

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

March meeting minutes

There was no guild business meeting held March 24 since the day was devoted to our Sheep to Shawl demonstrations.

Sheep to Shawl

by Debbie Stringer

We had a fun, well-attended Sheep to Shawl demonstration day March 24 at the Mississippi Craft Center. I think more kids than ever wove on the rigid heddle, frame and floor looms we had set up. I had a constant stream of kids wanting to weave on my Wolf Pup loom, the last one finishing (at his

mom's urging) around 3:45—long after everyone else had left!

CWSG members also demonstrated wool fiber washing, Kool-Aid dyeing, knitting and spinning. In addition to weaving, kids made colorful pipe-cleaner "sheep" wrapped in wool fiber (at left; more photos on page 3).

Shepherdess Savannah Stevens, of Brandon, educated and entertained folks with her expert sheep-shearing demos. Everyone loved seeing the two little lambs she brought too.

This year, Sheep to Shawl was held in con-

junction with the Craftsmen's Guild's Chalk at the Trace event and a silk-dyeing workshop led by Winki Allen, both of which gave visitors even more to see, do and learn!



Officers 2017-2018

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.

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Nominating committee report

The nominating committee of Marcy Petrini and Debbie Stringer presents the following slate of CWSG members who have graciously agreed to serve another term in their respective office:

- Secretary: Beth Palmer
- Librarian/historian: Kathy Perito
- Treasurer: Nancy Hester

Candidates will be elected in April and take office in May.

April program: Spinning like a master

by Brenda Harrower, program presenter

I got my first spinning wheel, a handmade one from a local artisan, about 33 years ago. This was following a nearly life-long dream of spinning, having felt a natural progression from knitting. I heard of a master spinner program, researched it, and found a class starting in Sedalia, Missouri, and signed up. What followed was six years of study culminating in a research paper on the history of bison and its use in the past and now. I finished with honors and am glad I did this intensive program! Very glad to share it with y'all.

May program: Textile tour at new Mississippi museum

by Alma Ellis, vice president

Join CWSG in May for a behind-the-scenes textile tour of the new Museum of Mississippi History. The tour will be Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m. at the museum at 222 North State Street in Jackson.

The cost of the tour will be \$25 and will be paid at the museum. This fee will just be for our special tour and not for entrance to either the History Museum or the adjoining Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

After the tour, the group will meet Keifer's on Poplar Boulevard to order lunch from the regular menu.

Contact Alma for more information or to sign up for the tour.

Machine embroidery exhibit

Marva Goodman has work included in a Rankin County Machine Embroidery Group exhibit on display from April 2-27 at G. Chastaine Flynt Memorial Library. The address is 103 Winners Circle in Flowood (off Old Fannin Road north of Dogwood Festival). Please come visit the exhibit!

Upcoming Meetings

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

- **April 21: Master Spinner Certification**, Brenda Harrower.
- **May 19: Textile Tour at Museum of Mississippi History.** We will meet at 10 at the museum. Cost: \$25. Lunch will follow at Keifer's on Poplar Boulevard.

Calendar

- **"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.
- **CWSG Retreat at the Gray Center**, June 8-10, Canton. For registered participants.
- **"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: www.msmuseumart.org.

Treasurer's Report

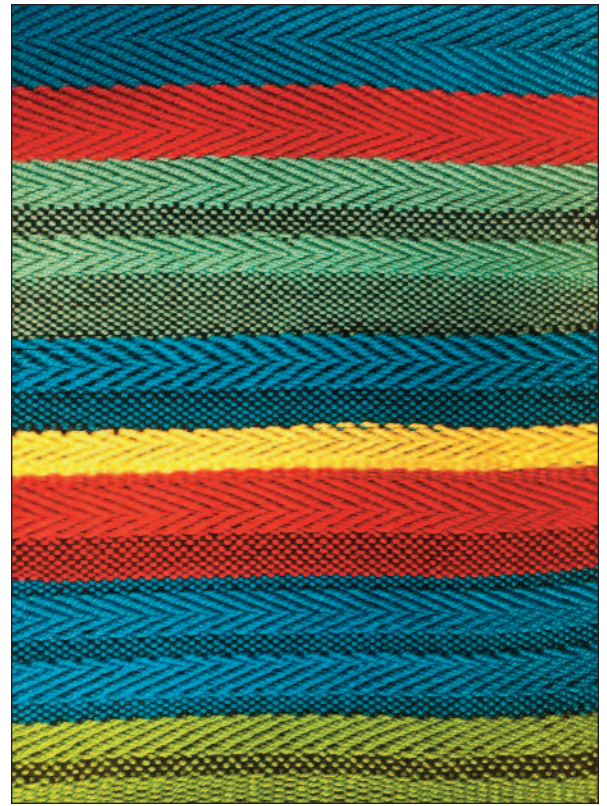
from Nancy Hester

Prior balance	\$3,359.44
Add:	
White elephant sales	12.00
Dues paid	25.00
Less:	
PO box rental reimbursement	50.00
Sheep to Shawl shepherdess	200.00
Current balance	\$3,140.44

Kids discover weaving at Sheep to Shawl



Kathy Perito displays the weavings that young weavers completed on the Cricket looms at Sheep to Shawl. Those looms seem to stay busy all day long. Nice work!



Kids did an amazing job on this weaving from the Wolf Pup loom at Sheep to Shawl. Each weft color change represents a different young weaver. They loved seeing the “arrow” emerge when they reversed the treadling of the 1/3 twill. Boys and girls seemed equally enthusiastic about weaving, but only one adult rose to the challenge!

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%. 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, so we will reap the benefits!