely continues as librarian/historian.

Reminder: Our next meeting is April 22 at Debbie's office building, Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi, 665 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland. We will have a business meeting, followed by a projects/potluck program.



## 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-Seely
- 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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While we are working on our projects, we can discuss possible programs for next year and perhaps a fiber retreat in the fall.

We will also have a white elephant.

## March meeting minutes

Our brief business meeting was held just prior to the opening of our annual Sheep to Shawl event, held March 18 at the Mississippi Craft Center.

President Gio Chinchar reported that a quorum was present.

The minutes of our Feb. 18 meeting, as printed in the newsletter, were amended as follows:

- The spelling of Debra Sue Pate's name was corrected.
- Our show at Northwest Community College will be in October 2017.

Nancy Hester moved that we accept the minutes as amended; Sharon Williams seconded and the motion passed.

Under New Business, Donna Peyton reported, on behalf of the nominating committee, that Nancy Landrum has been nominated for guild president and Alma Ellis for vice president. Marcy Petrini moved to close the nominations; Nancy Hester seconded and the motion passed. Members will vote on these candidates at our April 22 meeting.

Announcements:

- Kathy Perito has a new assignment ready for the color study group. (See Kathy's update on the group in this newsletter.)
- The April 22 meeting will consist of a project/fun day. (The date was pushed back from our usual third-Saturday meeting date due to Easter.) Bring a project to work on, a potluck dish to share, white elephant items and your ideas for future guild programs.

The meeting will be held at Debbie Stringer's office building, the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi (a new name but the same location) at 665 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland.

*Submitted by Debbie Stringer, substituting for Beth Palmer, secretary*

## Color study group update

*from Kathy Perito*

Because we had such an early and enthusiastic turnout for Sheep to Shawl, we didn't get to sneak away for our review of the February assignment. Our April gathering promises to be much more relaxed with project time fol-

## Programs 2017

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

• **April 22: Projects & Potluck.** To be held at Debbie's office building, Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi, 665 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland. The color study group will meet after the business meeting.

Bring white elephant items, a potluck dish and a project to work on (or to get help with). Debbie will supply coffee, soft drinks, plates, cutlery, etc. **Please park in the large rear parking lot.**

• **May 20: Presentations from Color Study Group**

## Treasurer's Report

*from Nancy Hester*

Prior account balance:	\$3,527.09
Interest income	.03
Less Sheep to Shawl	
shepherdess expense	200.00
Current balance	\$3,327.12

## 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).

• **Contemporary Handweavers of Texas Biennial Conference**, May 31 - June 4, Sugar Land, Texas, Mariott. Deborah Chandler is keynote speaker. Also, HGA's "Small Expressions" exhibit, Houston. Details: [weavetexas.org](http://weavetexas.org).

• **Old Man River Quilt Fest**, Aug. 22-26, Vicksburg Convention Center. Classes, vendors, quilt show. Details: [oldmanriverquiltfest.com](http://oldmanriverquiltfest.com).

lowing the business meeting.

Once the meeting wraps up, we will sit together to discuss the February assignment and share our samples related to the Impact of Structure on Color Interaction. We will then move right into discussion and sharing samples from the March assignment: Options to Enhance Color Effects in Cloth/Fiber. (If you didn't receive a printed copy of the assignment sheet, you can find the assignments in our Dropbox folder.)

To finish things up, we will plan our final assignments for the May presentation to the Guild.

This study group has been a lot of fun and so informative. While the assignments pushed me to do some research and spend more time thinking of the what-if scenarios, it has been the sharing of thoughts and examples that really broadened my understanding of color in weaving.



## NWCC exhibit update

*from Sharon Williams*

CWSG's "Birds of A Feather" exhibit at Northwest Mississippi Community College, which was slated for 2018, is really for October 2017. So you have until September to create new pieces as well as exhibit pieces already created. Exhibit pieces have been taken down from the exhibit at the Mississippi Craft Center and are in our library there. I have sent an email to all participants.

## Sheep to Shawl

*from Donna Peyton*

Sheep to Shawl was held on March 18. It was a great success. We had plenty of participation from the guild with all the stations being staffed. Our shepherdess had not only her sheep but two 5-day-old lambs as well that guests seemed to really enjoy. We had more activities for guests to participate in this year and that made it more fun for everyone. Thanks to all who participated!

*See photos on next page.*

## CWSG Moment in History

*from Marcy Petrini*

In spring 2009, Hazel Howell was in charge of Sheep to Shawl. Unfortunately she fell, so she wrote a letter to guild members with her plans so the event would take place; here is the beginning of that letter:

*Dear CWSG angels and archangels  
(that's all of you):*

*This ole lady had a slip up  
And broke her hip quick as a hiccup,  
Now she can't do any flip up.  
But sure appreciates all your pickup.*

*And what wonderful Pickups you have  
provided for me—cards, letters, flowers,  
Valentine candy, food, visits, and even a  
needle felted, hand-dyed mosaic from Debbie.  
I humbly thank you all. I'm not sure I  
deserve you—but I do appreciate you  
deeply.*

## 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, [cilleswg.com](http://cilleswg.com), so we will reap the benefits!

# SHEEP TO SHAWL

Enthusiastic youngsters helped make our 2017 Sheep to Shawl one of the most fun yet. There was lots for them to see and do, from the live sheep shearing to learning to weave. Kids as young as 4 boldly took a turn on the Wolf Pup floor loom. Parents were amazed to see how quickly their little ones learned to treadle, throw the shuttle and beat the weft. Most of the parents seemed very appreciative for these learning opportunities. Several asked how much a loom costs!



Terry Dwyer made these photos, clockwise, from right:

- Nancy Landrum teaches two young girls to weave a band on her tape loom.
- Marcy Petrini and Gio Chinchar demo spinning and knitting and chatting.
- Gio and Beth Palmer help kids make God's eye weavings using colorful yarns and Popsicle sticks.
- Kathy Perito and Nancy Hester get kids weaving on Cricket rigid heddle looms.

See more at [www.cvillewsg.com](http://www.cvillewsg.com); click on Event Pictures.

