

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

January 2021 Newsletter

President's Message:

Wheel of Good Fortune

Santa brought me several fabulous fiber gifts this year! (Of course, I helped by submitting my specific requests *early* and by ordering some of them myself!) I received some scrumptious fiber from *Jagger Spun* in custom colorways. Normally this fiber is spun (by them) into yarn, but they hold back small amounts for hand-spinning. I also received several hand-painted Tencel warps in drop-dead gorgeous colorways. One comes from *Blazing Shuttles* and two others from a new-to-me outlet named *Carr Park Artisans*. I can't wait to get them on my looms! Santa also brought a complete set of *Lykke* knitting needles from *The Whole Nine Yarns* here in Vicksburg. No more scrounging for the right size needles!



My big surprise, however, is a beautiful new table (*above*) for my beautiful new kitchen. I rescued the walking wheel (sans operational parts and pieces) from a discard pile. Originally, I imagined that I would simply mount the wheel as a decorative piece on a wall at home. However, a conversation with our kitchen cabinet maker sparked our imagination around constructing a unique dining table using the wheel as inspiration. We were thrilled when the cabinet maker called on Christmas Eve to arrange a time to deliver the table. It is certainly unusual, beautiful, and functional. I love having a spinning wheel in my kitchen!

Looking forward to an even more fiber-fantastic year in 2021! *Beth Palmer*

Join Us Jan. 9 for a Roc Day Demo

Beth Palmer

We will gather on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Bill Waller Craft Center at 10 a.m. for an informal celebration of Roc Day to mark the conclusion of the Christmas season and the return to fiber crafts. All attending will wear masks and practice social distancing as we brush the cobwebs off our wheels and take them for their first spin of the new year. If spinning is not your thing, feel free to bring other fiber crafts to enjoy. Please bring your own refreshments.

Co-op members will hold a brief meeting at 11 a.m. to receive payments from Chimneyville sales and to set annual dues for the new year.

Jan. 16 Zoom Meeting Program

Marcy Petrini

Just about any fiber can be used for any project, but the structure plays an important role in showcasing the yarn, which is spun (or extruded) from fibers in a variety of ways. There is a lot of latitude, and personal preferences play an important role, but when we match the fiber, yarn and structure well, we can obtain a perfect project – it's like matching good chocolate to a good Porto!

Marcy Plans Online Study Group on Structures

Marcy Petrini

I am starting a Zoom-based study group. We will meet once a month, usually the third Monday. Each month we will cover a different structure, with the idea that each weaver will plan and weave a project based on that structure, but something she has not done before. It is loosely based on my monograph *Wonder Year of Weaving*, but there will be additions and each participant will receive the appropriate handouts. Each weaver will do an assessment of what she has done in the past at the beginning of the year for better planning. I will send those assessment sheets once people sign up.

There is no monetary charge for this, but there has to be a commitment. This is not a CWSG study group; I will open it up to my mailing list and past students. Since each weaver will do a different project, and I expect to help each person, I will limit the number of weavers in the group. (**Update:** *Marcy says only a very few spots remain in the group, as response has been strong.*)

This is NOT a project-planning study group; the purpose is to study the various structures, which is best done by doing. If you are interested, or if you have more questions, please email me: marcypetrini@gmail.com seems to be the safest.

Pondering a Custom CWSG Colorway

Beth Palmer

Readers of *PLY Magazine* may have seen the recent article about the Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild creating a custom colorway with Three Rivers Farm. The article set me to wondering if our own guild might want to do something similar. As luck would have it, we are blessed to know a professional dyer who is a member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and a good friend of our own guild: Judy Busby of JEMS Luxe Fibers. Judy is very excited about this potential collaboration and is eager to work with us to create a custom colorway for yarns and roving. (JEMS currently offers 13 yarn bases and can



A photo of a local furnace, left, inspired a fiber colorway, above, created by Birmingham guild members.

readily branch out into roving as well, thereby satisfying the weavers, spinners, and knitters among us.)

Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild created a contest among guild members to create their custom colorway. Their chosen photo of Sloss Furnace yielded a fabulous blend of warm and cool colors.

If we combined our collective creativity, what custom colorway might we develop? Might our custom colorway inspire a fiber arts show somewhere? Is this a project that captures your imagination as it did mine? If so, please send me an email at beth.palmer53@gmail.com, and we'll see if there's enough interest to move ahead with this idea. Thanks!

Financial Report

Nancy Hester, secretary

Checking prior balance, 10/31/2020	\$7,626.67
Add: Membership dues	25.00
Workshop fee	50.00
Interest	0.63
Less: HGA Affiliate dues	(51.00)
Checking current balance, 1/2/21	\$7,651.30

Current CWSG reserve savings account balance is \$1,413.83; this includes \$0.24 interest received since the last report.

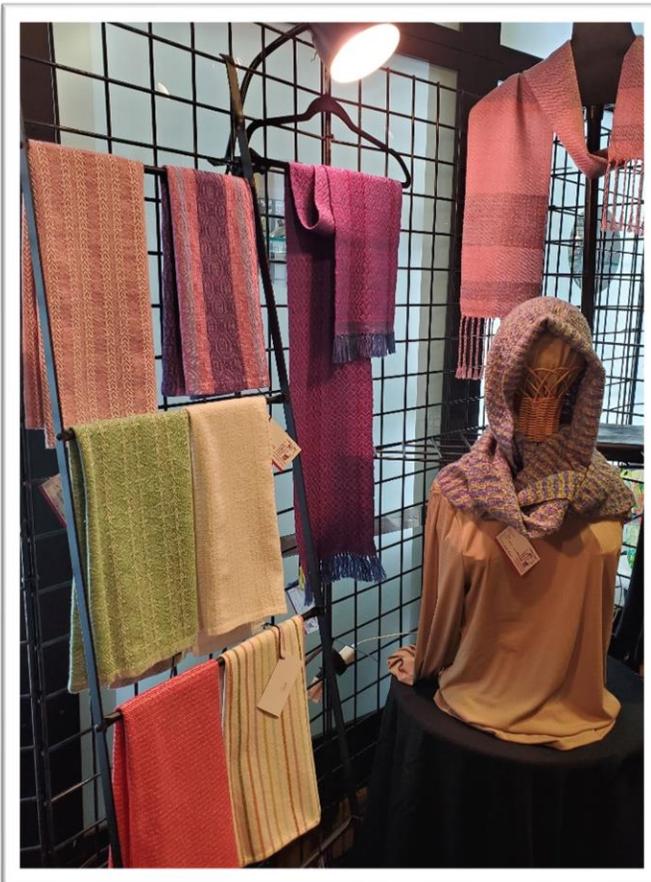
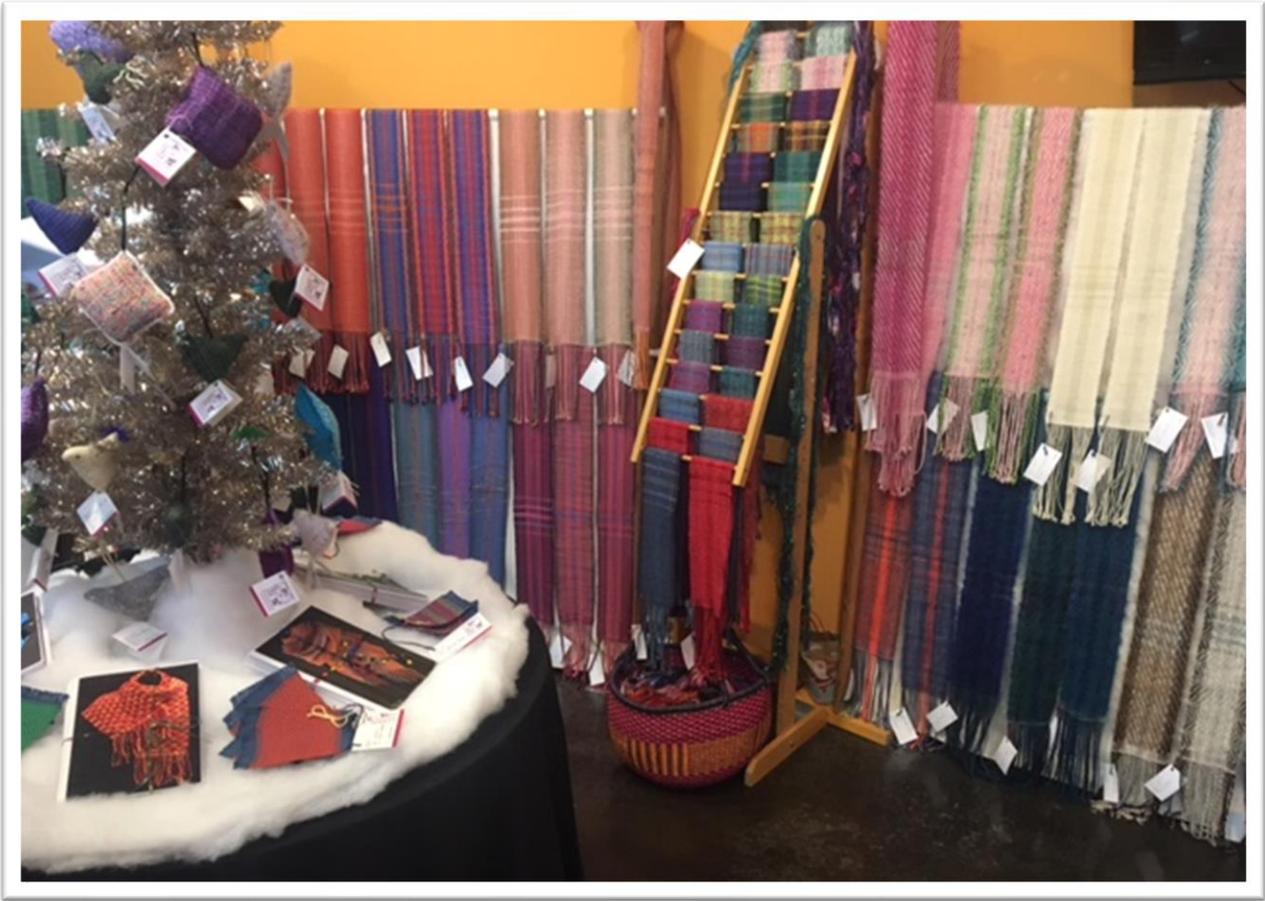
Note: A \$100 HGA Fiber Trust donation was made for CWSG. Since this was offset by a member donation, it does not appear in the above account activity report.

Calendar

- **CWSG Co-op 'Fiber Fluency' Exhibit**, through Jan. 23, and **11th Annual Oxford Fiber Arts Festival**, Jan. 15-23. www.oxfordarts.com/events/fiberfest
- **25th Convergence**, July 15-21, 2022, Knoxville (Tenn.) Convention Center. www.weavespindye.org



Even Covid-19 couldn't stop our annual Christmas gathering and gift exchange. We just moved it online, using Zoom to connect as this screen shot by Katie Clark shows. Fifteen members participated.



CWSG Co-op's first showing at the Chimneyville Arts Festival in December exceeded our expectations! Co-op members exhibited scarves and shawls, hand towels, mug rugs, woven jewelry, handspun yarns, and handwoven home-dec items. Many thanks to Sharon Williams and Judy Foster (and their helpers), who managed all aspects of the booth with professionalism and style.

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 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.

Next meeting:

Jan. 16, 10 a.m.: Marcy Petrini presents "Fiber, Yarn and Structure: The Trilogy of a Good Project," via Zoom.

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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