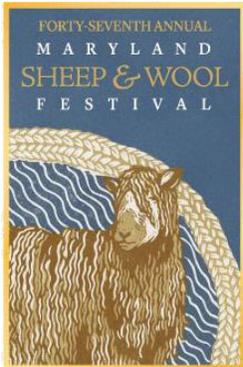


# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

May 2020 Newsletter

*President's Message:*

## Making the Best of Things



Signs of spring are all around us. Our huge magnolia tree shows new blooms each day. We've been enjoying crunchy radishes and scallions straight out of our garden, with the promise of lettuce, spinach, beans and cucumbers coming soon. The days are longer and the sunlight brighter.

At the same time, we continue to struggle amidst the pandemic. This coming weekend would be the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival (always the first full weekend of May, except this year). I've attended many times, most recently in 2018, and have a whole collection of festival books and t-shirts to prove it. For the first time in 47 years, the festival has been cancelled. Even though I would not have attended this year, the

cancellation still makes me sad. Things we thought we could hang onto seem not to be so dependable in this crazy time.

My plan for this weekend is to immerse myself in sheep and wool anyway, right here in Mississippi. I have plenty of fiber that I stored away in times of plenty. Now seems to be a good "lean time" to pull out some of that stored fiber (or yarn or fabric) and do something creative. Maybe I'll even don one of my many MD Sheep & Wool t-shirts while I spin!

*Wash your hands and keep spinning and weaving, Beth*

## May Meeting Update

*Beth Palmer*

We will hold our May 16 guild meeting on Zoom (just as we did for the April meeting). You should have already received an email with the Zoom information. If you cannot find the email or you have other questions, please contact Beth Palmer.

Thanks to Marva Goodman, we still plan to have a program at our May meeting: *Beyond Squares and Rectangles, What to Do with Leftover Fabric*. We will also hold a show-and-tell, so be sure to have your latest spinning or weaving, or your best ideas for using leftovers, at the ready to share!



*Our May program may include making face masks. Beth Palmer has busied herself during quarantine making cloth face masks for local hospitals, nursing homes, police and city workers. Her "airplane mask" is the last piece of fabric left from an earlier quilt project.*

## April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of CWSG was called to order on April 16, 2020, by President Beth Palmer. Due to the coronavirus quarantine, the meeting was held by Zoom video-conferencing. A quorum was determined with 13 members present. A motion to accept the agenda as presented was accepted by acclamation.

The first item of new business was approval of the slate of candidates for office for terms that will be expiring next month. The selection committee (Beverly Anglin, Donna Peyton) submitted the following candidates for office: Nancy Hester for treasurer, Jeanne Marie Peet for secretary, and Janet Lee for librarian/historian. Brenda Harrower moved and Marcy Petrini seconded that we accept the slate of candidates presented by the selection committee. Motion carried. A motion to accept the candidates by acclamation was made by Beverly Anglin and seconded by Kathy Perito. Motion carried by voice vote. The new terms will begin at our May meeting.

Plans for a celebration of the Lifetime Membership designation for Sharon Williams were discussed. Due to the ongoing quarantine, this celebration will most likely be held next fall.

Events that have been postponed/cancelled due to the COVID-19 quarantine were noted. The next meeting of CWSG will be Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m., probably on Zoom. The scheduled program may be modified. The retreat for this year has been delayed until at least the fall and probably 2021. A decision on Convergence 2020 in Knoxville will be forthcoming from HGA.

After a show-and-tell of lovely items that have been created by members, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary*



*From Beth Palmer: Some of you may know that I got a new kitchen recently, completed just in time for our quarantine! One of my goals is to have handmade towels (and, one day, curtains) in my kitchen. This first set of towels uses a twill pattern called "Circle and Diamond" from the Nov/Dec 2019 issue of Handwoven. I'm using 8/2 cotton by Maurice Brassard et Fils, which is more tightly spun than some other brands of the same size yarn. I changed the colors to go with my new kitchen, which has teal cabinets with gray countertops. I wove the first towel with royal blue weft that matches two of the warp stripes. The second towel uses kelly green weft, which is not used in the warp. I like this second towel better as the pattern shows through on all the stripes. I need to finish these soon and put them into service drying dishes!*

## CWSG Co-op's First Show Set

*Sharon Williams*

The CWSG Co-op will be the exhibit at the Powerhouse during the Oxford Fiber Festival in January 2021. We will need the show pieces by Loom Crawl, in December. The exhibit goes up

in late December and comes down at the end of the festival. Pieces can be for sale. We need to come up with a fiber-related theme; Andi, the festival organizer, wants to start advertising the exhibit soon on Facebook.

## CWSG Member to be Featured on MPB TV

Don't miss this! Weaver Judy Foster will be among the Mississippi fiber artists featured on an upcoming "Mississippi Roads" TV show on Mississippi Public Broadcasting. The show will also include the Tutwiler quilters and embroidery artist Ruth Miller. It airs at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

## New Southern Needle Hours

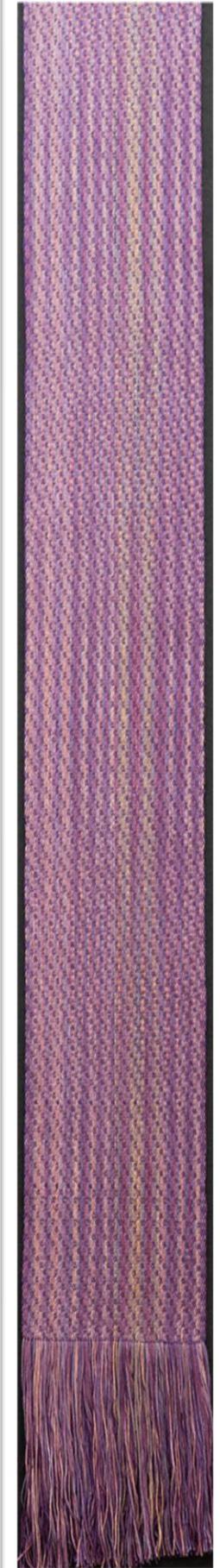
Beverly Anglin recently had a "very soft" reopen at her knit shop, in Ridgeland. Southern Needle's new hours for most of May are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. A mask is required to be in the shop.

She hopes to do a couple of parking lot visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays so everyone can start to get back to normal activities.



*Above: Gio Chinchar recently completed a "show towel," defined as a towel that is decorative, but not used. Embroidered and fringed, it was hung in front of the plain kitchen towel to hide it and also to decorate the kitchen. To find out more see Handwoven Volume XXVII March/April 2006, p. 60.*

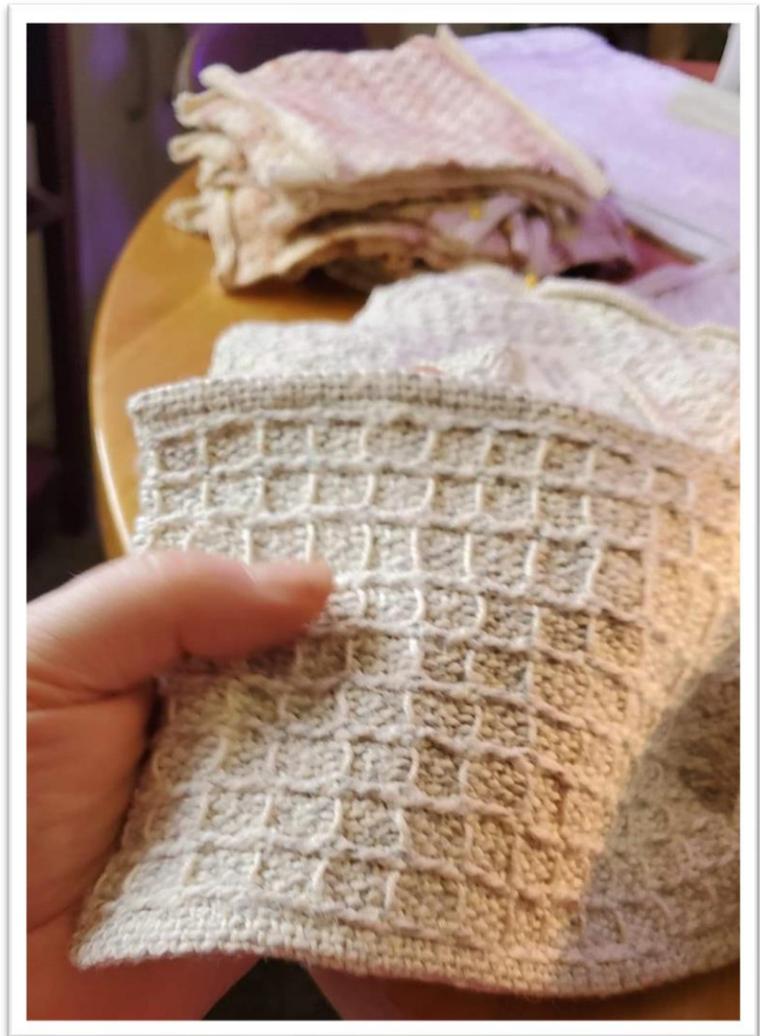
*Right: Marcy Petrini's turned summer and winter. "I was making a sample, but I loved the way it looked, so it became a very long sample, 63" – too heavy for a scarf. It's silk and it's narrow, 8", so not really good for a table runner. I guess it's going to have to be a wall hanging!"*





*From Patricia Holmberg: My challenge for the month was spinning 50% merino, 50% cotton roving. Very short fibers! Wool was grabby, cotton was smooth; did not make for a nice spin. [236 yards, 1.7 oz. (48 g)]*

*Had a great time weaving these cotton face cloths (below) for a friend's business. Each is 100% cotton, woven in the windowpane pattern on a rigid heddle loom.*



## 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:

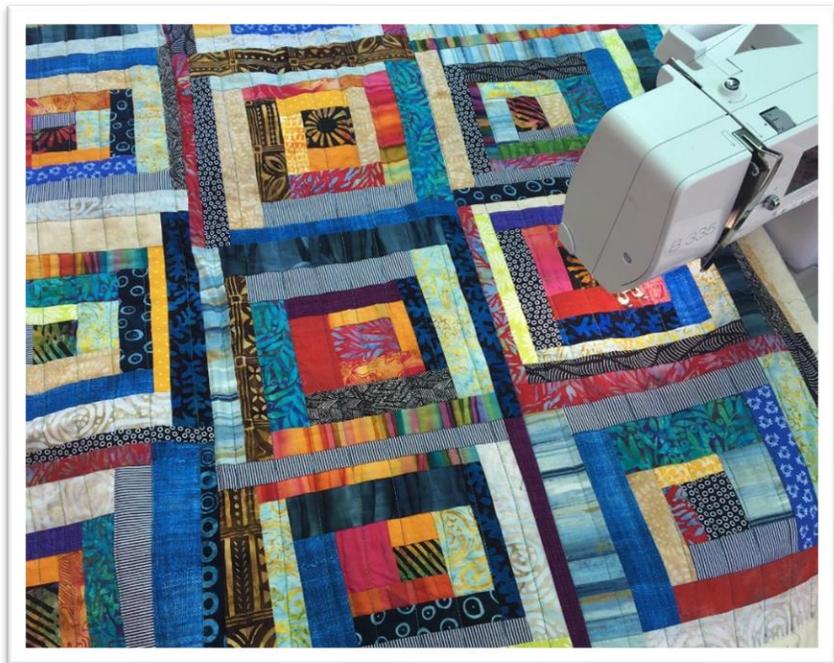
- **May 16:** *Beyond Squares and Rectangles: What to Do with Leftover Fabric;* Marva Goodman

### Newsletter

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*From Debbie Stringer: Beautiful weather in early May brought welcomed opportunities for a few plein air quilting sessions. I love doing fiber work outdoors; the light makes the colors sing!*