

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

June 2019 Newsletter

President's Message: A Busy (and Fun) Year Ahead!

By Beth Palmer, president

Greetings from your new president! I'm really excited about our new year together. Nancy Hester is putting final touches on our upcoming retreat July 19-21 at Gray Center outside Canton. Gio Chinchar and her team are working on assembling a great program line-up. Thanks to all who responded to the member survey that Gio offered to assess our interests. Sharon Williams has reserved our demonstration space for the Chimneyville Craft Festival coming up in December. Kathy Perito and her team are getting us organized to host ROC Day on Jan. 11, 2020. We look forward to a summer get-together at a member's home, national Spinning and Weaving Week Oct. 7-13, our always fabulous sheep-to-shawl demo day in March, and HGA's Convergence to be held in Knoxville, Tenn., July 24-30, 2020.

Notice all the names attached to these activities – *and the activities where we still need volunteers!* There are lots of opportunities for YOU to get involved with some of these fun guild activities. Please don't worry if you're a new member. Everyone is happy to share information and advice. And working on a project with a small team is a great way to get to know guild members better!

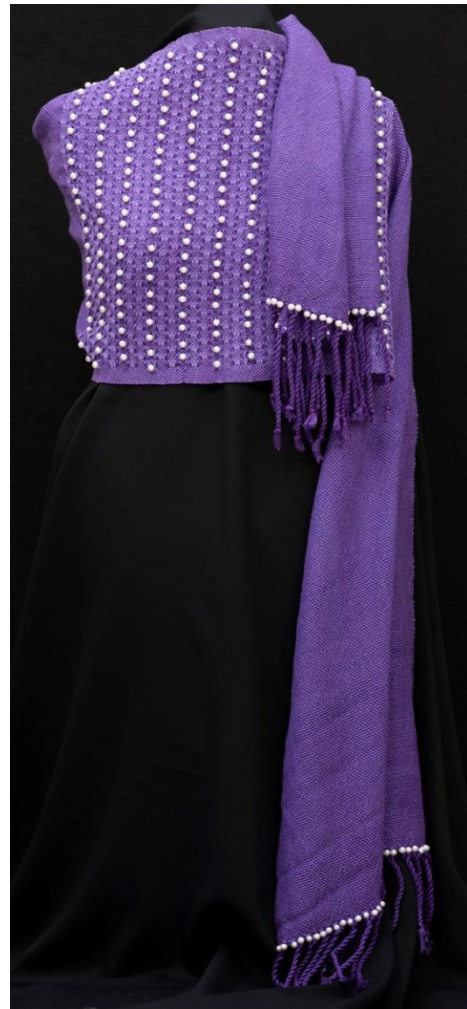
Don't let the summer doldrums hit your loom and/or spinning wheel. Summer heat is a GREAT time to sit in the air conditioning and weave or spin! Plus you can help us prepare for some exciting programs and activities scheduled for cooler weather. Let the fiber fun begin!

May Meeting Minutes

By Beth Palmer, outgoing secretary

We met on Saturday, May 18, at The Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center with 15 current members present (i.e., a quorum).

Gio Chinchar asked that we amend the agenda to include her member survey. Nancy Hester made a motion to accept the minutes from our April 27 meeting as printed in the newsletter.



Marcy Petrini wove this huck shawl a long time ago. In the back of the shawl, in the middle of huck dimples, she placed (fake) pearls.
Photo: Terry Dwyer

Jeanne Marie Peet seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Guild treasurer Nancy Hester reported that we have \$4,3093.94 in the guild checking account.

Under Old Business, Vice President Alma Ellis delivered a report for Roc Day Chair Kathy Perito, who was absent. Kathy reports that planning will kick into high gear in June and continue through the summer months with registration opening in September or October. All guild members are encouraged to contribute items for goodie bags and door prizes. The Craft Center has been reserved for our event on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, as well as the George Berry Gallery for the month of January for our *2020: Perfect Vision* exhibit. The Roc Day website is in place, and Kathy has created an email account to manage event correspondence from those outside CWSG. Kathy has a few committee volunteers in place and will be

reaching out to others as the planning moves forward. Treasurer Nancy Hester reported on plans for our upcoming guild retreat, to be held July 19-21 at the Gray Center outside Canton, Miss. Nancy reports that eight guild members are signed up to attend the retreat, plus several folks who plan to come for the day. Nancy reviewed pricing for the retreat and advised those interested to sign up before the end of June.

Under New Business, Gio Chinchar distributed printed surveys to those present. Results from the survey will be used to plan guild programs for the coming year. Nancy Hester shared information received from Sharon Williams regarding our demonstration booth at the Chimneyville Craft Festival, to be held at the beginning of December at the Mississippi Trade Mart. The guild will be responsible for the cost of the booth, which is \$405. Visitor [and former member] Judy Rainer reported that she donated her floor loom to the Gray Center and encourages guild members to help set up the loom and prepare it for weaving.

At the conclusion of our business meeting, candidates Beth Palmer (president) and Gio Chinchar (vice president) were elected by acclamation. Jeanne Marie Peet graciously agreed to serve the remaining one-year term of secretary. New president Beth Palmer presented pins to



A sampling of the exchanged mugs with their new rugs. See Alma's report on our Mug Rug Challenge in this newsletter.

outgoing president Nancy Landrum and former presidents Donna Peyton and Gio Chinchar. She also paid her dues for 2019/2020 and encouraged others present to do the same. Alma Ellis distributed mugs and rugs to those participating in the guild mug rug challenge event.

The business meeting adjourned and we moved to a program on towels led by Gio Chinchar.

Over the summer we will gather at our retreat in Canton and (hopefully) for an informal guild get-together. Stay tuned for details!

Financial Report

By Nancy Hester, treasurer

Prior balance per last newsletter: \$4,138.94

Add: Interest 0.05

Current year dues 25.00

Prior period accrual adjustments 1,576.35

Checking account balance 05/28/19: \$5,740.34

Less: Retreat deposits (1,883.30)

Net available balance as of 05/38/19: \$3,857.04

If you would like to attend the guild retreat as a day visitor only, contact Nancy Hester (nhester@me.com) ASAP. She needs to submit a final list soon to the Gray Center. The retreat is Friday afternoon, July 19, to Sunday morning, July 21, at the Gray Center in Canton.

May Program Was Excellent

By Alma Ellis

Thanks, Gio, for a great program. Along with the many shared examples of her beautiful handwoven towels and other items, Gio Chinchar provided a detailed handout for the May program. She shared her 10-year journey in weaving and many tips for improving weaving skills.

Mug Rug Challenge and Extra Mug Rugs

By Alma Ellis

Thanks to everyone participating in the mug rug challenge. Some really creative mug rugs were exchanged. As a reminder, some recipients received more than one mug rug in their bag. Members were asked to make extras to include in the Roc Day goody bags in January. Please pick your favorite mug rug and bring the extras in September. Extra mug rugs made over the summer are welcome, too.

Join Your Fiber Friends for Lunch on June 13

CWSG members love to visit and eat, so let's enjoy both at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, at Bravo! Restaurant and Bar at Highland Village in Jackson. If you'd like to join us, email Marcy Petrini (mfp_tmd@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible. She needs a head count so she can arrive early to secure a table.

Upcoming Events

- CWSG member retreat, July 19-21, Canton
- National Spinning and Weaving Week, Oct. 7-13
- Roc Day, Jan. 11, Ridgeland

About Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

CWSG brings together people who enjoy and want to learn more about weaving and spinning. Our guild is based in the Jackson, Mississippi, area.

Officers

Each officer serves a two-year term on the CWSG board. A new president and vice president took office at our May meeting.

President: Beth Palmer

Vice President: Gio Chinchar

Secretary: Jeanne Marie Peet

Treasurer: Nancy Hester

Librarian/Historian: Kathy Perito

Past President: Nancy Landrum

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with like interests. The annual membership fee is \$25. A membership form is available at cvillewsg.com/ ; click on "membership."

Meetings

CWSG usually meets on the third Saturday of the month, September through May. Meetings include a business session, program and show-and-tell. We begin at 10 a.m. at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center in Ridgeland, Miss., unless otherwise noted.

Next meeting: Sept. 21, program to be announced

Newsletter deadline

Please email newsletter submissions to newsletter editor Debbie Stringer (dhstringer@gmail.com) by the first day of the month of publication. Example: March 1 for the March issue.

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