

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

Dear fiber lovers,

by Gio Chinchar, president

Let us thank Debbie Stringer for hosting our April meeting at her office building (Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi) and to those who came, brought food and participated. It was great fun!

And thank you to the officers who will take over at the end of the May meeting and lead our guild for the next year (president: Nancy Landrum; vice president: Alma Ellis; secretary: Beth Palmer; treasurer: Nancy Hester; and librarian/historian: Jo Miles-Seely).



And I extend my gratitude for the support of the membership during my tenure as president.

I look forward to seeing you at our last official meeting of this guild year on May 20. After the business meeting and installation of the officers, there will be a presentation by those who participated in the Color Study group.

## April meeting minutes

CWSG met on Saturday, April 22, at the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi building in Ridgeland. President Gio Chinchar called the meeting to order and established a quorum (10 members present). Gio called for approval of the March meeting minutes as printed in the April newsletter. Kathy Perito moved the minutes be approved. Debbie Stringer seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Nancy Hester was out of town; no budget report was presented. *(Continued 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-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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In frontier-style dress, Brenda Harrower, Donna Peyton and Jo Miles-Seely spin during the Craftsmen's Guild Spring Showcase, held May 6 at the Mississippi Craft Center.

Gio asked for committee reports. Librarian Jo Miles-Seely said the Library Committee has not yet been able to meet.

Marcy Petrini reported the Records Committee has been through the cabinets to collect and organize minutes, newsletters and other documents, also consulting with secretary Beth Palmer. Marcy will be scanning some older paper documents and expects this work to be completed by the first fall 2017 meeting.

Gio called for a vote on the proposed slate of officers for 2017-2018: Nancy Landrum for president and Alma Ellis for vice president. Marcy moved the slate be accepted as presented. Nancy Landrum seconded, and the motion passed.

Gio shared information Nancy Hester had sent about Lake Tiak-O'Khata as the possible location for a fall fiber retreat. The retreat will be further discussed at the May meeting.

Gio mentioned setting dates and determining programs for next year. Several suggestions were shared. The Craftsmen's Guild Spring Showcase will be held on Saturday, May 6. CWSG members Brenda Harrower, Jo Miles-Seely and Donna Peyton will be demonstrating.

Gio adjourned the meeting for show and tell, white elephant and a potluck lunch to be followed by an afternoon of working on personal projects.

*Submitted by Alma Ellis, substituting for Beth Palmer, secretary*

## Upcoming Meetings

*All meetings begin at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center, unless otherwise noted.*

- **May 20: Presentations from Color Study Group**
- **Sept. 16**
- **Oct. 14:** CWSG members will demo at the Craftsmen's Guild Fall Showcase, Mississippi Craft Center.
- **Nov. 18**
- **Dec. 9: Holiday Party**

## Calendar

- **Contemporary Handweavers of Texas Biennial Conference**, May 31 - June 4, Sugar Land, Texas, Marriott. 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).
- **Roc Day 2018**, Jan. 6, Plaquemine, La. River Road Fiber Guild hosts.

**"Doing is better than not doing, and if you do something badly you'll learn to do it better."**

*— "The Creative Habit,"  
by Twyla Tharp*



### For sale

Diane Varner is selling this spindle wheel. Contact her at [ladriev@yahoo.com](mailto:ladriev@yahoo.com) to learn more.

## Exhibit update

*from Sharon Williams*

A reminder that the "Birds of a Feather" exhibit is this October. I will pick up the pieces at the September meeting. Memphis Guild of Handloom Weavers members are also participating as well as area artists! Send your same work or create several somethings new!

## Weaving towels?

*from Marcy Petrini*

May 25 is National Towel Day! If you *weave* towels **and** are an HGA member, please send pictures of your towel(s) to HGA before May 25. They will be posted on the HGA website, [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org). Please send to Kathi Grupp at [advertising@weavespindye.org](mailto:advertising@weavespindye.org).

## Share your current project

What are you working on? Send a picture for the next newsletter! Email photos of anything fiber related to Debbie at [news@ecm.coop](mailto:news@ecm.coop) by June 1.

## Treasurer's Report

*from Nancy Hester*

Prior balance:	\$3,327.12
Add:	
Interest	0.03
Unknown donation	10.00
White elephant sales	37.00
Current balance:	\$3,374.15

## CWSG Moment in History

*from Marcy Petrini*

The 1990-1991 CWG (we were not CWSG yet) listed 35 members, only 5 of whom are still members (Jane Dollar, Marva Goodman, Nancy Landrum, Marcy Petrini, and Sharon Williams).

None of the officers are still in the guild: Margaret Williard, president; Virginia Rogers, secretary; and Amy Evans, HGA representative, have all moved away.

Margaret Pittman, vice director, no longer weaves. Hazel Howell, treasurer, and Tina Bradford, historian, are deceased.

## 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!