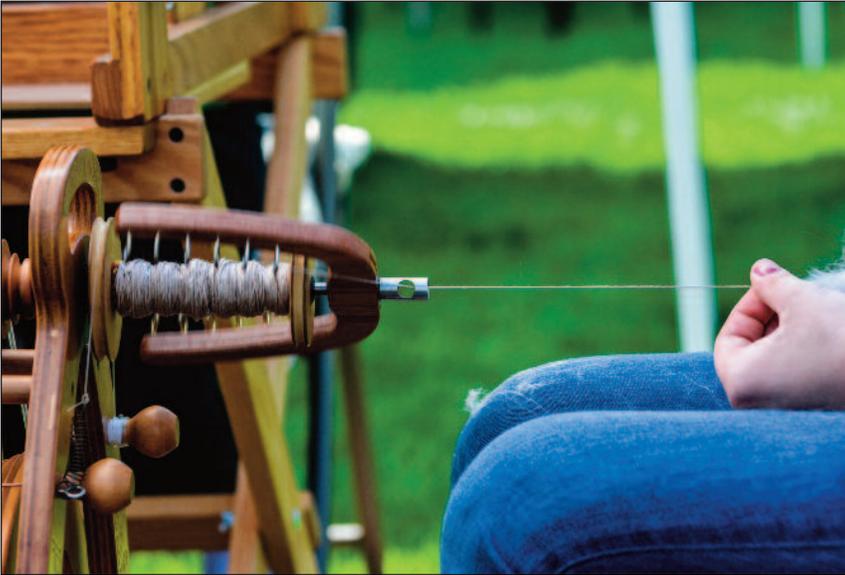


# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild



## Summer meeting

*from Nancy Landrum, president*

Hello, all. I would very much like to have a summer meeting, so I need input as to when it would be most convenient. The last part of July or any time in August is good for me. I would love to do it here but am open to any suggestions. Have a great summer.

## May meeting minutes

We met on Saturday, May 20, at the Mississippi Craft Center with five members present, which is not a quorum. Although we did not have a quorum, those present did chat about guild activities.

Treasurer Nancy Hester talked about plans for a fall fiber retreat to be held either at Lake Tiak-O'Khata or at Gray Center. The group suggested that we select two possible dates and ask guild members which they might prefer.

Kathy Perito talked about plans for Convergence 2018 to be held at Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nev., July 6-12, 2018. Kathy and Nancy plan to attend a conference this

## Officers 2017-2018

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

- President: Nancy Landrum
- Vice president: Alma Ellis
- 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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summer in Texas. Beth Palmer will attend a conference this summer in Pennsylvania.

We unofficially inducted Nancy Landrum as our new president and Alma Ellis as our new vice president. Nancy Hester continues as treasurer. Beth Palmer continues as secretary. Jo Miles-Seely continues as a librarian/historian.

Given the low attendance, we postponed the presentation from the Color Study Group.

*Respectfully submitted by Beth Palmer, secretary*

## Let's retreat into fiber

Beth Palmer and Nancy Hester have researched two venues for a possible guild fiber retreat in October: the Duncan Gray Center and Lake Tiak-O'Khata.

The Gray Center is an Episcopal camp and conference center located near Canton. Check it out at [www.graycenter.dioms.org](http://www.graycenter.dioms.org).

Lake Tiak-O'Khata is a privately owned lake resort located just outside of Louisville. Give it a look at [www.ltok.com](http://www.ltok.com).

Both are great facilities, have multiple meal and room options, and are relatively close by.

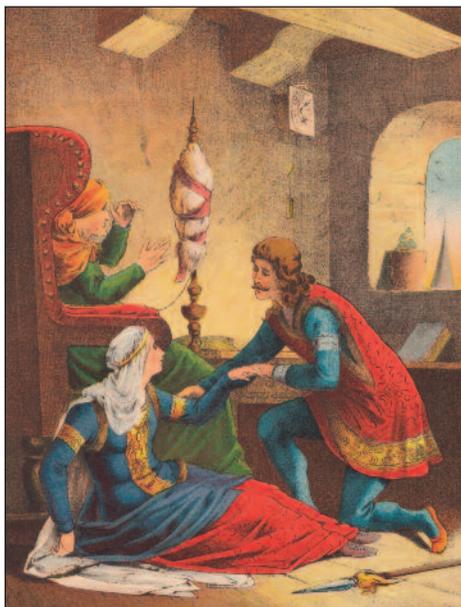
If anyone is interested in participating in the fiber retreat, contact Nancy Hester by phone or email. Do so soon, as these places may book quickly in the fall months.

## A new spin on Sleeping Beauty

*by Marcy Petrini*

In the introduction of her great article on quill wheels (*Spin-Off*, Spring 2017), Christina Oliverly states that it's not clear from which part of the wheel Sleeping Beauty received her wound. Sleeping Beauty may well have been spinning on a quill wheel, but did she really prick her finger on it?

When I was growing up in Italy, my grandmother would tell the story of Rosaspina (Briar Rose, an earlier name for Sleeping Beauty) and how she



## Upcoming Meetings

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

- **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

- **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.

## Treasurer's Report

*from Nancy Hester*

Prior balance:	\$3,374.15
Add:	
Interest	0.03
Dues for next year paid	25.00
Current balance:	\$3,399.18

## CWSG Moment in History

*from Marcy Petrini*

May 1984 was a busy month for the Chimneyville Weavers Guild, as it was called then. There were preparations for the Guild show which was to take place at the Craftsmen's Guild headquarters (the now demolished old President's House on Millsaps College) with an opening on May 12, 7:30 to 10 p.m., and complete with a catalog. Amy Evans was responsible for hanging the show. The Guild was also putting together a slide show of spinning and weaving steps and collecting slides from various sources. Guild members were busy weaving swatches (14) for a swatch swap. The program that month was on pricing your work to sell, since some members would be selling their pieces at the show, with the guild taking 5% of the price. And finally, some guild members were getting ready for the trip to Dallas for Convergence '84.

pricked her finger spinning fiber—there was never a mention of a spinning wheel. Nobody in the family spun, but they did a variety of other fiber crafts, so I long wondered how such soft materials could prick a finger.

Years later I learned to spin in this country and was told that Sleeping Beauty pricked her finger on the spinning wheel, which was equally puzzling. Then one day I decided to learn to spin flax; I dressed a distaff and started spinning ... and I pricked my finger on some woody remains of the flax! Could this be what my grandmother meant, that Rosaspina pricked her finger on flax? That would make sense!

So, I researched it and found that the story comes from various folk tales that appeared in various European countries, but one of the originals was in fact from Italy in the 1300s when, indeed, Sleeping Beauty was said to have pricked her finger on a splinter in the flax. In demonstrating spinning, I try to have some flax (with splinters) to show children how Sleeping Beauty may have really pricked her finger!

## Get updates from Marcy's blog

Marcy Petrini posts to her blog frequently, so there's always something new and interesting to check out. She keeps an email list to let her readers know when she posts. Join the list by sending your email address to Marcy. Find her blog here:

<https://isohypse300.com/Marcy/marcy-s-blogs>

## What are you working on?

Our newsletter is more interesting when we use it to share photos and/or stories of fiber-related projects, acquisitions, experiences and travel. Don't be shy! Email your story or photo to Debbie Stringer at [news@ecm.coop](mailto:news@ecm.coop).

## 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!