

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

September 2019 Newsletter

## President's Message:

### Welcome Autumn!

*By Beth Palmer, president*

Heard on the radio the other day that it was the last Saturday without college football. I love to watch football on TV where I can spin or knit while I watch. How about you?

Several guild members enjoyed a fabulous visit to Nancy Landrum's Dragonfly Studio on Saturday, Aug. 24. Her studio occupies a huge open space with lots of windows, plenty of looms and other equipment, a sink for dyeing, a fireplace, comfy seating and a television (for watching football!). Her home is lovely as well. The food was delicious and the company delightful.

I'm sorry I will miss our September meeting but know that Gio will do a great job keeping things on track and Kathy will inspire us all with plans for Roc Day. Don't forget to bring something fibery and meaningful to share in the expanded show-and-tell.

Convergence 2020 will be upon us before we know it! And next year's Convergence is just up the road in Knoxville! The dates are July 23-30, 2020. Convergence is the biennial conference offered by the Handweavers Guild of America (HGA). While weaving is an important focus, Convergence 2020 also offers sessions on spinning, dyeing, basketry, fashion design and the history of textiles. Day passes to the Marketplace and Art Exhibits are just \$10. Seminars run from \$36 (for 90 minutes) to \$576 (for three days). There will be tours, fashion shows, a keynote address and panel discussions. Convergence is a great opportunity to gather with our "fiber tribe," learn new things, meet new folks and renew old friendships. Mark your calendar NOW and make plans to join us in Knoxville!

*Keep weaving, Beth*



Shawl woven in August by Gio Chinchar.

## September Program: Who Am I?

*By Gio Chinchar, vice president*

This is a special show-and-tell event. Many of us are not only weavers and/or spinners but have other fiber arts that we do or have done in the past. **Bring a fiber piece** that you made and in some way has a special meaning to you. The fiber piece will be put on a table at the front of the room and we will

take turns sharing (no more than 5 minutes) about the piece. In this way, we will get to know each other a little better.

## Show Deadline Reminder

Please plan to bring your pieces for our 2020 *Vision* exhibit to the guild's Christmas party in December. The exhibit will hang in the Craft Center's George Berry Gallery in conjunction with Roc Day. For more info, contact Sharon Williams at [sewweaver@gmail.com](mailto:sewweaver@gmail.com).

## Roc Day Is on the Way!

*By Kathy Perito, Roc Day chair*

What is Roc Day? **Roc** is the old German word for the flat part of the spinning wheel. Roc Day is the gathering of spinners that occurs the day following Epiphany. As we host Roc Day at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center this year, we pushed the celebration date out to Jan. 11, 2020, to give everyone a few extra days to recover from their hectic holidays.

The legend has it that after fortnight, women, who had put up their wheels and looms for the holiday baking and chores, returned to weaving and spinning, but the men wouldn't return to their farm duties until the following Monday. In the meantime, the men would harass the women (figures, nothing has changed), so the women wouldn't get much done, but merrymaking resulted.

Registration is now open and the registration forms are available on the Roc Day website: <https://www.gulfcoastrocday.com/>.

Please note that participant registrations received before Dec. 1 must be accompanied by the \$25 fee. Registrations received from Dec. 1 through the final cutoff date of Dec. 14 are \$35. We will not be able to accept registrations on-site.

Vendors must complete and submit the participant registration form and the vendor supplement form with payment. If you are planning on signing up for the fiber market, please email Marcy Petrini at [marcypetrini@gmail.com](mailto:marcypetrini@gmail.com) to receive information about times to set up, and other logistics details. The website has been updated, the forms are online; check the website for updates.

So, bring your spinning, knitting or other portable fiber project and join us to visit, shop, show off your work and enjoy a leisurely lunch! If you have any questions, you can reach us at: [gulfcoastrocday2020@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoastrocday2020@gmail.com)

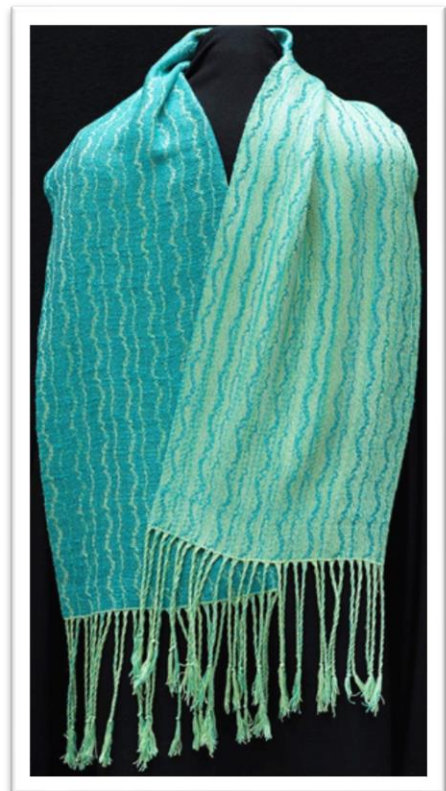
## Where is 'Onde'?

*By Marcy Petrini*

"Onde" – Italian for waves – is the name of the shawl I wove, shown at right. I can't find it. If you are thinking that I must be stupid, well, I couldn't agree more.

Terry photographed it mid-May. I brought it to class, I am sure. I believe that I brought it to the May meeting and possibly at one of our get-togethers at Bravos. I looked all over the house, the Craft Center, the folks at Bravos helped there, but so far, no luck.

So, if anyone remembers anything about it, perhaps during the guild meeting, I would really appreciate it.



## Pay Guild Dues by Sept. 21

CWSG dues of \$25 become due Sept. 21, at our first meeting of the new guild year. Please mail your check before Sept. 21 to CWSG, P.O. Box 793, Clinton, MS 39060, or pay treasurer Nancy Hester at the September meeting.

## Financial Report

*By Nancy Hester, treasurer*

Prior balance per 05/28/19 checking account statement: \$5,740.34

Add: Interest: 0.09

Membership renewal: 275.00

Retreat deposits: 341.90

Less: Commemorative pins (past presidents): (45.00)

Gray Center retreat down payment: (1,415.16)

Current balance per 07/28/19 checking account statement: \$4,897.17

*Note: There may be other dues paid where I have not received the checks.*

## Upcoming Events

- **Fiber Fun in the 'Sip**, Sept. 27-29, Vicksburg Convention Center. Vendors, classes, demos, live music, more. Details at [www.FiberFunintheSip.com](http://www.FiberFunintheSip.com).
- **National Spinning and Weaving Week**, Oct. 7-13
- **Roc Day, Jan. 11**, Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center, Ridgeland



Nancy Landrum hosted CWSG members for a tour of her studio in August. Photo: Beth Palmer

## 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

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/](http://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. Here are scheduled programs for 2019-2020:

- **Sept. 21:** *Who Am I?* show-and-tell session. See details in this newsletter. Be prepared to pay dues of \$25 if you haven't already.
- **Oct. 19:** A day of demonstrations and fellowship to share our fiber passion
- **Nov. 16:** Marcy Petrini: *Transitioning from a Four-Shaft to an Eight-Shaft Loom*
- **Dec. 14:** Holiday Party
- **Jan. 11, 2020:** Roc Day
- **Feb. 15:** Specialty looms
- **March 14:** Sheep to Shawl
- **April 18:** Marva Goodman: *Spinning Short Fibers*
- **May 16:** *Beyond Squares and Rectangles: What to Do with Leftover Fabric*

### Newsletter

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