

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

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<https://www.marcypetrini.com/>

Message from the President

From Nancy Hester, President

Dear members,

Last year was certainly challenging for us all. I hope that the current 2021 to 2022 fiscal year for the guild will be much better. Also, wishing everyone good health and safety.

It is now time for our new program year to start, and I look forward to visiting with everyone soon. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 virus and its many variants continue to make meeting in person risky. The CWSG board is continuing to monitor both the CDC and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) for guidance. A link to the MSDH website is located at the bottom of this message.

Our fall meetings will be held remotely via the Zoom platform. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Mississippi pandemic, the full 2021-2022 program schedule is still indefinite. We hope to meet again in person as soon as it is safer to meet as a group. Please feel free to contact me if you need help setting up to "Zoom" our meetings, or if you have any other questions regarding our guild.

Has everyone been working on projects? Would love to see and learn about your favorite projects.

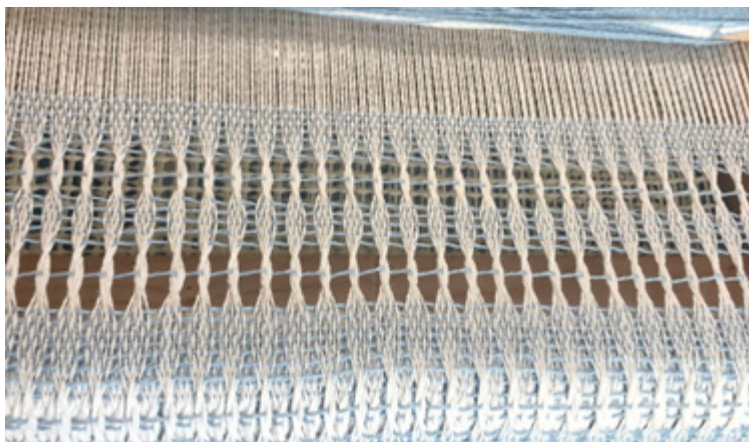


Rigid Heddle Experiments through online classes

I miss being able to take in person weaving classes; I have learned so much from taking classes with Marcy and Kathy. There are many online learning opportunities, and I have been

exploring them. In addition to watching the HGA's "Textiles & Tea" programs, I have been taking some remote rigid heddle classes and am enjoying them very much. Finally

brave enough to try weaving with two rigid heddles. Jane Patrick's weaving classes are very easy to follow, and I highly recommend them. I am also working on a market bag using leno lace on my other rigid heddle loom; the bag straps are made using an inkle loom.



Beginnings of a leno lace market bag

Links:

MS State Department of Health updates -

<https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/static/14,0,420.html#Mississippi>

Membership Dues

From Jane Klinck, Treasurer

Membership fees are due in September. In order to remain active and receive the October newsletter, we must have your payments by September 30th. Since we are not meeting in-person, please mail your checks in the amount of \$25 to Jane Klinck, 2360 Flynt Young Road, Utica, MS 39175.

Call for Committee Chair Volunteers

From Nancy Hester, President

At the September Meeting, the board will be seeking volunteers to chair the Sheep to Shawl Committee and the Membership Drive Committee. Please consider serving in one of these capacities. We need your help!

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Jane Klinck, Treasurer

Checking Account Balance
as of 05/30/2021: \$6,696.54

Add:
Interest \$0.11
Dues Paid \$300.00

Less: \$0.00

Checking Account Balance
As of 08/26/2021: \$6,996.65

Reserve/Savings Account Balance
As of 08/26/2021 \$1,414.41
(this account has earned \$0.18 since last financial report)

CWSG Program Schedule

September 18, 2021

"Exploring Color Combinations"

Presented by Judy Busby

October 16, 2021

Tentative: *"Textiles and Tea Video and Conversation"*

Presented by Debra Sue Pate

HGA Spinning & Weaving Week

HGA will be offering activities and events to celebrate spinning and weaving from October 4-10.

Participation and attendance is free for all HGA members with a \$5 fee for the Studio Tour events if you are not a member.

Go to <https://weavespindye.org/spinning-and-weaving-week/> to see the schedule.

HGA Scarf Exchange

HGA is hosting a scarf exchange this fall. Registration is open online and the guidelines have been published.

Your shipped scarf must be received by the exchange administrator no later than October 31, 2021.

You can learn more at <https://weavespindye.org>

Upcoming Class Opportunity: Designing Your Cloth

Submitted by Marcy Petrini

Start from any point: yarn, product, technique, etc. Thinking about the limitations and how to overcome them: shafts, loom width, time, etc. Then choose the best options to make a great cloth, unique and appropriate for the end use.

Because each student will do his/her own planning, the class will be restricted to a small group and because it is on zoom, it will be open to people across the country.

I am in the process of setting this up, I can let anyone interested when it's available.

HGA Towel Exchange Experience

Submitted by Beth Palmer

Normally, the HGA towel exchange takes place as part of Convergence. However, this year HGA decided to sponsor a towel exchange during a non-Convergence year in order to encourage the weaving community. The exchange was open to all HGA members for a nominal fee. Participants wove five towels to be randomly exchanged with other participants. Towels were due to Penny Morgan, former HGA President, by the end of August. Sometime in September each participant will receive five different towels woven by five other participants. Penny started a Facebook group for participants to share triumphs and challenges along the way. She also plans to hold a Zoom party in October for participants to show off the towels they receive. We will also each receive an e-book of the towel patterns.



Friendship Towels in Rusty Dusty colorway

In conjunction with this year's towel exchange, Kathrin Weber of Blazing Shuttles dyed warps and skeins specially for exchange participants. Kathrin also started a Facebook group for exchange participants using her yarn.

My towels are a traditional four-shaft pattern known as Friendship Towels. I used a Blazing Shuttles warp of 8/2 cotton in a colorway called Rusty Dusty. I supplemented that warp with stripes of 8/2 cotton in similar colors. I used cottolin from my stash for the weft. My warp of 7.5 yards yielded seven towels (so I kept two of them!).

I thoroughly enjoyed this project and had fun sharing progress with other participants on Facebook. I can't wait to receive my five exchange towels! Although our interactions were all online (and I know some of us don't like that approach), I believe that we probably shared more along the way than we would have if we were just showing up at Convergence with five towels to exchange.

HGA is also hosting a scarf exchange this fall. You can learn more at <http://www.weavespindye.org>

What a Wonderful "Weaving Year of Wonder"

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet and Beth Palmer

Several CWSG members are participating in A Weaving Year Of Wonder, an online weaving study group presented by Marcy Petrini that takes a close-up look at weaving structures. Participants have advanced from plain weave to twills, to more advanced supplementary weft weaves, unit weaves and beyond. A special thanks goes to Marcy for sharing her knowledge with interested weavers from coast to coast.

Shown to the right is a Summer and Winter tea towel woven in 10/2 and 5/2 perle cotton by Jeanne Marie Peet during the study group. (Design by Marguerite Davison).



Summer and Winter Tea Towel

HGA Textiles and Teas

Each Tuesday at 4:00, HGA hosts a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. They are broadcast via Zoom and free to view and open to all. Full schedule at weavespindye.org

September 7, 2021:
Kira Dominguez Hultgren
generously sponsored by Austin School of Fiber Arts

September 14, 2021:
William Storms
generously sponsored by Grace Tully

September 21, 2021:
Deborah Jarchow
generously sponsored by Ashford Wheels & Looms

September 28, 2021:
Boisali Biswas
generously sponsored by Michigan League of Handweavers



False Satin Scarf

Online Learning Resources *Submitted by Nancy Hester*

During this time when in-person classes are limited, below are a few online options:

1. Handweavers Guild of America – <https://www.weavespindye.org/>
2. Schacht Weaving School – <http://textileschool.schachtspindle.com>
3. Long Thread Media <https://shop.longthreadmedia.com>
4. Kelly Casanova Weaving School – <https://kelly-casanova-weaving-lessons.teachable.com>
5. Craftsy – <http://www.craftsy.com>

Below are a few projects by Beth Palmer for Marcy's study group. To the left is a false satin scarf woven on 4 shafts (p. 44 of Marcy's book). The warp is black Tencel threaded 24 epi. The weft is tied Tencel thrums.

Beth also wove huck curtains for her kitchen as part of the study. It's an 8 shaft pattern woven of cottolin (warp and weft).



Huck Kitchen Curtains

Meeting Minutes from CWSG Board Meeting on June 19, 2021

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

The CWSG Board members met at the William Waller Craft Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday June 19, 2021, to plan for 2021-22 programs and events. In attendance were President Nancy Hester, Vice-president Brenda Harrower, Secretary Jeanne Marie Peet, Treasurer Jane Klinck, Librarian Janet Lee, and Past President Beth Palmer. With the required quorum of three board members met, the agenda was approved with a motion by Jeanne Marie Peet, second by Beth Palmer, and voice vote of the members present.

Budget items for the new fiscal year were discussed. Ideas for reaching out to new members, including improved communication about events, more workshops, and open invitations to future programs were considered. Participation from current members is expected to increase with the COVID - 19 vaccine now readily available.

Brenda Harrower will survey the guild members to determine areas of interest for programs and special workshops for September through May. Fees to attend special workshops will be paid for by participants, with the guild sponsoring some items such as lodging or transportation for the visiting instructor, if needed. A tentative listing of programs and special workshops for the year will be announced at the September meeting.

Because the craft center rental fees now exceed the guild's available budget, locating a meeting place for next year's guild meetings is a high priority concern. Several places including community centers, churches, or libraries will be contacted next week to determine options.

It was recommended that a Sheep to Shawl committee chairman and perhaps a Membership Drive committee chairman be appointed at the September meeting.

Janet Lee will take over as editor of the Newsletter. The necessity of a newsletter in August is yet to be determined.

The Board will meet again to discuss on-going business on July 10, 2021, at a yet to be determined location.

Meeting Minutes from CWSG Board Meeting on July 11, 2021

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

Board Members of the CWSG met at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau located in the historic Trolino Hotel on the Courthouse Square in Canton, MS. Members present were Nancy Hester, President; Brenda Harrower, Vice-President; Jeanne Marie Peet, Secretary; and Janet Lee, Librarian and Newsletter Editor.

The first item of business was the approval of the new budget. Jeanne Marie Peet moved to approve the proposed annual budget for presentation at the September meeting and Janet Lee seconded the motion. The budget for 2021-2022 was approved by the board for presentation to the membership.

Brenda Harrower presented the ideas for next year's programs and workshops. This information will be sent out to the membership in the August newsletter.

The "permanent home" for the CWSG is still undetermined. Until a definite arrangement is made, the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau has graciously invited us to use their facility at no cost to us. Discussion with the William Waller Craft Center will continue, with Nancy Hester and Jeanne Marie Peet planning to meet with personnel at the craft center in the immediate future. Negotiation of an adequate meeting space that fits within the CWSG budget will once again be requested.

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: Nancy Hester

Vice President: Debra Sue Pate

Secretary: Jeanne Marie Peet

Treasurer: Jane Klinck

Librarian/Historian: Janet Lee

Past President: Beth Palmer

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with like interests. The annual membership fee is \$25. A membership form is available at <http://cvillewsg.com/> and 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 conduct public outreach activities such as weaving and spinning demonstrations at the Chimneyville Arts Festival and a springtime demonstration day known as Sheep to Shawl.

Newsletter

Please email newsletter content submissions to newsletter editor Janet Lee (jlemasters100@yahoo.com) by the first day of the month of publication. If you are sending a photo, please include caption information.

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Committees are needed for the following: Membership, Sheep to Shawl, and Spinning and Weaving Week. A call for volunteers to head these events will be made at the September meeting.

Brenda Harrower called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting Minutes from CWSG Board Meeting on July 26, 2021

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

A meeting of the CWSG Board was called by President Nancy Hester on July 26, 2021, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Board members present were President Nancy Hester, Treasurer Jane Klinck, Secretary Jeanne Marie Peet, Librarian Janet Lee, and Past President Beth Palmer.

With COVID-19 cases increasing rapidly in our state, the first item of business was to determine if meetings which were to be held “in-person” should continue to be held remotely by Zoom. Jeanne Marie Peet moved and Beth Palmer seconded that the September meeting and subsequent meetings would be held by Zoom until such a time that COVID restrictions allowed in-person meetings to be held safely. The board unanimously approved.

Dialogue with representatives of future meeting places will continue. This includes, but is not limited to, the Canton Visitors Bureau at the historic Trolie Hotel in Canton and the William Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland.

Upon the resignation of Vice-President Brenda Harrower, Nancy Hester requested the nominating committee reconvene to determine possible candidates for the board to consider for appointment to fill the office.

Program suggestions previously submitted for meetings in 2021-22 were reviewed for necessary changes in meeting dates and presenters, if necessary. Board members volunteered to contact presenters to verify their participation at meetings. Nancy Hester will contact proposed workshop presenters to verify the status of the workshops.

The first newsletter will be prior to the September meeting. A shorter bulletin will be sent out to the membership in August with information about the first meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.