

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

December 2019 Newsletter

President's Message:

Workin' on Taking More Workshops

By Beth Palmer

"You take more workshops than anyone I know!" So said a weaving friend to me upon my return from a five-day workshop with Daryl Lancaster. This remark got me to thinking about why I love taking workshops, and I came up with several thoughts.

I do love learning new things, especially things related to fiber. Over the past year or two I've enjoyed learning more about front-to-back warping with Kathrin Weber, painting warps with Kathy Roig, weaving stripes with Bonnie Tarses, spinning various sheep breeds with Kate Larson, and sewing handwoven fabric with Daryl Lancaster. All of these folks are generous, thoughtful teachers.

I also love learning tips and tricks from fiber friends. In Kathrin's class I learned the value of yellow Frog tape and the joy of colored corrugated cardboard. In Kathy's class I learned the value of quick-release clamps. In Bonnie's class I learned how to wind false ikat warps. In Kate's class I learned the joy of using a mini-steamer to set spinning samples. In Daryl's class I learned about all kinds of modern sewing notions.

Given that weaving, spinning, and sewing are generally solo pursuits, workshops allow me to spend time doing the things I love in the company of like-minded fiber enthusiasts. It's great fun to spend multiple days immersed in fun activities with folks who speak the same language. Many of those friendships have continued on Facebook and at subsequent workshops.

I also feel as though I harbored lots of pent-up demand for workshops built up over 15 years of parish ministry. It's difficult to take time away from the demands of parish work and all plans



Beth (back row, left) and sister fiber enthusiasts at a recent workshop with Daryl Lancaster (on the floor, right).

are subject to change on account of parish emergencies. Since my retirement in 2018, I've relished the opportunity to sign up for workshops months in advance with a high probability that I will actually be able to attend.

So yes, I do take a lot of workshops ... and I don't plan to stop anytime soon!

Keep weaving, Beth

November Meeting Minutes

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild (CWSG) met in the library of the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center on Nov. 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. President Beth Palmer called the meeting to order and a quorum was determined with 20 members present. After approval of the agenda, it was moved by Sharon Williams and seconded by Marcy Petrini that the minutes of the October meeting be accepted as printed in the November newsletter. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Kathy Perito gave an update on preparations for Roc Day.

A motion was presented by Donna Peyton and seconded by Debbie Stringer to explore the creation of a co-op to seek membership in the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. A lively discussion followed. The motion carried.

The membership directory was reviewed and corrections noted.

The Chimneyville Arts Festival will be Dec. 6-8, 2019, at the Mississippi Trade Mart. CWSG will have three adjacent booths. Members interested in demonstrating during this time were invited to sign up.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party at the home of Marcy Petrini on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Members are encouraged to bring a food item to share. A fiber-related gift to exchange is optional. Items for the *20/20 Perfect Vision* show should be brought to this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. Marcy Petrini then presented a most informative program, *Transitioning from Four to Eight Shafts*.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary

Marcy's blog expands on her Four to Eight Shafts presentation. Find it here:

www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blogs/286-blog-72-from-four-shaft-to-eight-shaft

Bring Show Pieces to the Christmas Party

Please plan to bring your pieces and exhibit form 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 Updates; It's Not Too Late to Register!

From Kathy Perito, Roc Day chair:

As early registration came to a close, we had 82 registered participants! If your plans change and you will be able to join us, remember, the registration fee is now \$35. The last day to register is Dec. 14, the day of our meeting and holiday party.

Thanks to all who have delivered items to stuff our goodie bags and provided door prizes. Please bring any remaining goodie bag items and door prizes you have to the meeting.

It's sure to be a fun-filled day!

From Marcy Petrini:

If your Roc Day registration form has not been **received**, you can still register as long as the registration is **received by Dec. 14, but the registration fee is now \$35**. No exceptions, to be fair to everyone. If you chose not to register, you can still come to shop with the general public, but, of course, you won't be able to participate (goodie bags, lunch, goodies, door prizes, etc. are for **registered** participants only). Vendors registration is closed, and we are totally booked.

Hope to see ALL of you on Jan. 11, 2020!

Get the registration form at www.GulfCoastRocDay.com

Roc Day Guild Sale Needs Your Stuff

By Beth Palmer, sale chair

Following the fabulous success of our fiber sale at our Sheep to Shawl event last March (we raised \$750 for the guild!), we will hold another fiber sale at our upcoming Roc Day gathering on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020. Please comb through your stash and gather nicer knitting or weaving yarn, run-of-the-mill yarns, fiber for spinning or felting, any fiber tools, and fiber-related books. There's no need for you to mark prices - we will do that for you!

We are happy to receive your items at the guild gathering on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the home of Marcy Petrini. You may also deliver your items to the Bill Waller Craft Center on Friday, Jan. 10, when we will set up for Roc Day. Thanks for de-stashing and helping us replenish the guild coffers!

CWSG Craftsmen's Guild Membership Notes

By Donna Peyton

A co-op would be formed by the members that want to participate. Co-op members must be in good standing of CWSG.

Dues to the Craftsmen's Guild paid by participating co-op members. Chimneyville booth to be paid by those who want to sell at Chimneyville (not the demonstration booth).

We would join under ONE material (fiber) and TWO categories (weaving and spinning). Jurying fee and Craftsmen's Guild dues to be paid by those who want to participate, divided equally (\$155 total).

All judging of quality will be handled by the Craftsmen's Guild (jury, standards committee, Rhonda, etc.). All verification of original work will be the responsibility of the craftsperson (although Rhonda said she could follow up on this if we think that someone has copied). Pieces and monies to be turned in in January for 2020 jurying.

Our joining as a group/studio has no impact on individual Craftsmen's Guild members/fellows (e.g., Marcy, Marva, Kathy, Sharon), who would continue on their own.

Three(?) items must be submitted and 10 pictures for jurying into the Craftsmen's Guild.

Joining the co-op will happen each January. We could get standards to look at any new member work coming in after the initial jurying and before the next jury.

To be determined: checking account, officers, tags for sale items, meetings (after regular CWSG meetings?), addendum newsletter for co-op.

Financial Report

By Nancy Hester, treasurer

The prior checking balance was \$5,378.45 as of 09/30/19.

Add: Interest	0.50
Membership dues & Roc Day deposits	1,725.00
Less: Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi donation	(200.00)
HGA Affiliate dues	(51.00)
HGA Fiber Trust	(100.00)
Reimbursement for Chimneyville Arts	
Festival booth rental	(405.00)

Ending checking balance: \$6,347.95 as of 11/30/2019

Please note that CWSG now has online banking access, and the corresponding online statement dates have been changed. Also, the Roc Day deposits will be offset by accrued Roc Day expenses.

Southern Needle Honored

The Southern Needle, owned by CWSG member Beverly Anglin, has been selected for the 2019 Best of Ridgeland Awards in the Craft Store category by the Ridgeland Award Program. The annual program recognizes companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value. These local companies enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and the community. Congratulations, Beverly!



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. 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:

- **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. If you are sending a photo, please include caption information.

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