

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Message from the President

From Nancy Hester, President

Dear Members,

A heartfelt Merry Christmas and hopes for a promising New Year to all! What a strange year it has been! Surrounding ourselves with caring and creative people who share the same passions, are willing to support each other, and who always inspire each other has certainly made the journey easier.

I hope everyone can attend the December 12th Zoom Christmas Party. Jeanne and Debra Sue have been working on fun activities for us, and thanks to Debbie Stringer for organizing our gift exchange. There will be some very nice door prizes for those participating in our Christmas Bingo game. I can either send you paper bingo cards or send pdf files to download. As always, I am looking forward to visiting with you all, and I will be wishing happy holidays and keeping those who cannot attend in my thoughts.

The CWSG board is continuing to monitor the COVID situation and are planning to start meeting live again starting with our January 15, 2022, meeting. The Craft Center will be closed for repairs, and we are working on booking a new meeting place while the center is closed. As soon as an alternative meeting place is confirmed, everyone will be informed. I want to express my appreciation for your patience, suggestions and support during this challenging period.

I appreciate each of the CWSG members and what you do to make us a better fiber- loving community. Season's Greetings.

Nancy

*Logo image adapted from image
graciously provided by Marcy Petrini at
<https://www.marcypetrini.com/>*

CWSG Program Schedule

Submitted by Debra Sue Pate

December 12th: Virtual Christmas Crawl

Join us Sunday, December 12th at 2:00 pm via Zoom for our annual Christmas party! Many fun activities are planned, including Bingo and a gift exchange for those who chose to participate.

January 15th: "Dorset Buttons"

Chimneyville Guild member Sarah Langton will demonstrate how to make Dorset buttons using a plastic or metal ring, some thread, and a needle. Dorset button making was a significant industry in south west England for over two hundred years and make beautiful embellishments on weaving projects. For a hands-on experience, there will be an optional kit for members to purchase so you can leave the program with a finished Dorset button. If you are interested in purchasing the optional kit, be sure to bring \$15 to the meeting.

Beginning with the January program, we will be switching to in-person meetings. The CWSG Board is monitoring CDC guidelines and will revise these plans if necessary. Due to renovations at the Craft Center, the January meeting will be held at an alternate location; more information will be forthcoming once the location is finalized.

Mini Roc Day Celebration

Submitted by Nancy Hester

A mini Roc Day celebration will be held immediately after the January 15th meeting. Bring your spinning and weaving projects and enjoy a few hours of fellowship. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or bring a shareable item.

Dying Workshop – Request for Interest

Submitted by Debra Sue Pate

Some members have expressed interest in taking a dying class at Jems Luxe Fibers in Vicksburg, and the board has been exploring the possibility. Judy Busby has quoted us a price of \$35 per person for a one-hour class in which each person will acid dye one skein of wool yarn. Because the yarn has to cool before it can be washed and rinsed, it will need to be picked up the next day (possibly later in the same day). Jems Luxe plans to offer classes on both weekdays and Saturdays.

If you might be interested in taking such a class, please email Debra Sue Pate (dsp613@gmail.com) and indicate your level of interest (definitely interested, maybe interested) and your preferred day(s) and time of day (morning or afternoon).

CWSG Program Schedule

September 18, 2021

"Exploring Color Combinations"

Presented by Judy Busby

October 16, 2021

"Textiles and Tea Video and Conversation"

Presented by Debra Sue Pate

November 20, 2021

"Convergence in Our Back Yard"

Presented by Beth Palmer

December 12, 2021

Virtual Christmas Crawl

January 15, 2022

"Dorset Buttons"

Presented by Sarah Langston

February 19, 2022

"Wee Wovens to Wear"

Presented by Debbie Stringer

March 19, 2022 (tentative)

Sheep to Shawl

April 16, 2022

"Pin Looms"

Presented by Beverly Anglin

May 21, 2022

TBD

HGA Textiles and Tea

Each Tuesday at 4 pm (EST), 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

December 7, 2021: Jennifer Moore sponsored by Lunatic Fringe Yarns

December 14, 2021: Margo Selby sponsored by Tabby Tree Weaver

December 21, 2021: Molly McLaughlin sponsored by Complex Weavers

December 28, 2021: Melanie Olde sponsored by Doreen Trudel in Memory of Esther Dendel

Plying with Energized Singles

Submitted by Donna Peyton

This month I ran into a range of problems plying my yarn, but none of them had to do with the spun singles.

I had graduate projects and now a final exam, plus running into the end of term for my school teaching as well. The actual plying is going very smoothly when I get time to work on it. In the picture the orange bag is the energized singles.

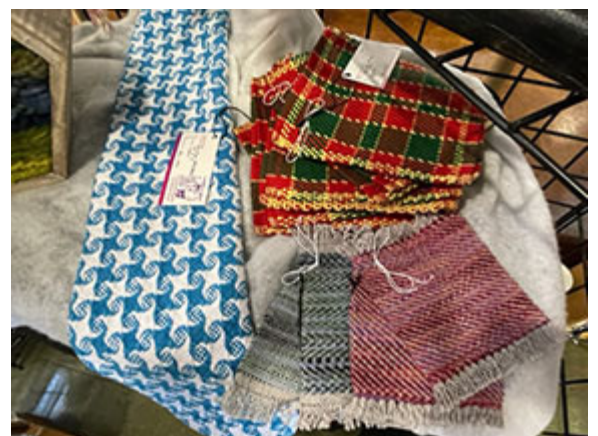
Hopefully the upcoming Christmas break will give me the time to finish the yarn and create some samples. After this three-ply, my goal is to do two four-plies: one with one energized singles and one with two.



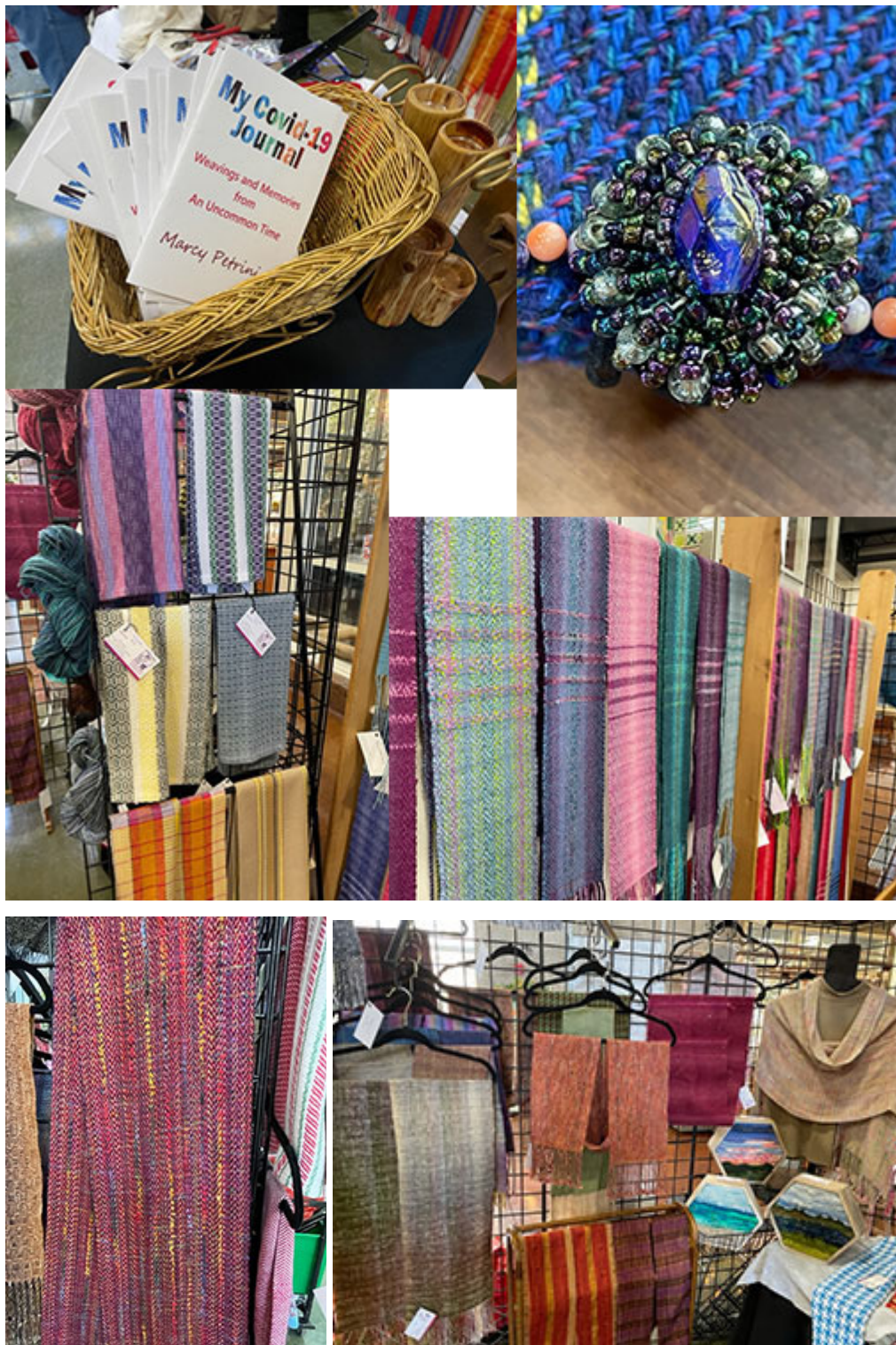
CWSG Co-op At Chimneyville

Submitted by Beth Palmer

In 2019 a group of guild members applied for (and received!) membership in the MS Craftsmen's Guild. Known as the CWSG Co-op, we are a group of about 15 spinners and weavers who regularly demonstrate our craft at the Craft Center and also participate in various shows and sales.



Our biggest annual sale is the Chimneyville Arts Festival held the first weekend in December. Photos here show the variety and intricacy of the pieces we create. Special thanks to Sharon Williams and Judy Foster for organizing the booth and making sure it ran smoothly all weekend!



In January of each year we invite guild members in good standing to consider joining the co-op. A separate application and annual dues are required. Co-op membership mandates participation in craft demonstrations and co-op sales events. For more information, contact co-op president Sharon Williams.



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.

Meeting Minutes from CWSG Meeting on November 20, 2021

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

The November meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Nancy Hester on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 10 a.m. on Zoom video conference. A quorum was determined with 10 members present. Beth Palmer moved that the agenda be accepted. Marcy Petrini seconded, and the motion was approved. The minutes of the October 2021 meeting, as printed in the CWSG November newsletter, were approved upon a motion by Beth Palmer and second by Alma Ellis.

Meetings for 2022 are set to resume in person, beginning in January. The remainder of meetings in 2021 will continue to be held remotely on Zoom. Due to renovations and repairs to the William Waller Craft Center during the month of January, another location for the January meeting is under consideration. The in-person meetings, scheduled to be held in the Craft Center at no charge, will begin in February unless notice of further delays are given to President Hester. Masks will be required for all in-person gatherings of the guild. The January meeting will be a combination meeting/hybrid ROC day, with the event location to be announced at a later date.

Plans for a membership drive will be postponed until the guild is actively meeting in-person again. Membership retention is a current topic for consideration.

Nancy Hester reminded members that the Christmas Party will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 by Zoom. Debbie Stringer reminded members that gifts to be mailed for the gift exchange should be mailed by November 30. Members could also deliver gifts in person at the Chimneyville Crafts festival.

Future programs include a Dorset Buttons program by Sarah Langston at the January meeting. Members who would like to buy an optional Dorset Button kit for \$15 may place an order with Nancy Hester. Beth Palmer moved to survey meeting participants for interest in ordering kits. Debra Sue Pate positively amended the motion by stating that ordering a kit did not obligate anyone to attend the workshop. A vote by hands was taken, with seven of the ten participants showing interest. There is also interest in members participating in a yarn dying workshop presented by Judy Busby at her Vicksburg studio. Details on time and date will be determined at a later date.

After a brief show and tell, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Debra Sue Pate. Members then enjoyed a most informative program, Convergence in Our Own Back Yard, presented by Beth Palmer.