

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

December 2020 Newsletter

President's Message:

Our Christmas Party Moves Online

Thanks to so many of our guild members who signed up for our annual holiday gift exchange! This year's exchange, like the entire year, will be unusual. Instead of our usual gathering in person with an informal gift exchange, our Christmas party this year moves online. This change required several changes to our usual gift exchange – folks had to sign up to participate. Participants must mail or hand deliver their gifts. Recipients must wait until our gathering online to open their gifts. And we'll all enjoy some new bits of fiber joy!

With our party online, your board thought that we might need some more structured interaction. They are hard at work researching fun online activities that we can adapt to our group. We promise not to program our entire time together, but to add a few activities to prompt stories and get us laughing.

Don't forget our Christmas party this year will be **Sunday**, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. We did not want to interfere with folks attending Chimneyville At Home (Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 & 5, and again Dec. 11 & 12). We also feared that the following weekend would be too close to Christmas. Hence the choice of Sunday.

Even if you did not sign up for the gift exchange, we hope that you will don some Christmas attire and grab a Christmas beverage and join us on Zoom for our annual party. Look for the email invitation with Zoom info in the week leading up to our gathering. (For those who cannot



Zoom from home, we have other members who may be able to host you from their home. Contact me for names.)

Happy fiber holidays to all! *Beth Palmer*

November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Beth Palmer on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, at 10 a.m. via Zoom video-conferencing. A quorum was determined with 12 members present. A motion to accept the agenda was presented by Marcy Petrini and seconded by Debbie Stringer; the agenda was accepted. The minutes from the Oct. 17 meeting as printed in the November newsletter were unanimously accepted upon a motion by Marcy Petrini and a second by Donna Peyton.

Chimneyville At Home (formerly the Chimneyville Arts Festival) will be held at the Bill Waller Craft Center on two consecutive weekends, Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the event. The CWSG Co-op will have a booth both weekends in the George Berry Gallery of the Craft Center.

The CWSG Holiday Party will be on Zoom on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. Seventeen members signed up for the gift exchange. Participants should mail their gifts to the recipients as soon as possible.

The rigid heddle workshop scheduled for May 15 is now full.

Discussion of a possible casual Roc Day gathering at the Craft Center prompted at least eight members attending the Zoom meeting to indicate they would participate. The date would be Jan. 9, 2021, if the decision is made to hold the event. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Journal articles of interest highlighted during the meeting were Marcy Petrini's article on rigid heddle weaving in the recent issue of *Shuttle, Spindle, and Dye Pot* (weavespindye.org)



Heather Mitchell wove this pretty scarf in Marcy's 2020 Zoom lacey weave class, now winding down.

and an article in *PieceWork* magazine (pieceworkmagazine.com) entitled “Knit, Purl, Heal” on how knitting and other needlework skills have helped relieve stress after physical injuries.

After a show-and-tell from the members present, the meeting was adjourned, and members enjoyed a most informative program on *Tapestry Weaving* by Janet Lee.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary

Financial Report

Nancy Hester, treasurer

The interest has not posted since the statement that appeared in our November newsletter, so the account balances are still the same.

Roc Day Demo Set for Jan. 9

Beth Palmer

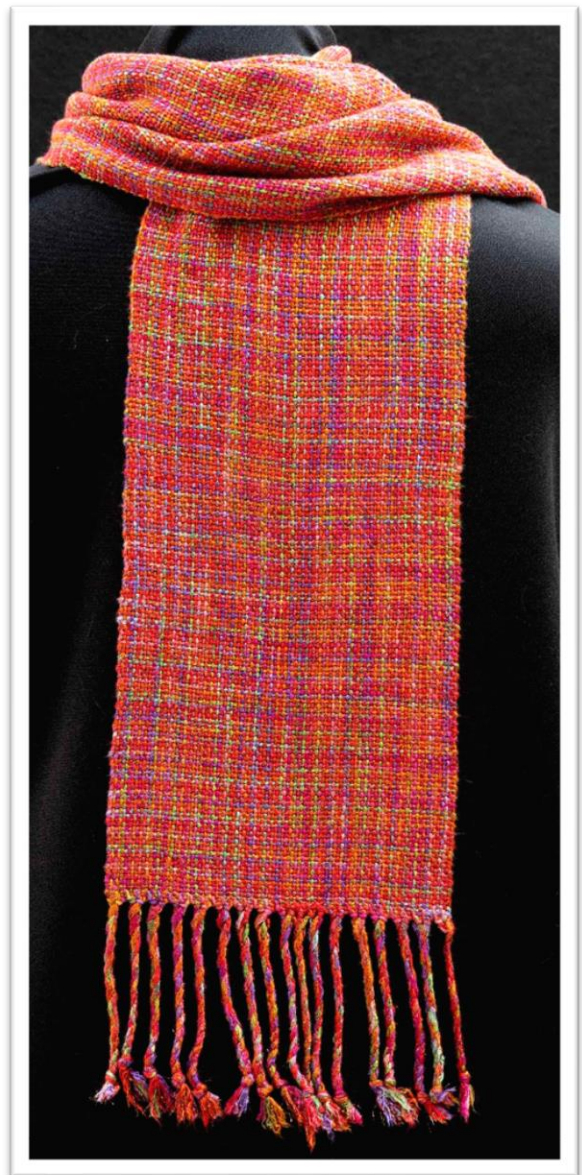
CWSG will sponsor an informal Roc Day demonstration of spinning on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center. Those interested in participating are invited to bring fiber, a wheel or spindle, and their mask. We will arrange ourselves six feet apart from one another and encourage any visitors to stand six feet away from us. We hope to have the opportunity to observe Roc Day together and enjoy some spinning in community at the start of the New Year.

Also known as Distaff Day, Roc Day marks the resumption of work (for women, spinning; for men, ploughing) following the 12 Days of Christmas. Because of Covid, we are not able to gather with spinners from our regional guilds for our traditional Roc Day demonstration. We hope this much smaller gathering will serve to inspire us and others to embrace spinning in the New Year.

More from Marcy's Rigid Heddle

Marcy Petrini

Here is my latest scarf from the rigid heddle (*at right*). It is woven with a Blue Heron yarn, rayon and metallic, color Perrot, a gift from a good friend. The scarf is not in the article in SS&D because it wasn't done! As I mentioned at the meeting, my “Right from the Start” in the current issue is about rigid heddle weaving; it covers sett, beat, and fabrics from warp-dominant to weft-dominant.



A big thank-you goes to Kathy Perito, who convinced me to buy a rigid heddle loom because she was convinced that I would like it. And she was

right! And over the last few years she has provided valuable advice. Unfortunately, my thank-you to her in my article didn't make it in print. The copy editor copied and pasted past bios and I didn't notice in my proofs.

New 'Craft in America' Includes Fiber

The newest episode of the PBS TV series "Craft in America," which airs Dec. 11, includes fiber artists. Go to www.craftinamerica.org/episode/storytellers for information.

Fiber News from Jagger Spun

- Order Jagger Spun yarns from The Woolery or Halcyon Yarns to earn a 5 percent rebate yearly on all orders placed under their guild rebate programs.
- Prices for Zephyr wool silk 2/18, heather 2/8 and 3/8, superfine merino 2/18, and Main Line 2/8, 3/8, and 2/20 will increase Jan. 1, 2021. Order before Dec. 21 to get these yarns at current prices. Visit www.jaggerspunyarn.com.

Calendar

- **Chimneyville At Home**, Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. CWSG Co-op members will have a booth in the George Berry Gallery.
- **CWSG Roc Day Demo**, Jan. 9, Bill Waller Craft Center. Starts at 10 a.m. See details in this newsletter.
- **CANCELLED: Southeast Fiber Forum**. Details: www.sefiberforum.org
- **25th Convergence**, July 15-21, 2022, Knoxville (Tenn.) Convention Center. www.weavespindye.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 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 event:

Sunday, Dec. 13: CWSG Holiday Party Online, 2 p.m. via 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.

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