

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild



President's message:

Sheep to Shawl

By Nancy Landrum, CWSG president

Sheep to shawl is coming up. I am excited about some of the new things we are doing like the sale of goods for the benefit of the guild. I am really pulling for it to be a big success. The educational aspect of the event is the most important part of S to S. In my experience, far too many people do not know what a blessing being sheared is to the sheep.

Here is deep and fervent hope that the weather will be warm again, and it will be a lovely spring day.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody and enjoying all of our visitors.

S2S Preparations

By Alma Ellis, CWSG vice president

Sheep to Shawl is less than two weeks away. CWSG members look forward to this activity every year. The event will be at the Craft Center from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This year, we're planning a Friday afternoon set-up at the Craft Center, so drop by if you have the opportunity. On Saturday, please plan to arrive at 9 a.m. We still need

CWSG Officers

Each officer serves a two-year term on the CWSG board.

- President: Nancy Landrum
- Vice President: Alma Ellis
- Secretary: Beth Palmer
- Treasurer: Nancy Hester
- Librarian/Historian: Kathy Perito
- Past President: Gio Chinchar

About CWSG

CWSG brings together people who enjoy and want to learn more about weaving and spinning.

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, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Mississippi Craft Center in Ridgeland, unless otherwise noted.

Newsletter deadline/new email

Please email newsletter submissions to newsletter editor Debbie Stringer (dhstringer@gmail.com) by the first day of the month of publication.

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additional volunteers, particularly for the hands-on weaving station. **A current list of volunteers and their stations and other information will be sent in a separate S2S email.**

And don't forget our potluck lunch. Bring whatever you would like to share with the group.

Rigid Heddle Interest Group

By Kathy Perito, librarian/historian

I will have several looms warped and ready for our visiting public to try at Sheep to Shawl. We still need volunteers to help the visitors enjoy their experience. This would be a great opportunity for you to practice your rigid heddle weaving as you demonstrate using the Cricket loom and guide people through the weaving steps. If you can spare a couple of hours, please consider helping at the rigid heddle weaving station. The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be for everyone to take a break as we demonstrate for the day. For those of you who have never created twisted fringe, I will have a fringe twisting station available for you to practice on. And I will return the samples you wove at our January meeting so you can add your twisted fringe.

T-Shirt Deliveries

By Kathy Perito, CWSG librarian/historian

The CWSG t-shirts have been printed and shipped. I expect to receive them on Monday, March 4. If I see you in the next two weeks, I will have your shirt(s) for you. If I don't see you before Sheep to Shawl, I will have your shirt(s) for you at the event. We are going to look so good as we demonstrate!

Sheep to Shawl Stash Sale Fiber-related Items Needed

Please share your extra fiber-related items for our Sheep to Shawl sale. Sale items can be dropped off at The Southern Needle in Ridgeland at any time the shop is open OR at the Craft Center on Friday, March 15.

We're accepting yarns and fiber (either inexpensive or special), fiber tools (e.g., shuttles, bobbins, flickers), and books. All proceeds go to the Guild.

In the meantime, please send Beth Palmer an email at beth.palmer53@gmail.com to tell her what you're bringing so we can have enough tables prepared.

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings begin at 10 a.m. at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center, unless otherwise noted.

- **March 16: Sheep to Shawl and Guild Fiber Sale**
- **April 27: How Do You Choose Colors?** Judy Foster
- **May 18: Towels and Such.** Gio Chinchar (Mug Rug Challenge concludes)

Calendar

- **Meridian Mini Maker Faire**, April 6-7, Historic Soule Steam Works, 1808 4th Street, Meridian. Free admission. Sat. – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. – 1 to 5 p.m. A family-friendly celebration of invention, creativity and resourcefulness. meridian.makerfaire.com/

Second Annual Local Yarn Shop (LYS) Day, April 27. Trunk show at The Southern with Mississippi-based independent dyer, Holly and Ivey Dyeworks. A knitting workshop will focus on their Oyster Bed Cowl pattern. Kits containing the yarn and pattern will be available to purchase. Register for the workshop at thesouthernneedle.biz.

Treasurer's Report

Prior Balance: \$ 3,223.73

Add:

Interest	0.03
T-shirt Sales	407.00

Less:

T-shirt payments due	(407.00)
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Current Balance: \$ 3,223.76

Retreat Reminder

Members planning to attend the 2019 CWSG retreat need to arrange payment. Please bring payments to our next meeting (Sheep to Shawl), or contact Nancy Hester by phone at 601-750-8077.

Interested in a Structure-and-Function Study Group?

By March Petrini, CWSG lifetime member

I would be interested in starting a study group for members who weave on shaft-loom. I have talked with a couple of Guild members and there seems to be some interest.

In order not to conflict with the rigid heddle weaving interest group, the S&F study group would meet at on a different day and time, to be determined by the majority of those interested.

The group would be modelled after other guilds' study groups and the CWSG study groups we have had in the past. Here are broadly the guidelines:

1. Any CWSG member who has access to a shaft loom (four or more) is welcome. **Beginning weavers and new members are specifically welcome!** Participants must be CWSG members in good standing (dues paid).
2. Specific topic to be studied for the year will be determined by those who plan on participating – after the day and time have been settled.
3. The group would function as a study group, not as a seminar or workshop. That is, each participant would be contributing on the topic – either by presenting at one session, or partly at several sessions, depending on how the study group is structured and the topic being studied. In other words, the purpose is to study weaving, not socializing.

If you are interested, please reply by **March 15**, by e-mail please (marcypetrini@gmail.com), by filling out briefly the few questions below. I will contact only the folks who have replied by that date to set up the next step.

Yes, I am interested in a Structure and Function Study Group.

Name: _____

Loom I have available or access: _____

Preferred day of the week: _____

Day I am NOT available: _____

Preferred time of day (check one): ___ am, ___ pm
___ evening ___ doesn't matter

Time I am not available: _____

CWSG Website

By March Petrini, CWSG lifetime member

Our website has been updated. On the front page there is our Sheep to Shawl flyer; if you need to, you can copy

the image and print it, or you can refer people to do the same if they are interested in coming.

Two more pdfs have been added under our history; one is a membership roster that lists the total years of our members; the other is a listing of which years the members were active. This information has been derived from all the past directories, copies of which will be placed in the library and with the secretary, and from our newsletters which are already online. Below is the link to the new information:

cvillewsg.com/index.php/guild-information/guild-legacy/menu-archives-membership



“Weftover” Exhibition

The Guild Weftover has been hung. Many thanks to Sharon Williams for setting up this display which showcases the work of guild members who have used “weftovers” in their work so creatively. The show will be in place in the George Berry Gallery at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center for Sheep to Shawl and through March 24.

Fun February Meeting

Many thanks to Beverly Anglin for hosting the February meeting at her shop, The Southern Needle. Beverly provided great information, examples of and resources for pin loom weaving.

CWSG February 2019 Minutes

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild met on Saturday, February 16, at The Southern Needle with 20 current members present (i.e., a quorum). Many of our new members joined us!

We agreed there were no changes to the agenda. With regard to the minutes from our January 19 meeting, Kathy Perito stated the theme for ROC Day to be held at the MS Craft Center on Saturday, January 11, 2020 should be *2020 Perfect Vision*. Marcy Petrini made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Marva Goodman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Guild treasurer Nancy Hester was not present so no financial report was given.

Under Old Business, Vice President Alma Ellis clarified the guidelines for our mug rug challenge. Those who want their own mug returned should put their name on/with their mug before placing the mug in a brown paper bag. Those who are happy for their mug to go to another member should simply place their unmarked mug in a brown paper bag. Mugs were exchanged at the end of the meeting. Mugs and rugs should be returned at our May 18 meeting.

On Saturday, March 16 we will gather at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center for our annual Sheep to Shawl demonstration and fiber sale. Alma Ellis announced that she will begin setting up on Friday, March 15. Winki Allen will lead an eco-dyeing workshop during our Sheep to Shawl demonstration. Donna Peyton will chair the spinning demo. Debbie Stringer will chair the weaving demo. Beverly Anglin will chair the knitting demo. Kathy Perito will chair the hands-on demonstrations. All are invited to participate in one of those activities and should contact the chair. Beth Palmer will chair the fiber sale. Alma Ellis will do publicity for the event.

Beth Palmer described plans for the fiber sale on March 16. **All proceeds will go to the Guild.** Several members brought items to the February meeting. Beverly Anglin offered for The Southern Needle to be a drop-off point for additional donations. Beth asked that those donating items please email her so she can plan for the correct number of tables to be set up. All participants are encouraged to deliver their donations **no later than Friday, March 15.**

Kathy Perito reminded members that she will order our guild t-shirts on Monday, February 18 and must receive orders and payments in advance. T-shirts will be lavender with the guild logo in purple. They cost \$11/each. We briefly discussed our upcoming annual retreat to be held at Gray Center outside Canton on July 19-21, 2019.

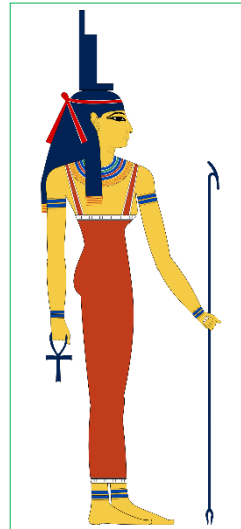
Under New Business, President Nancy Landrum

reminded members that we will elect a new president and vice president to take over in September. Each serves a two-year term. Kathy Perito and Donna Peyton offered to serve on the nominating committee.

The business meeting adjourned and we moved to a program on pin loom weaving led by Beverly Anglin.

Our next meeting is our Sheep to Shawl demonstration on Saturday, March 16 at 10 am at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center in Ridgeland.

Respectfully submitted
Beth Palmer, Secretary



Isis: Egyptian Goddess of Spinning

By Donna Peyton

Isis is the most important goddess in ancient Egypt. Originally an obscure goddess, she came to represent the mother/wife/homemaker. She was the daughter of the earth god and sky goddess and sister and wife to Osiris. She eventually became one of the most important goddesses in ancient Egypt. Worship of her eventually spread to all parts of the

Roman Empire and many temples were dedicated to her from England to Afganistan.

She was the goddess of the home and women. As such, she was reported to have taught Egyptian women how to bake, spin, weave and brew beer. She also was goddess of magic, wisdom and the sky and rain.

As mother of her son Horus, she is often represented holding or nursing her baby. Many of her depictions were probably influential in early Christianity of the Virgin Mary and the baby Jesus. However, Isis is also sometimes depicted as a cow.



Finished!

Debbie Stringer and her sister, Janet Smith, made these quilts during their

recent sewcation in a cabin at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. Debbie's wall quilt is made of green print fabrics cut into strips. Janet used randomly pieced squares, originally made for a long-forgotten project, as the basis for her blue lap quilt.