

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

April 2020 Newsletter

*President's Message:*

## What a Difference a Month Makes

... or in our current circumstance, a week, a day, or even a few hours! Life is changing at lightning speed as our leaders tell us to shelter in place and stores and services we rely on change their hours and availability. All of this inconvenience pales in comparison to the worry of those touched by coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild or severe, sometimes moving from one to the other very quickly.

What to do while the world goes crazy? Prayer is always good, whether we use the words of others, our own words, movement, or simply quiet meditation. Anything that centers us and grounds us, connecting us to the Divine and allowing us to let go of the endless onslaught of bad news can be healing.

Weaving and spinning can be restorative as well. The rhythm of the loom and wheel (or spindle), the sensation of fiber in our fingers, the colors combining with one another, the sense of our connection with generations of humans who have gone before us ... all of these things soothe and satisfy us.

My prayer is that we will all find some portion of our time at home to weave or spin or even tidy up our studio and reconnect with the colors and textures that inspire us. Just remember to wash your hands!

*Keep weaving, Beth Palmer*



*Young visitors to Sheep to Shawl wait for CWSG member Debbie Stringer to refill the shuttle so they can continue weaving on her loom. At the time of the event, March 14, the recommended limit on gatherings due to coronavirus was 200, so we were allowed to host it as planned at the Bill Waller Jr. Craft Center.*

## April CWSG Meeting Canceled

Due to the governor's order to shelter in place and the ongoing threat of Covid-19, our regular meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 18, is cancelled. Nomination and election new officers will also be delayed for the time being. In lieu of our regular meeting, please post photos of your fiber pursuits to our Facebook page for guild members' enjoyment. And pray for a brighter May!

## CWSG Co-op is Juried into Craftsmen's Guild

*Beth Palmer*

Our Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Co-op received confirmation late last month that we have been juried into the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi! We have been accepted into the medium of Fiber under the categories of both Weaving and Spinning. Thanks to the faith and hard work of co-op members for banding together to achieve this milestone.

Our submission included several woven items and several skeins of handspun yarn. In addition, we included many photographs of woven and handspun items created by co-op members as well as our artists' statement and resume.

Next steps in our co-op organization are on hold as we work our way through the Covid-19 quarantine. However, we look forward to the new members' reception in October and the Chimneyville Arts Festival in December. Our co-op has also been invited to mount an exhibition at next year's Oxford Fiber Festival.

Members of the co-op are Beverly Anglin, Gio Chinchar, Alma Ellis, Brenda Harrower, Nancy Hester, Patricia Holmberg, Jane Klinck, Janet Lee, Jo Miles-Seely, Heather Mitchell, Beth Palmer, Debra Sue Pate, Marcy Petrini, Donna Peyton, Debbie Stringer and Sharon Williams. Well done, all!

## Financial Report

*Nancy Hester, CWSG treasurer*

Beginning Balance - 01/31/2020	\$6,816.26
Add: Interest	0.27
Membership dues paid at Sheep to Shawl	25.00
Sheep to Shawl marketplace sales receipts	222.41
Less: Roc Day reimbursement (mailing goodie bags)	(39.56)
Check # 390 The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi donation	(200.00)
Current Ending Balance - 03/30/2020	\$6,824.38



*Another gorgeous creation from Marcy Petrini. The warp yarn is from Jems Luxe Fibers, a hand painted silk in black and greys. The weft is black thick-and-thin Bamboo Bloom from Universal Yarn, 48% bamboo, 44% wool and 8% acrylic.*

- There is an outstanding \$200 check; this is the amount paid to the Sheep to Shawl shepherd.
- The CWSG CD matured, and the \$1,412.74 proceeds were deposited into a savings account for the CWSG.
- The current value of our guild's savings account is \$ 1,412.74. As long as the daily value for this savings account is at least \$1,000, this account will not incur any service charges.



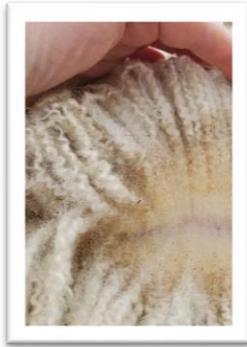
*From Nancy Landrum: "I took a big chance this year and entered two things in the Convergence Fashion Show. Rejection is a hard thing to experience but this time I am only half rejected. My Kinsale Cloak 'The Winter Queen's Cloak' was accepted. A little bright spot for dark times." Congratulations to Nancy!*

## Calendar

- **Convergence 2020**, July 24-30, Knoxville, Tenn.
- **Fiber Fun in the 'Sip**, Sept. 24-26, Vicksburg Convention Center. Workshops, fiber arts market, demonstrations, sit-and-stitch area, live music and more. Details: [www.FiberFunintheSip.com](http://www.FiberFunintheSip.com)

## 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/](http://cvillewsg.com/); click on "membership."

### Meetings/Events

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. Upcoming programs are:

- **April 18:** Meeting **canceled** due to statewide shelter-in-place compliance
- **May 16:** *Beyond Squares and Rectangles: What to Do with Leftover Fabric*

### Newsletter

Please email newsletter content submissions to newsletter editor Debbie Stringer ([dhstringer@gmail.com](mailto:dhstringer@gmail.com)) by the first day of the month of publication. If you are sending a photo, please include caption information.



*Patricia Holmberg's ram Junior, above, is a Border Leicester/Cotswold/Shetland cross. He supplies all the "curls," top photo. Elle, above left, is half Shetland, half BL, Cotswold.*

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