

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

November 2020 Newsletter

President's Message:

Online or In-person?

Pandemic Forces Tough Decisions

At our guild meeting Oct. 17 on Zoom, we talked about plans for future meetings during this ongoing pandemic. Some folks voiced a desire for us to offer an in-person option. Certainly, we ALL long for the day when we can gather in person, preferably without masks, to weave and spin together. We have been fortunate to be able to meet virtually these past few months. While we recognize that these virtual meetings have made it easier for some of our members to join us, we also understand that some of our members cannot participate in online meetings.

In order for your board to better assess the desires of our members, we prepared an online survey. Twenty (nearly 2/3) of our members responded. More than half of those respondents reported that they prefer online meetings. Three members let us know that they do NOT prefer online meetings.

When asked about the possibility of offering an in-person option, the vast majority of survey respondents stated that any in-person option should accompany (not replace) our online offerings. Many members requested that the in-person option take place at the Bill Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland. While several members said they would authorize the board to spend some of our income to accomplish an in-person option, *only one member* offered to assist with the equipment and technology required to provide both online and in-person options.

As your president, I hate to disappoint any of our members or make plans that clearly exclude some of us. However, I also recognize that our regular meeting day and time (the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.) does in fact exclude some of our members who work or have other activities at that day and time. Even within our small group, we cannot please everyone.

After much discussion, your board decided that we do not have ready access to the appropriate location, equipment, technology, and skill set to be able to offer *both* in-person and online meetings at this time. Given the ongoing pandemic and renewed health concerns as winter arrives, ***we will continue to offer our monthly guild meetings via Zoom only.****



In the meantime, we encourage those who have ready access to online video and audio and who are comfortable hosting another guild member in their home or meeting at a convenient location to reach out to our members who need help in order to participate.

Weaving for a vaccine, Beth

*Please note that Zoom is a free application that operates on computers, laptops, tablets, and cell phones. Users may access via audio, video, or both. Learn more at www.zoom.us.

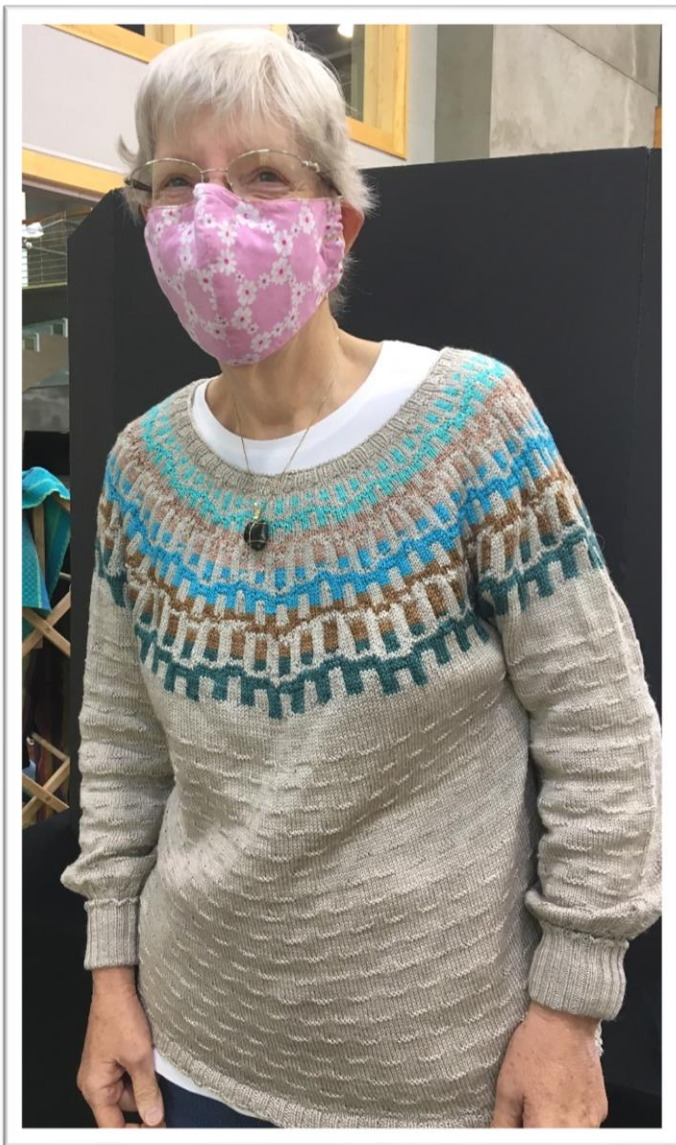
October Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of CWSG was called to order by President Beth Palmer on Oct. 17, 2020, at 10 a.m. Due to the ongoing 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 Donna Peyton and seconded by Beverly Anglin; the agenda was accepted. The minutes from the Sept. 19 meeting as printed in the October newsletter were accepted upon a motion by Brenda Harrower and seconded by Nancy Hester.

Beth reminded members that guests were welcome to attend guild meetings, but could not present or vote on items of business.

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Co-op members demonstrated at the Bill Waller Craft Center on Oct. 3, 2020, as part of HGA's Spinning and Weaving Week activities. The online offerings sponsored by HGA during the week of Oct. 4-10 had huge participation from both members and non-members. CWSG member Marcy Petrini conducted two online Thread Talks during this event.

Upcoming events include an art exhibit, *Seven Women, Seven Artists*, at Meridian Community College Miller Art Gallery Oct. 14 - Nov. 19, 2020, featuring CWSG members Winki Allen and Nancy Landrum. The Chimneyville Arts Festival will be on two consecutive weekends, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12, this year at the Bill Waller Craft Center. The CWSG Co-op will have a booth both weekends. A meeting of the Co-op members is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 7 at Fat Tuesday's restaurant to discuss plans.



Brenda Harrower knitted her sweater using the pattern "Hyphenated," from Ravelry.com. "I made it with a wool/silk blend yarn in sport weight from Judy in Vicksburg. Very comfy, soft, warm, and drapey."

Discussion of the format for future meetings and social events included ideas on in-person, Zoom, or combination events. Beth noted that since we have not had a response from the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi concerning room rental details and space availability, the location of any future events to be held in-person will be announced at a later date.

The next monthly meeting will be Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. on Zoom. The program will be on *Tapestry Weaving* by member Janet Lee.

After a show-and-tell from the members present, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Marcy Petrini. Members enjoyed a most informative program, *Weaving on Opposites*, by Beth Palmer.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Marie Peet, Secretary

Weaving on Opposites – There's More!

Beth Palmer

Just after our October program on weaving on opposites, I found yet another mention of the technique. This comes from Jean Scorgie, master weaver and author of *Weaver's Craft*. In issue 30 of her periodical, Scorgie says that weaving on opposites provides great design potential and unlimited color combinations while completely covering the warp. Pattern combinations using both the primary and alternate wefts can be treadled as many times as desired, without using tabby. The finished fabric is sturdy and fully reversible.

Scorgie suggests using rosepath, twill, point twill, overshot, summer and winter, or crackle threadings. Issue 30 of *Weaver's Craft* includes projects for mug rugs, a table runner, portfolio, and tablet case woven on opposites. Learn more about *Weaver's Craft* at

www.WeaversCraft.com.

Beverly Makes the Finals

Beverly Anglin

In the midst of all the moving [house] chaos, I have been given a most delightful surprise. My submission to *Handwoven* is a finalist in the first cut of the article about small loom weaving. Below is the link that will take you to the article highlighting some wonderful artisans. Never in my dreams did I ever think what I did with my itty-bitty loom could come to this type of recognition.

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/readers-gallery-scarves-and-wraps-with-a-message>

Financial Report

Nancy Hester, treasurer

Prior checking account balance - 09/29/20 \$7,226.07

Add:

Interest 0.60

Dues paid 200.00

Workshop fees 200.00

Current checking account balance - 11/03/20 \$7,626.67

The current reserve account balance is \$1,413.58. This amount includes \$0.12 in interest for the current period.

Board Revises CWSG Program Schedule

Here's the new program schedule, submitted by Gio Chinchar. Gio says there is one opening left in the rigid heddle workshop. Contact her (giodc43@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. (Zoom)

Holiday party. Invites with details will be forthcoming.

Saturday, Jan. 16 (Zoom)

Matching Fiber and Yarn to a Project. Presenter: Marcy Petrini

Saturday, Feb. 20 (Zoom)

What Makes a Good Fiber Art Show? Presenter: Sharon Williams

(What one should think about when creating a piece for a show, and how one goes about displaying the work.)

Saturday, March 20

Sheep to Shawl demonstration, all day in the main area downstairs, Craft Center

Saturday, April 17

Celebration luncheon for Sharon Williams (Honorary Life Membership). Location to be determined.

Saturday, May 15

One-day workshop: *Rigid Heddle: Beyond Plain Weave.* Presenter: Angela Schneider
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an hour break for lunch



Sharon Williams winds colorful yarn during our October demo.



Calendar

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

Visitors were far and few between, but CWSG members had a good time regardless during the CWSG Co-op's demo at the Craft Center last month. From left are Beth Palmer, Judy Foster, and new guild member Lynn Watkins.

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 are being 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:

Nov. 21: *Tapestry Weaving*, with Janet Lee (Zoom)

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.



Beth Palmer arranged this stunning display of her weaving and spinning projects for our demo at the Craft Center in October.

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