

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

June 2020 Newsletter

President's Message:

Online Workshops Keep My Hands in Fiber

Y'all know how much I love weaving workshops and this quarantine has offered up several online workshop opportunities! First, we enjoyed a wonderful presentation by our own Marva Goodman chock full of ideas about how to use up leftover fabric. (Marva used Zoom to share her ideas with us!) You can find some of her supply sources elsewhere in this newsletter.

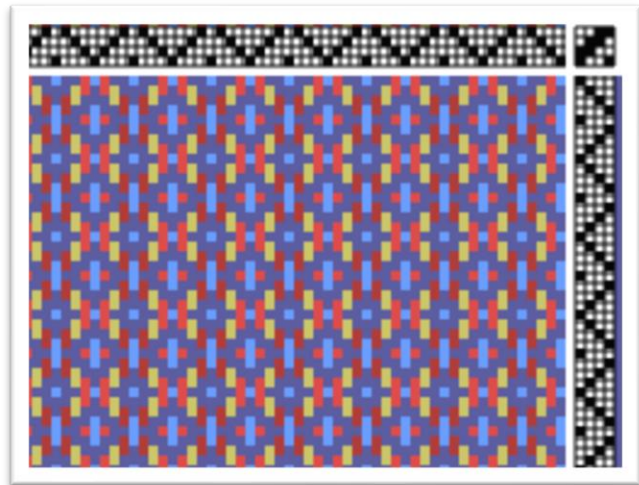
Just this weekend I started a four-week online weave-along entitled *Stash-busting Scarf Weave-along*, hosted by Janet Dawson and Tien Chiu. We only just started and already I've learned lots about choosing colors and creating mixed warps. All from the comfort of my own home!

I also signed up for another online workshop offered by Anastasia Azure. This one is entitled *Weaving a Story*. Stay tuned for updates on how that one goes ...

I'm also wrapping up my first-ever test knit of a new pattern by Kim Hayes. This has been a fun experience learning about ALL the work that goes into taking a pattern idea developed in one size for the author and expanding that pattern to cover seven (!) additional sizes. Those of us testing out the different sizes gather online with Kim (on Zoom of course!) once each week to compare notes. I'll try to finish my sweater and wear it for our June 20 meeting.

Yes, this virus is scary and the quarantine is challenging. And there's still fiber fun to be had online.

Wash your hands and keep spinning and weaving, Beth



Top: These are yarns I've chosen for my stash-busting scarf online workshop. All are plant-based (cotton, Tencel, bamboo) and all indeed came from my stash. Above: A draft of the assigned pattern using some of these yarns.



See You on Zoom June 20

Beth Palmer

Due to popular demand, we will gather online for a Zoom meeting on Saturday, June 20, at 10 a.m. Look for an email with log-in instructions.

At this time, there's no program scheduled. Perhaps you have a topic you would like to present? Perhaps we'll discuss ideas for programs for the coming year? Or perhaps we'll enjoy an expanded show-and-tell of all the projects you've been working on during quarantine? Join us and find out!

Gio Chinchar wove these beautiful towels in a combination of plain weave, basket weave, and twill. The warp is an 8/2 cotton; the weft a 22/2 cottolin. Each unique pattern is produced by changing the treadling, the tie-up, or both.

May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting of CWSG was called to order by President Beth Palmer on May 16, 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 Nancy Hester and seconded by Debbie Stringer; the agenda was accepted by acclamation. The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as presented in the newsletter upon a motion by Donna Peyton and second by Alma Ellis.

Beth reminded members that it was time to pay dues of \$25. Checks should be sent to Nancy Hester. Members were asked to respond to the survey regarding future programs that was recently emailed by Gio Chinchar. An informal Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20, at 10 a.m.

A celebration of the Lifetime Membership designation for Sharon Williams will be held at a date that is still to be determined, possibly in January.

An interview with CWSG member Judy Foster will be on "Mississippi Roads" on MPB Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

After a show-and-tell of projects and items that have been created by members, Nancy Hester moved to adjourn the meeting.

After adjournment, members enjoyed an interesting program by Marva Goodman, "Beyond Squares and Rectangles: What to Do with Leftover Fabric." [See Marva's notes on interfacing at the end of this newsletter.]

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary

Time for Guild Dues

Beth Palmer

It's that time of year once again to pay our annual guild dues. Please send your check for \$25 to treasurer Nancy Hester at P.O. Box 793, Clinton MS 39060. Thanks to Alma Ellis, Nancy Hester, Heather Mitchell, and Jeanne Marie Peet for paying their dues already. Y'all rock!

January Co-op Show Needs a Theme

Sharon Williams

Works by CWSG Co-op members will be the exhibit at the Powerhouse during the Oxford Fiber Festival, Jan. 21-24 in Oxford. Pieces may be for sale.

We need your suggestions for a show theme. It must be fiber related. Oxford Fiber Festival wants to start advertising as soon as we come up with a theme.

Pieces for the exhibit must be delivered to Sharon during the Chimneyville Arts Festival, Dec. 3-5, or to CWSG's Christmas party. They will be on exhibit the month of January 2021 and taken down at the end of the Fiber Festival.

Take a Spin with Our Tour de Fleece Team

Donna Peyton

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild has a team for the Tour de Fleece this year on Ravelry. The Tour de Fleece takes place during the Tour de France every year. In our New Weird, the organizers decided to keep the original dates that the Tour de France was going to race. It takes place from June 27 until July 19.

The guidelines (not rules) are to spin every day if possible (except for the two rest days), spin something challenging on the two challenge days, and have fun. There is no real competition, just enjoying spinning and virtually sharing our work together.

If you would like to join us, the link to our team thread can be found here: <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/chimneyville-weavers-and-spinners-guild/4036319/1-25#11>

A Word of Gratitude from Our Celebrity Weaver

Judy Foster

I want to express my thanks for all the emails, kind comments, and support from the guild. It is my feeling that whenever any of us receive recognition, whether it is Marcy's Teacher of the Year, "Mississippi Roads," or formation of the Co-op, all us fiber folks benefit. We encourage and support each other in all our efforts as we learn, grow, teach, and share. Without the guild, we would be learning from magazines, books, videos. I much prefer to learn from you guys.

Judy was featured on a recent episode of "Mississippi Roads," on Mississippi Public Broadcasting TV. Watch it online at <https://www.mpbonline.org/television/mississippi-roads/>

Anybody for a Zooming Happy Hour or Lunch?

Marcy Petrini

If you are interested, please drop me a private email (so we don't garbage up everybody's email boxes) and let me know in which one you would be interested, or both, and what day and time are better for you.

Look at this way: It will be cheaper than going to a restaurant!

Marcy's email is mfp_tmd@bellsouth.net

Southeast Fiber Forum Set for April 2021

Beth Palmer

The Southeast Fiber Forum conference is scheduled for April 15-18, 2021, at Arrowmont School of Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tenn. (That's the weekend after Easter.)

Marcy serves on the SEFF board and should know more about the conference as details emerge. I believe she told me that Kathrin Weber will be the keynote speaker for 2021. (You may recall Kathrin did a workshop for us in 2015, I think.)

Price for the conference in 2019 was \$275 plus \$145 for the meal plan, plus housing at Arrowmont. Maybe we could get a few folks from CWSG to make the trip next year?



Financial Report

Nancy Hester, treasurer

Prior checking account balance	\$ 6,824.38
Add: Interest	0.83
Membership dues, upcoming year	50.00
Less: Sheep to Shawl shepherd renumeration	(200.00)
Current checking balance	\$ 6,675.21

CWSG has reserve funds which were held in a CD that matured in March 2020. In order to make these reserve funds more accessible, the CD balance was transferred to a savings account. At the time of maturity, the CD balance was \$ 1,412.74. So far, it has earned interest of 24 cents. The current savings account balance is \$ 1,412.98.

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
- **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 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.

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.

Coming up:

- **June 20:** Informal meeting using Zoom videoconferencing. Log-in instructions will be emailed to members. This is a special online gathering due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of our usual meetings in recent months.
- **Sept. 19:** Next regularly scheduled meeting.

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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Interfacings for Handwoven Fabrics

By Marva Goodman, CWSG program presenter, May 2020

When sewing items with handwoven fabrics, it is always best to back your fabric with a fusible interfacing. This will stabilize your beautiful fabric, which you have spent creative time and energy to produce. There are quite a few stabilizing products that are available locally and online.

Here are some I have successfully used:

- 1. *Fusi-Knit*** by HTCW is the standard nylon knit tricot fusible interfacing used for handwovens. The wider width is great for fusing whole garments. It is available in 60-inch widths.
- 2. *Texturized Polyester Weft Insertion*** fusible knit interfacing. Similar to HTCW's discontinued Textured Weft interfacing. It is outstanding for light support of lofty handwoven fabrics. Maintains the "beef" of your handwoven fabrics. It is available in 60-inch widths.
- 3. *Shape-Flex*** by Pellon and ***Form-Flex*** by HTCW are all-purpose, firm-support interfacings. Use when fusing facing closures, like the back of a bound buttonhole. It is also used to give more stability to small items that need more structure. Both are 22 inches wide and sold by the yard.

Items 1-3 may be purchased at Daryl Lancaster's eCommerce site, www.weaversew.com/shop. You can purchase full-color monographs on many of Daryl's teaching topics and supplies that will help you create fabulous garments from your handwoven or other creative fabric.

4. *ByAnnie's Soft and Stable*[®] is a new product developed to use in place of batting or other stabilizers in purses, bags, totes, and more. Great lasting body and stability. It is a white polyester fabric on both sides of white foam. This may be purchased locally at Joann's Fabrics and online at www.ByAnnie.com.

Hope this helps. If you would like to ask specific questions, please call, email marvagoodman@gmail.com, or text 601-955-0710.

Happy stitchin'!