

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

November 2019 Newsletter

October Meeting Minutes

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild (CWSG) met in the library of the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center on Oct. 19, 2019. President Beth Palmer opened the meeting on determination that a quorum was present. Sharon Williams moved that the minutes of the September meeting as published in the October newsletter be approved; Marcy Petrini seconded the motion and the minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Rhonda Blasingame, chair of the Standards Committee for the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, was introduced. In light of recent discussions among members of CWSG about the possibility of applying for a group membership in the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, she had been invited to speak to CWSG about the process of applying for membership and about how group memberships in the Craftsmen's Guild work. She explained that CWSG would be applying for membership as a studio; all members in good standing would count as members of the studio. She also stated that the application of CWSG would be evaluated by the Standards Committee and that, after admission, works submitted by members of CWSG to the gallery would be evaluated by the gallery staff and further evaluated, as needed, by her. There is no need for CWSG to establish any sort of internal evaluation or judging process, although CWSG may do so if it chooses. There was a lively discussion covering questions of copyright and attribution. Rhonda also noted that she is available to answer questions at deltamoon95@yahoo.com or (601) 613-1126.



Nancy Landrum and her daughter-in-law, Suzette, demonstrate weaving and spinning at the recent Soule Live Steam Festival, held at the Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum in Meridian. Nancy's antique loom is part of the historical displays at the museum. Learn more about this fascinating museum at www.IndustrialHeritageMuseum.com.

Photo by Debbie Stringer

In a non-binding straw poll, the majority of members present supported further exploration of the possibility of joining the Craftsmen's Guild as a studio. Sharon Williams, Donna Peyton and Beverly Anglin volunteered to serve as a committee to write a report on the possibility for the November issue of the newsletter.

It was noted that the only interest group in which there was interest indicated was spinning.

All members were encouraged to submit 8-10 small items for inclusion in the goody bags for Roc Day.

The meeting was adjourned, and the members partook of a potluck lunch while working on Roc Day or other projects.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary; recorded by Debra Sue Pate in Jeanne Marie's absence

November Meeting: Going for Eight

Marcy Petrini will lead our program, *Transitioning from a Four-Shaft to an Eight-Shaft Loom*, for our next meeting, on Nov. 16. Also, please bring any items you plan to contribute to Roc Day (see Kathy's update below).



CWSG members enjoy working on fiber projects after the October business meeting.
All meeting photos by Carolyn Campbell

Show Pieces Due Dec. 14

Please plan to bring your pieces and exhibit form (attached to this newsletter) for our 2020 Vision exhibit to the guild's Christmas party at Marcy's on Dec. 14.

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.

Sharon plans to move these pieces to the "Artrageous" exhibit at the Northwest Community College Art Gallery in February, with participants' permission.

In March we will have an exhibit at the George Berry Gallery in conjunction with Sheep to Shawl.

Roc Day 2020 Update

By Kathy Perito, Roc Day chair

We have such a generous group of members! Thanks to everyone who has handcrafted items for goodie bags, donated door prizes and volunteered to manage activities for Roc Day. If you have items to contribute, please bring them to the November meeting. If you cannot attend the November meeting, you can mail them to me or package them up with my name on

the package and leave items for me with the staff in the Craft Center gallery. If you leave things at the gallery, please send me an email so I know to look for and collect your items.

January may seem to be a long time away, but with all the holiday activities beginning to kick into gear, Roc Day will be upon us before you know it! If you are waiting to send in your Roc Day participant registration, don't wait much longer. The early registration rate of \$25 applies to registrations received on or before Nov. 30. If you procrastinate and your registration is received from Dec. 1-14, the fee will be \$35. **No registrations can be accepted after Dec. 14.**

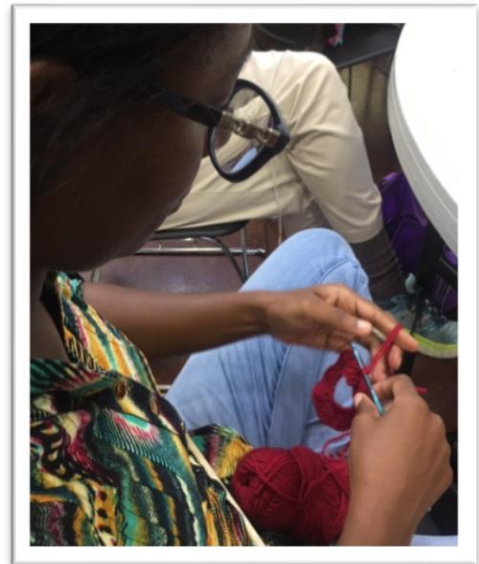
We have more than 50 registered participants so far. I have been confirming receipt of registrations that have been mailed in. If you have mailed your registration but not received an email confirmation, please let me know by sending an email to GulfCoastRocDay2020@gmail.com.

Once early registration draws to a close at the end of November, I will be following up with each registered participant by email regarding lunch selection, so be sure to let me know of email address changes.

Financial Report

Beginning checking balance, 09/13/2019	\$ 5,649.25
Add: Interest	0.13
Roc Day deposits	550.00
Less: Final Gray Center retreat payment	(\$ 820.93)
Ending checking balance, 09/30/2019	\$ 5,378.45
<u>Accrued items:</u>	
Additional membership dues	50.00
Roc Day expenses	(\$ 550.00)
Effective 09/30/2019 balance	\$4,878.45

To date, CWSG has 34 active members.



New Weaving Class Format Begins in January

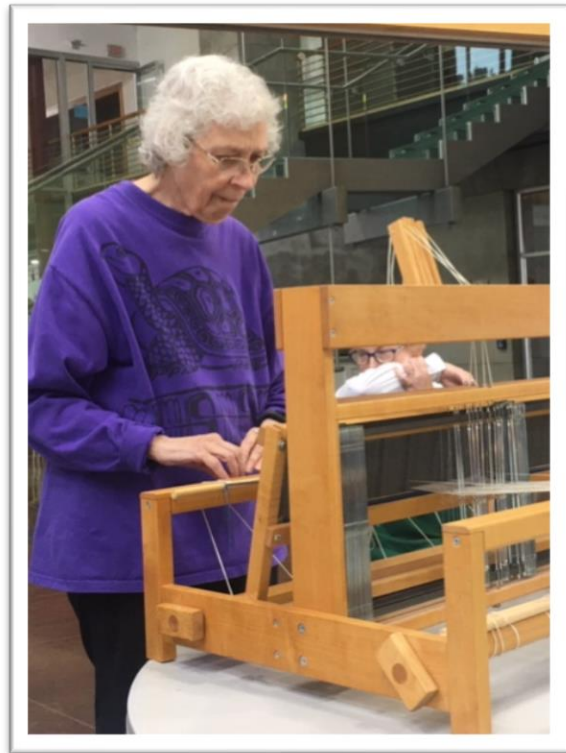
By Kathy Perito

Marcy and Kathy want to let you know that there will be some changes to the weaving class format for floor loom classes taught at the Craft Center. Going forward, participants will create a complete project in each session of classes. Projects will no longer carry over from one session to the next. Each session will focus on a single topic. You will participate in classroom discussions and complete individual study work to supplement the hands-on experience. All materials will be provided.

The first session of 2020 will cover beginning weaving. This session is designed for those with little to no experience weaving on a shaft loom. Details are on the attached flyer. Completion of this session (or a similar class experience) is required to participate in the sessions covering more advanced topics that will be offered later in the year.

Membership Update

These folks have rejoined CWSG since September: Brenda Harrower (brharrower@hotmail.com), Patricia Holmberg (littlebitacres01@yahoo.com), Debra Sue Pate (dsp44@juno.com) and Betty Penick (betty0323@hotmail.com). Also, Sharon Humble's corrected email address is sharonkayhumble@yahoo.com.



Anyone Participating in *Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Initiative?*

By Marcy Petrini

Here is the introductory information from the Livestock Conservancy, who is sponsoring it and whose link is below.

In our ongoing commitment to making it more profitable to raise heritage breeds, The Livestock Conservancy created the Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Initiative, thanks to funding provided by the Manton Foundation. It's a program that will recognize fiber artists for using wool from breeds on our [Conservation Priority List](#) while connecting shepherds of heritage breeds with customers.

The Livestock Conservancy has long said that the way to save endangered breeds of livestock is to give them a job. In the case of wool sheep, we need to start using their wool again. Because of marketing challenges, some shepherds discard or

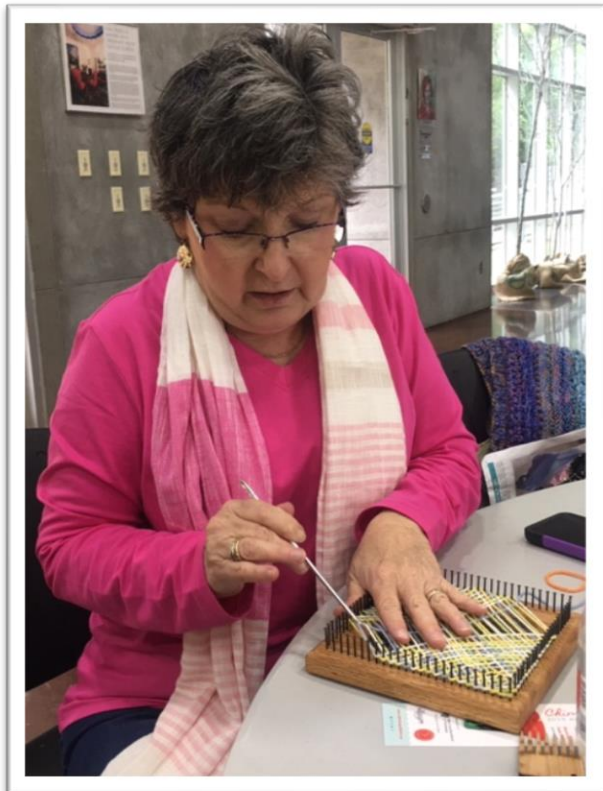
compost the wool after their annual shearing rather than cleaning it and selling it. In addition to encouraging fiber artists to try using rare wools, the program also educates shepherds about how to prepare their wool for sale and how to reach customers and fiber artists, thereby making it more profitable to raise heritage breeds.

<https://livestockconservancy.org/index.php/involved/internal/SE2>

I bought fiber at the 'Sip and at SAFF and I have started spinning! Joining the group is \$15 on their secure website. Hope you will join me!

Upcoming Events

- **Chimneyville Arts Festival**, Dec. 6-8, Mississippi Trade Mart, Jackson.
www.CraftsmensGuildofMS.org
- **Roc Day**, Jan. 11, Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center, Ridgeland.
www.GulfCoastRocDay.com
- **Beginning Weaving Class**, Jan. 14, 15, 21 and 22, Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center Weaving Loft, Ridgeland. Instructors Marcy Petrini and Kathy Perito will lead project-based class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Paid registration required by Jan. 13. See flyer attached to this newsletter, or call Sheri Cox at 601-856-7546.
- **Convergence 2020**, July 24-30, Knoxville, Tenn.



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.

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. Here are scheduled programs for 2019-2020:

- **Nov. 16:** Marcy Petrini: *Transitioning from a Four-Shaft to an Eight-Shaft Loom*
- **Dec. 14:** Holiday party at Marcy's house
- **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

Please email newsletter submissions to newsletter editor Debbie Stringer (dhstringer@gmail.com) by the first day of the month of publication. Next deadline is Dec. 1 for the December issue.

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