

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

President's message:

Soulé Live Steam Festival

By Nancy Landrum, CWSG president

The Soule' Live Steam Festival was this past weekend. I had three looms and only me to man them. Saturday was a bad situation. Lesson: Have only as many looms as you have helpers for. It was all good though. It is a possibility I will have three teens who became very excited about weaving and what you can produce for students.

I am still recovering from Saturday so I won't be writing much. I do want to remind everyone if there is anything you want on the next meeting agenda please let me know. Have a great week.



November program

By Alma Ellis, vice president

Sharon created this list of materials for the yarn necklace class she will be doing for our Nov. 17 meeting. She will be showing us several ways to create fiber necklaces from leftover yarns. See her list below. I'll send this list out again as an email reminder, too.

Yarn necklace class (see samples on page 3)

Sharon will show us several ways of creating fiber necklaces from leftover yarns. Plan to bring:

- Yarn that does not bother your skin or itch
- Scissors
- Large-eye needle for yarns
- Small-eye needle for beads
- Beads

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.

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- Wire if you want to create findings for clasp.

Everything else for measuring Sharon will bring to the meeting, and she will bring extra of everything to play with.

October minutes

We met on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Mississippi Craft Center with 11 members present (i.e., a quorum). We agreed there were no changes needed to the agenda and that all previous meeting minutes had been approved.

Treasurer Nancy Hester reported that we have 20 paid members plus three lifetime members for a total of 23. The proposed budget for 2018/2019 includes \$620 in income (mainly from payment of dues) and \$870 in expenses for a deficit of \$250. Our checking account currently holds \$3,288 plus we have a certificate of deposit worth \$1,300. Nancy Landrum moved that we approve the budget. Kathy Perito seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Note that, at our earlier board meeting, we discussed ideas to recruit new members into our guild. We plan to hold a new members program at our January 2019 meeting. We talked about assembling goodie bags for attendees. We also talked about how to reach out to non-renewing members to invite them back and how to encourage students in the weaving and spinning classes to join us.)

Under Old Business, we discussed our recent custom of holding white elephant sales at guild meetings in odd-numbered months. A proposal was made to change this schedule and instead hold one large white elephant sale at our sheep to shawl demonstration in March. Our hope is that we will have more items for sale and a larger audience to buy. Marva Goodman moved that we change our white elephant sale to once a year at sheep to shawl. Gio Chinchar seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Perito reminded the group that, thanks to a generous gift from Sharon Williams, we have a corner booth at the Chimneyville Crafts Festival to be held Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 at the Trade Mart in Jackson. Guild members are encouraged to come demonstrate spinning and weaving.

Kathy Perito also updated guild members regarding recent efforts to organize our guild library. She encouraged members to check out books and to write reviews for the newsletter so that others might find useful books. The next step in library organization will be to catalog the periodicals.

Under New Business, Nancy Hester reported that she and Donna Peyton recently demonstrated spinning at the Clinton Visitor Center located at Milepost 89 on the Natchez Trace. Nancy reports that the Visitor Center welcomes more demonstrations and exhibits from the guild.

Marva Goodman shared news of the Fiber Festival in Plaquemine to be held Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival is free and open to the public.

The meeting adjourned and we moved to our program on Convergence 2018 presented by Nancy Landrum, Marcy Petrini and Beth Palmer.

Upcoming Meetings

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

- **Nov. 17: Making Yarn Necklaces.** Sharon Williams. Hands-on program. See supply list in this newsletter.
- **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 White Elephant 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 balance	\$3,312.98
Add:	
Interest	0.05
Equipment rental	25.00
Dues paid	75.00
Less: Celebration expense reimbursement	(79.36)
Current balance	\$3,333.67



Sharon Williams shares samples of the necklaces she will teach us to make during her yarn necklace program on Nov. 17.

Our next guild meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer, secretary

Athena: Greek goddess of spinning and weaving

By Donna Peyton

Athena (Minerva in Latin) was the goddess of wisdom, philosophy, handicraft and warfare. She was the patron of spinning and weaving. She is acknowledged as the inventor of weaving. Originally, she was the Aegean goddess of the palace, presiding over all household crafts and the protection of the king. She was the patron of several cities including Athens.

She was known as the goddess of disciplined, strategic, just war; opposed to her brother Ares, the patron god of chaotic war (think of the Wonder Woman movie). Athena also was the patron goddess of heroic endeavor. She was known to help Argos build his ship for the Argonauts and helped Jason on his quest. She helped Perseus behead Medusa. She helped Heracles (Hercules in Latin) with three of his 12 Labors. In The Illiad, Athena helped Diomedes and Achilles. Odysseus was helped throughout the Odyssey by Athena.

Next month: Arachne.

Book report: 'Eco Colour'

By Beth Palmer

This visually gorgeous book offers step-by-step instructions for dyeing cloth and yarn using dyestuffs gathered from nature (aka natural dyes). The author, India Flint, is internation-

Calendar

- **Dyed in the Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild Show**, through Nov. 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.
- **"Material Pulses: Seven Viewpoints,"** through Jan. 13, 2019. Exhibit of art quilts, mixed media and installation work at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. Details: MSMuseumArt.org.
- **Chimneyville Arts Festival**, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1. See story in this newsletter.
- **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.
- **Oxford Fiber Arts Festival**, Jan. 24-27, Powerhouse Community Arts Center in Oxford. Fiber exhibit, vendors, children's day activities, classes, charity sewing event, more. Details: OxfordArts.com.
- **Fiber Forum 2019**, April 4-7, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Workshops in various fiber arts. Registration now open. Details: SEFiberForum.org.

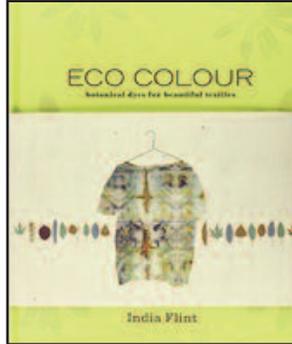
ally known for her work in this field.

The prologue states clearly the purpose of the book: to equip readers with the skills and information to extract dyes, use appropriate dyeing methods, analyze mordants and implement safe work practices.

The book is logically laid out with loads of photos to supplement the text and entice the reader. Discussions of dye stuffs and mordants are paired with extensive charts. Most of the instructions focus on processing with heat, although there are instructions for cold processing.

This expansive book appears to me to be a fabulous jumping-off point for those interested in eco-dyeing. It covers a lot of territory in considerable detail and should inspire the new eco-dyer for quite some time.

"Eco Colour" was published in 2008 by Interweave Press and is available in our guild library. Take a look and be inspired!



Fiber fun in Tennessee

By Brenda Harrower

Mike and I went to the Fiber in the Boro (Mur-

phresboro, Tenn.) fiber festival Saturday, Nov. 3. Mike went through the buildings and talked with old friends we know from our days as vendors. I taught Worsted to Woolen spinning to a class of nine ladies. They all said they'd had a great time, and we're tickled that now they could do long draw like in the videos! It was fun seeing the light-bulb light up!

Chimneyville Arts Festival

The Chimneyville Crafts Festival is now the Chimneyville Arts Festival. The name change reflects the festival's expansion to include fine artists and photographers.

The 42-year festival will be held Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson.

Once again, Sharon Williams will provide booth space for any CWSG members (only) who wish to demonstrate.

The festival opens with the Preview Party, 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Ticket holders will enjoy shopping, hors d'oeuvres, wine and entertainment by Brian Ledford and the Accumulators. Tickets are \$60, or \$50 in advance, and include admission to the festival for all three days.

The festival continues 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$10 each day.

Get more information at MSCrafts.org.