

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

March 2020 Newsletter

President's Message:

I Do Believe Spring Is in the Air!

The days are definitely longer, the grass is greener, and the bugs are flying to and fro. I feel my energy rising as the sap rises in the trees. I also believe the “shoulder seasons” of spring and fall are the best in the Deep South!

I wonder if your fiber fun waxes or wanes as spring arrives? Do the outdoors beckon and so you abandon your loom or wheel in exchange for gardening? Or do the longer days and greater light invite you to spin more colors and tackle more weaving structures? I’m blessed with a beautiful second-floor porch (my favorite spot in the house) just outside my studio. I can easily take my wheel out there or trundle my Baby Wolf outside. Of course, I must bring the equipment, tools, and fiber back indoors when I’m done, and not just walk away until next time. Still, I love spinning and weaving outdoors.

We have a wonderful opportunity coming up to enjoy fiber fun indoors and out at our annual Sheep to Shawl demonstration on Saturday, March 14, at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center. Thanks to Donna Peyton for putting together our schedule and assignments. Thanks to Alma Ellis for securing some Gulf Coast sheep and shepherds. And thanks to all of YOU for helping us to get the word out about this open-to-the-public event. All are welcome and the event is FREE!

We’ll also enjoy Winki Allen leading an eco-dyeing class that day and Judy Busby and Emily Wolf (Jems Luxe Fiber) demonstrating their acid dyeing techniques. Fun, fun, fun!

Don’t forget to bring some food to share for our potluck that day! And bring us some fiber (yarn, roving, etc.), fiber tools, and/or books to see at our guild sale! See you there!

Keep weaving, Beth Palmer



Is there anything cuter than a spring lamb? Patricia Holmberg shares this photo of her new “fiber babies.”

February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of the CWSG was called to order Feb. 15, 2020, at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center in Ridgeland, Miss., by President Beth Palmer. A quorum was determined with 15 members present.

A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Donna Peyton and seconded by Debra Sue Pate. The motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting as printed in the January newsletter was made by Judy Foster and seconded by Debbie Stringer. The motion was approved.

The first item of Old Business was the summary report of Roc Day. There were 97 registered attendees with 80 persons actually attending. Inclement weather was a contributing factor in a number of persons not being able to attend. CWSG members who registered and could not attend should pick up goodie bags at the Craft Center; goodie bags will be mailed to other registrants who could not attend. Attendees enjoyed vendors, exhibits, a show-and-tell area, a delicious box lunch, door prizes, and fellowship. The event was also a financial success. Roc Day 2021 will be hosted by the New Orleans Weavers Guild.

Sharon Williams gave an update on the progress of the CWSG Co-op. The pieces for evaluation have been collected. The deadline for membership submission is Feb. 28. Currently 15 members have requested to join the co-op.

Sheep to Shawl, on March 14, 2020, will take the place of the March meeting. Plans for this yearly event at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center were presented by Donna Peyton. Members were given the opportunity to sign up for demonstrations and other areas of participation. A fiber-related sales booth will once again be held at the event, and members were encouraged to donate items for sale and to collect items after the event that do not sell. Potluck lunch will be available for guild members in the kitchen area. A fiber exhibit in the George Berry Gallery will be held in conjunction with Sheep to Shawl. The deadline to submit items for exhibit is Friday, March 13. Sharon Williams is in charge of hanging the exhibit.

In the area of New Business, President Beth Palmer recommended with board approval that a certificate of deposit maturing in March be cashed out and the money transferred to a savings account. Marcy Petrini so moved and Sharon Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. A discussion of a recent informal survey regarding the financial future of the guild included several possibilities for expenditures such as underwriting workshops and retreats, and providing scholarships and grants for members to attend conferences.

After a brief show-and-tell by some of the members present, the meeting was adjourned. An informative program on *Specialty Looms* was presented by members Patricia Holmberg, Sharon Williams, Nancy Hester, and Marcy Petrini.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary

Sheep to Shawl Schedule

Donna Peyton, chair

Sheep to Shawl will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will set up at 9 a.m. and be ready to run at 10. Most members have already signed up for demonstration areas, but if you haven't, come and fill in where you would like. Bring your loom, spinning wheel, knitting/crocheting, or any other fibery project. Don't forget to bring something for potluck lunch. Can't wait to see you there!

Fiber-related Items Needed for Guild Sale

Beth Palmer

Calling all homeless fiber (yarn, roving, etc.), fiber tools and books. We need you for our upcoming guild sale at Sheep to Shawl on Saturday, March 14, at the Bill Waller, Sr. Craft Center! We'll prepare for the sale on Friday, March 13, and would love to have your contributions then. But we'll also accept your contributions first thing on Saturday morning. All proceeds go to fund guild programs.

Deadline for March Show Pieces

Sharon Williams will rehang our 2020 fiber exhibit Friday, March 13, at the Craft Center's George Berry Gallery. Anyone who has pieces to contribute should be there by 12 that Friday. Also, let Sharon know the title, description and price of their piece(s). She already has info on the pieces previously hung. By coinciding with Sheep to Shawl, the show will allow visitors to see the beautiful results of all our spinning and weaving efforts!

CGM Classes Posted

The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi has several upcoming craft classes and events posted on its website. You can also subscribe to their email newsletter to stay on top of happenings. Check it out at <https://craftsmensguildofms.org>.

Mississippi Makers Festival Seeks Vendors

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) will stage its first Mississippi Makers Festival on Entergy Plaza at the Two Mississippi Museums and along North Street on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This festival will feature Mississippi artisans, live music, make-and-take activities, food trucks, and local breweries. The Mississippi Makers Festival offers a juried marketplace with low booth fees, artist hospitality perks, well-equipped facilities, generous parking, and security for our vendors. This event will be advertised across the Southeast, bringing in visitors from all over the region to support our talented Mississippians.

MDAH invites Mississippi-based artisans/artists to apply for sales booth space. Deadline for vendor applications is March 8. Find out more at www.mmh.mdah.ms.gov/mississippi-makers-festival-vendor-application.

Calendar

- **Remember the Past**, March 28, Historic Shaw Homestead, 1214 Barth Road, Poplarville. Food, vendors, crafts, exhibitors and storytellers; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Mississippi Makers Festival**, May 9, Jackson. See details above.
- **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

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/ ; 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:

- **March 14:** Sheep to Shawl fiber arts demonstrations and guild sale (open to the public)
- **April 18:** *Spinning Short Fibers*, Marva Goodman
- **May 16:** *Beyond Squares and Rectangles: What to Do with Leftover Fabric*

Newsletter

Please email newsletter 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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For Debbie Stringer, weaving outdoors brightens a dreary winter day.