

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

October 2020 Newsletter

President's Message:

Online Events Celebrate Spinning & Weaving Week

National Spinning and Weaving Week 2020 kicks off this Saturday, Oct. 3, with demonstrations at the Bill Waller Craft Center. The fun continues with a full schedule of online activities sponsored by the Handweavers' Guild of America (HGA). You can see the entire schedule and register for various events at www.weavespindye.org/spinning-and-weaving-week.

There are specials, sales and promotions offered by 35+ vendors, including our own Marcy Petrini! Some of these vendors are also offering online live presentations. Studio tours will be offered by John Marshall (dyer), Judy Zugish (basket weaver), Erin Miller (Berea College), Daryl Lancaster (weaver and clothing designer), and Patsy Zawistoski (spinner).

Panel discussions include Preparing for an Exhibition and Preparing for the Certificate of Excellence. There will be happy hours with the HGA board and with Sally Orgren, editor of *Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot*, as well as an informal fashion show and brief "Thread Talks" on various topics. **Please note that registration is required for some of these offerings.**

I'm looking forward to a fiber-fantastic Spinning and Weaving Week!

Remember to wash your hands and keep spinning and weaving, Beth Palmer, president



September Meeting Minutes

The September meeting of CWSG was called to order by Donna Peyton in the absence of President Beth Palmer on Sept. 19, 2020, at 10 a.m. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held by Zoom video-conferencing. A quorum was determined with 12 members present.

A motion to accept the agenda was presented by Lynn Watkins and seconded by Marcy Petrini; the agenda was accepted. The minutes from the May 16 meeting as printed in the June newsletter were accepted upon a motion by Marcy Petrini and seconded by Nancy Hester.

Donna reminded members that annual dues would be officially late after today's meeting. Treasurer Nancy Hester reported that 20 members have paid dues.

The proposed budget for 2020/2021 was presented. Marcy Petrini moved that we accept the budget. Debra Sue Pate seconded the motion. The budget was accepted as presented.

Several members of CWSG met with representatives of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and the Craft Center earlier this month to discuss possible changes in room rental for CWSG meetings and other events held at the William Waller Craft Center. Since no decisions had been made at the time of this meeting, details will be presented at a later date.

Upcoming events include National Spinning and Weaving Week, Oct. 5-11, 2020. Because of a conflict in scheduling the facility, the weaving and spinning demo day will be held at the Craft Center on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members were invited to participate.

The website *weavespindye.org* lists other HGA sponsored events for National Spinning and Weaving Week. Silk City Fibers offers CWSG members a 10% discount through August 2021. Other special discounts and promotions in honor of Spinning and Weaving Week have been extended to all fiber artists by HGA. Full details can be found on the *Spinning and Weaving Week* webpage. Marcy Petrini was featured in the latest issue of *Spin-Off* magazine.

Roc Day 2021 in New Orleans has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

After the meeting was adjourned, members enjoyed a most informative program on *Spinning Wheel and Loom Maintenance* by Terry Dwyer.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary

Financial Report

Nancy Hester, treasurer

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| Checking balance 5/29/20 | \$6,675.21 |
| Add: | |
| Interest | 0.86 |
| Dues paid | 450.00 |
| 2021 workshop fees paid | 250.00 |
| Gifts from members | 25.00 |
| Less: | |
| Craftsmen's Guild room deposit (for 2021 workshop) | (175.00) |
| Checking account balance 9/29/20 | \$7,226.07 |
| Reserve account: | |
| CWSG reserve savings acct. 9/29/20 (includes 1.76 interest) | \$1,413.46 |

Chimneyville Arts Festival Moves to the Craft Center

Beth Palmer

Due to health and safety concerns around the pandemic, the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi will move the Chimneyville Arts Festival to the Bill Waller Craft Center. Current plans include opening the festival on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, followed by "an encore presentation" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. The CWSG Co-op plans to participate in the event. Stay tuned for details!

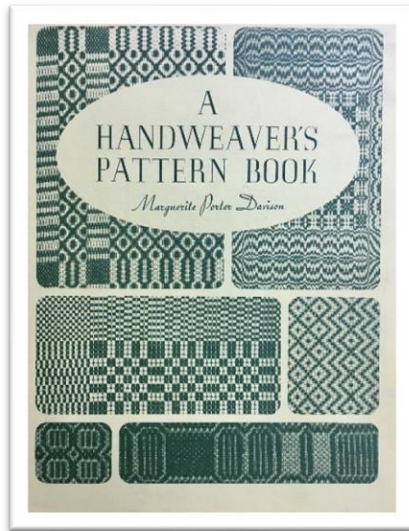
Silk City Discount Available

Silk City Fibers is offering us a 10% discount on orders through August 2021. Use code 2021107.

Your Guild Library Offers Treasures

Beth Palmer

CWSG is blessed with a library of more than 200 books, including such classics as *The Art of Weaving* by Else Regensteiner, *Design and the Handweaver* by Mary Meigs Atwater, *The Guide to Successful Tapestry Weaving* by Nancy Harvey, and *A Handweaver's Pattern Book* by



Marguerite Davison, to name a few. Our library also offers lots of weaving and spinning magazines, both current and back issues. Magazines include *Handwoven*; *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyeplot*; and *Spin-Off*, to name a few.

Stuck in a rut and want to learn something new? Want to sample a book before buying? Happy to pass some time paging through old spinning and weaving magazines? We've got just the book or magazine for you! Browse through our library at librarything.com/catalog/CWSGLibrary/yourlibrary and discover some of the treasures your guild library offers. Contact a guild board member and we'll arrange to get the book to you.

Take advantage of this treasury of weaving, spinning, basketry and other fiber crafts we have available to members.

Roc Day 2021 Postponed

New Orleans Weavers Guild

It's the time of the year we begin to think about Roc Day. The New Orleans Weavers Guild is slated to host in 2021. We have decided to postpone Roc Day until 2022. Covid-19 has created a situation that has given us pause. It has led us to decide that it is safer to look forward to 2022 and hope that this situation will be, if not resolved, at a place that allows us to gather safely as a group. Perhaps on Jan. 8, 2021, we could each take a moment to spin a bit of yarn and send it out to the universe with all the positive wishes we can muster.

Fiber Artists Protest as Only They Can

Marcy Petrini

Here is an interesting project. Fiber artist Ann Morton thinks that we ought to demand of Congress, on both sides of the aisles, some civility. Red and blue make violet, hence the Violet Protest.

To protest you won't march and beat anybody up – au contraire, you will peacefully weave, knit, stitch (or whatever fiber work you choose) squares utilizing those colors. The squares will be sent to Congress by late 2021.

Here is the website, which unfortunately is not secure: <http://www.violetprotest.com/>. But there is a page on Facebook that is secure.



And We Have a Winner!

Brenda Harrower

I participated in three Ravelry Tour d' Fleeces groups this year. Won a prize in two of them! A random draw from pictures posted got me a pattern of my choice. And for 23 ounces and 1,445 yards of newfound fur, I got a \$25 gift certificate to Paradise Fibers. I'm so thrilled! I never win anything!

Calendar

- **Chimneyville Arts Festival**, Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, Bill Waller Craft Center (note new venue). CWSG Co-op members will participate.
- **Southeast Fiber Forum**, April 15-18, 2021, Arrowmont School of Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Details: www.sefiberforum.org

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: Janet Lee

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."

CWSG members may also join the CWSG Co-op, which is a member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and provides opportunities to sell original handwoven and handspun work through CGM's shows and gallery.

Meetings/Events

CWSG normally 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.

During the pandemic, however, meetings may be conducted online via Zoom.

We also enjoy public outreach activities such as weaving and spinning demonstrations at the Chimneyville Arts Festival and a springtime demonstration day we call Sheep to Shawl.

Next meeting:

Oct. 17: Weaving on Opposites (*Heddlecraft*, Volume 4/Issue 5, Sept/Oct 2019); Beth Palmer, presenter (Zoom, if necessary)

Newsletter

Please email newsletter content 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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