

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

President's message:

Start small and grow

By Nancy Landrum, CWSG president

This month we will be honoring Debbie Stringer with a well-deserved lifetime membership. There are many wonderful facets to her talents but I think the most important thing she does (besides our newsletter) is her interaction with children at the loom. That is where the seed is planted to grow future weavers.



Kids learn to weave on Debbie's loom during Sheep to Shawl. Photo: Nancy Landrum

As a group I hope we can cope up with many ways to do this every chance we get. I know in my heart that the most important thing we can do is to convince children and their parents that this is something they *can* do and it doesn't have to cost a lot. Start small and grow.

Our September meeting

By Marcy Petrini

CWSG will celebrate Debbie Stringer's Life Membership on Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. at Sombra Mexican Kitchen in Ridgeland. This is in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting.

Here are the details:

- Sombra Mexican Kitchen, 140 Township Ave, Suite 100 Ridgeland, MS 39257, 601-707-7950. It is really easy to find; go to <http://sombramexicankitchen.com>, click on "Ridgeland" and then "Contact" to see a map.
- Festivities start at 11 a.m., in a separate room in the restaurant. We pay for drinks individually to the servers as we go.

CWSG Officers

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

- President: Nancy Landrum
- Past president: Gio Chinchar
- Vice president: Alma Ellis
- Secretary: Beth Palmer
- Librarian/historian: Kathy Perito
- 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 \$25. A membership form is available at cvillewsg.com; click on "membership."

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 deadline

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

Contact info (note new address)

www.cvillewsg.com

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- Lunch will be served around 11:30; it's a fajita buffet with chicken, beef, veggies, etc.
- Each individual will pay for her / his lunch to the servers. The total food cost should be around \$20 per person including gratuity and taxes
- **Very important: Please bring a credit card for payment.** The restaurant is being very accommodating by letting people pay individually so the guild doesn't have to collect monies ahead of time, etc. However, they request that we pay by credit card, so please honor that request and make sure that you settle all your bills (drinks and food) before you leave!
- The guild will pay for Debbie and her guests; since the guild doesn't have a credit card, the details have already been worked out.
- Even though people can decide to come (or not) at the last minute, the restaurant would like to have a ballpark number. **Please let Marcy know if you intend to come and how many by Monday, Sept. 10.** Email: mfp_tmd@bellsouth.net or marcypetrini@gmail.com.

Big thank-you to Alma for serving on the committee. Looking forward to it!

Dues deadline is Sept. 15

By Nancy Hester, treasurer

It is time to renew your CWSG membership for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, fiscal year. Dues are \$25 and are due by Sept. 15. Please make your check payable to Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild or CWSG.

You may either mail your dues to me at the address below or bring your check to the Sept. 15 celebration meeting. Please include a note if you need to make any changes to your current contact information for the guild. A copy of the membership form is attached to this email.

The guild's new mailing address is CWSG, P.O. Box 793, Clinton, MS 39060.

Please note that the guild newsletters and other correspondence **will only be sent to active members whose dues have been paid.** Thank you for your past participation, and I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

August 2018 board meeting

Your board met on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. over lunch at Biaggi's in Madison. President Nancy Landrum called the meeting to order. Those present included Vice President Alma Ellis, Secretary Beth Palmer, Past President Gio Chinchar, and Librarian/Historian Kathy Perito. Winkie Allen and two guests were also present.

Alma briefed the board on plans to celebrate Debbie Stringer's achievement of lifetime membership. We will gather for lunch at Sombra Mexican Kitchen, 140 Township Avenue, Ridgeland on Saturday, Sept. 15. We will gather in a private dining room and enjoy a fajita buffet featuring meat and veggie options. Cost of the lunch will be \$16 each plus tax and

Upcoming Meetings

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

- **Sept. 15. Debbie Stringer's Lifetime Membership Celebration.** Sombra Mexican Kitchen, Ridgeland; 11 a.m. RSVP to Marcy by Sept. 10.
- **Oct. 20: Convergence Recap.**
- **Nov. 17: Making Fiber Necklaces.** Sharon Williams
- **Dec. 8: Holiday Party.**
- **Jan. 19, 2019: Super Show-and-Tell Membership Party.**
- **Feb. 16: Pin Loom Weaving.** Beverly Anglin, at her shop The Southern Needle in Ridgeland (Mug Rug Challenge begins.)
- **March 16: Sheep to Shawl and Guild Sale**
- **April 27: How Do You Choose Colors?** Judy Foster
- **May 18: Towels and Such.** Gio Chinchar (Mug Rug Challenge ends.)

Treasurer's Report

Prior checking acct. balance	\$2,572.97
Add:	
Current year dues paid	50.00
Retreat reimbursement	274.04
Current checking acct. bal.	\$2,897.01
Add:	
Receivable GC retreat gratuity reimbursement due	214.61
Accrued checking acct. bal.	\$3,111.62

Nancy's note: I am using the July balance as the beginning balance.



CWSG members showing work in our "Here Comes the Sun" exhibit at the George Berry Gallery, Mississippi Craft Center, are Winki Allen, Carolyn Campbell, Nancy Hester, Nancy Landrum, Jo Miles-Seely, Kathy Perito, Marcy Petrini and Donna Peyton. This and other exhibit photos in this newsletter were submitted by Kathy Perito.

gratuity. A cash bar will also be available.

The board discussed plans for guild programs throughout the year, including:

- Sept. 15 – Program to honor Debbie Stringer at Sombra Mexican Kitchen, in Ridgeland
- Oct. 20 – Program on Convergence 2018 led by Marcy Petrini and Beth Palmer
- Nov. 17 – Program on fiber necklaces led by Sharon Williams
- Dec. 8 – Loom crawl/party
- Jan. 19, 2019 – New-member gathering to welcome folks potentially interested in joining our guild with expanded show & tell
- Feb. 16 – Program on pin loom weaving; kick off mug rug exchange
- March 23 [later changed to March 16] – Sheep to shawl demonstration, chaired by Alma Ellis, and guild sale

Calendar

- **Fiber Fun in the 'Sip**, Sept. 21-22, Vicksburg Convention Center. Classes in various fiber techniques, vendors, sit-and-stitch, entertainment. Details: FiberFunintheSip.com.
- **"Stories Unfolded" Quilt Exhibit**, through Sept. 2018, at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum/Museum of Mississippi History in downtown Jackson. Forty Mississippi-made quilts from territorial times to present day, from the collection of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.
- **Spinning and Weaving Week**, Oct. 1-7
- **Pine Belt Quilt and Fiber Art Show**, Oct. 5-6, Hattiesburg, Lake Terrace Convention Center. Competitive show, lectures, demos, exhibits, vendors. Details: PineBeltQuilters.com.
- **"Material Pulses: Seven Viewpoints,"** Oct. 6 - Jan. 13, 2019. Exhibit of art quilts, mixed media and installation work at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. Details: MSMuseumArt.org.
- **Dyed in the Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild Show**, Nov. 5-30, Pass Christian Library. Theme is "Things I've Seen, Places I've Been." Guild members will demo and talk with visitors Nov. 8 from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Roc Day**, Jan. 5, 2019. Pass Christian Yacht Club. Host: Dyed in the Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild of the Miss. Gulf Coast. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration deadline Dec. 1. Details and registration forms at GulfCoastRocDay.com.

- April 27 – Program with local fiber speaker
- May 18 – Program on alpaca fiber; complete mug rug exchange

In addition to these regular guild programs, we discussed how we might celebrate National Weaving and Spinning Week scheduled for Oct. 1-7. Several board members suggested that we offer demonstrations in several locations including Jackson, Meridian, and Vicksburg.

We also noted that ROC Day will be Saturday,

Jan. 5, 2019, at the Pass Christian Yacht Club, hosted by Dyed in the Wool Weavers and Spinners. More information and registration is available at gulfcastrocday.com. Our guild will host ROC Day on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Mississippi Craft Center. Kathy Perito volunteered to chair the event.

Nancy Landrum suggested that we invite Winki Allen to serve as liaison between our guild and the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience in Meridian. Winki graciously agreed to take this on.

Kathy Perito reviewed our bylaws and overall schedule for the program year. Several suggestions were made to move planning efforts earlier in the year.

The board agreed to invite Treasurer Nancy Hester to remind guild members that annual membership fees of \$25 are now due. Nancy will also prepare a budget for the new program year to present to our membership.

The board meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer, Secretary

Frigg, the Norse goddess of weaving and spinning

By Donna Peyton

Frigg, also known as Frigga or Freya, was the Norse goddess of the sky, marriage, childbirth, motherhood, wisdom, household management, weaving, and spinning. She was the wife of Odin and the mother of Thor.

As the goddess of spinning, she spun the clouds in the sky. Frigg is often depicted with a spindle or a spinning wheel. This image is not only associated with domesticity, but also with the power over life and death. This leads to her dominion over weaving. Frigg also wove the threads of fate, known as Wyrð (pronounced “weird”). This is where we get sayings such as, “Man, that was weird!” Wyrð was a cosmic tapestry that depicted each person’s life.

The day of the week Friday is derived from “Frigg’s Day.” The word “Freya” itself is not a name, but the word for lady. The German word “Frau” is derived from Freya.

Sources: Norse Mythology for Smart People and The Volkisch Folklorist

Our CWSG website

By Marcy Petrini

There are some misconceptions and concerns about our website which I would like to address so we are all on the same page.



Our website is secure, the security certificate is renewed yearly, the website is behind a fire wall and we have a weekly scan by Malware Removal, an anti-virus service; crooks may try to attack it but will go somewhere else when they don't succeed. You can tell a secure site because the url starts with https (the "s" at the end), or your browser may tell you that it's secure. Never enter websites that are not secure, either by neglect or as traps, because they are a good source for hackers.

The other concern seems to be that of email addresses being posted on the website. Of course, we want people to find us, but having someone's email address is not harmful. When I email you I have no way of seeing what is on your computer or accessing it, not any more than having your home address lets me know what is inside your house or allows me to get in! All our email addresses are in cyberspace (just like our cell phone numbers), so we are prone to receive unwanted emails.

But the only way for people to hack us in an email is for us to give them permission! We give the crooks "permission" when they send us an email and we click on a link to an affected site or download an affected file that they sent. But the email itself is harmless if we put it in the trash.

You may be thinking: I am not stupid, I don't click on unknown links or download unknown files. No, you are not stupid, but sometimes you are distracted; other times you are tired, or in a hurry, or you may be curious what who-you-think-is-your-friend is sending you and.... One click and it's too late!

However, email addresses can be removed from the website. If so desired, just let Terry know. Of course, it would be counterproductive to have a website with no contact information, but the cvillewsg@gmail.com address could be used, provided it is checked regularly (it is currently listed on the website and hopefully someone is checking it!). Happy weaving (and computing)!



