

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

April 2021 Newsletter

President's Message:

Join Us in Honoring Sharon Williams

Beth Palmer

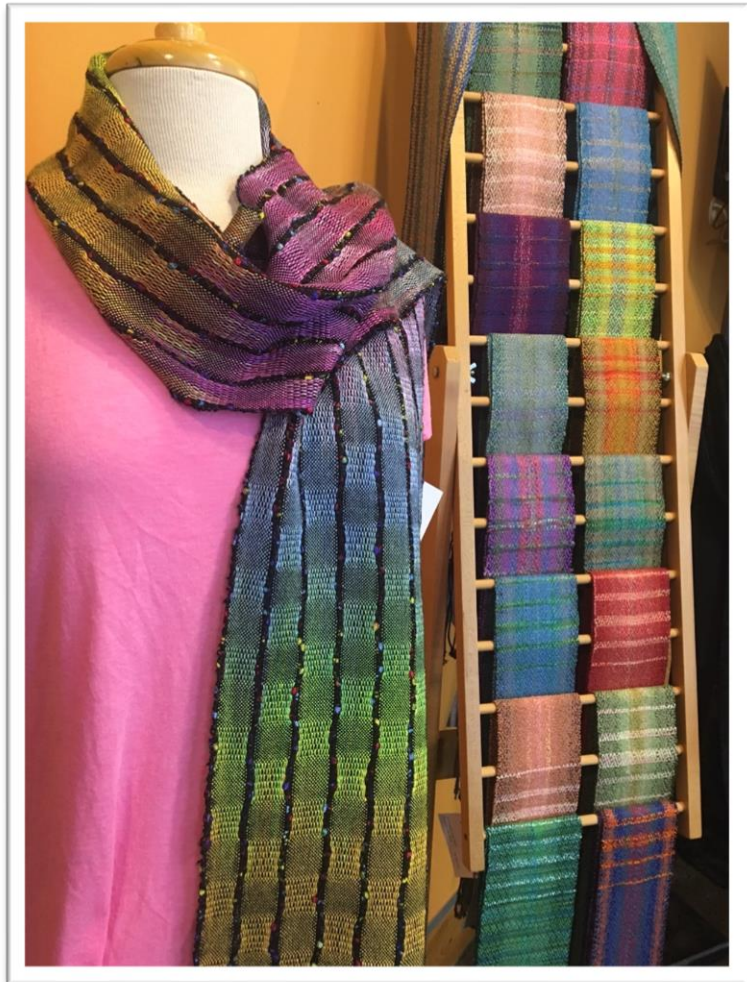
Later this month we will gather at Anjou Restaurant in Ridgeland to honor Sharon Williams as our newest Lifetime Member. Guild policies and procedures state that, to be considered for Lifetime Membership, one must be an active guild member for at least 15 years, have a body of work that has been widely exhibited, have made significant contributions to the guild beyond our local community, and have served in leadership roles within the guild.*

Sharon has over-achieved in all these categories and done so with good humor and grace.

Sharon joined our guild in 1988 and served on the board of directors from 1997 to 1999 and again from 2003 to 2010. Along the way, Sharon joined the guild's exhibit committee and has played a leading role in our shows ever since. She encourages members to exhibit their work and ensures that all our exhibits are eye-catching and beautiful. She's usually the first to arrive for set-up and the last one to depart after take-down. She brings lights, backdrops, mannequins, and other equipment necessary for spectacular exhibits. What's more, Sharon often contributes her own financial resources to enter our guild into events.

What I personally admire about Sharon, in addition to her artistry, hard work, and extreme generosity, is her perpetual good humor and grace. I have seen her disappointed or worried or just plain exhausted, and yet she always has a smile on her face and a kind word for others.

Sharon is truly a wonderful example of a Lifetime Guild Member and a model for us all.



*Our spring exhibit at the Craft Center was a colorful showstopper. See more show photos in this newsletter.
Photo: Debbie Stringer*

And we are ALL invited to gather on Saturday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m. at Anjou Restaurant to celebrate Sharon and her new status. The cost for lunch is \$25 each, which includes appetizer, entrée, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage, plus tax and tip. We will each pay individually on the day of the event, so please come prepared with cash or card.

Congratulations to Sharon and thanks for inspiring us all!

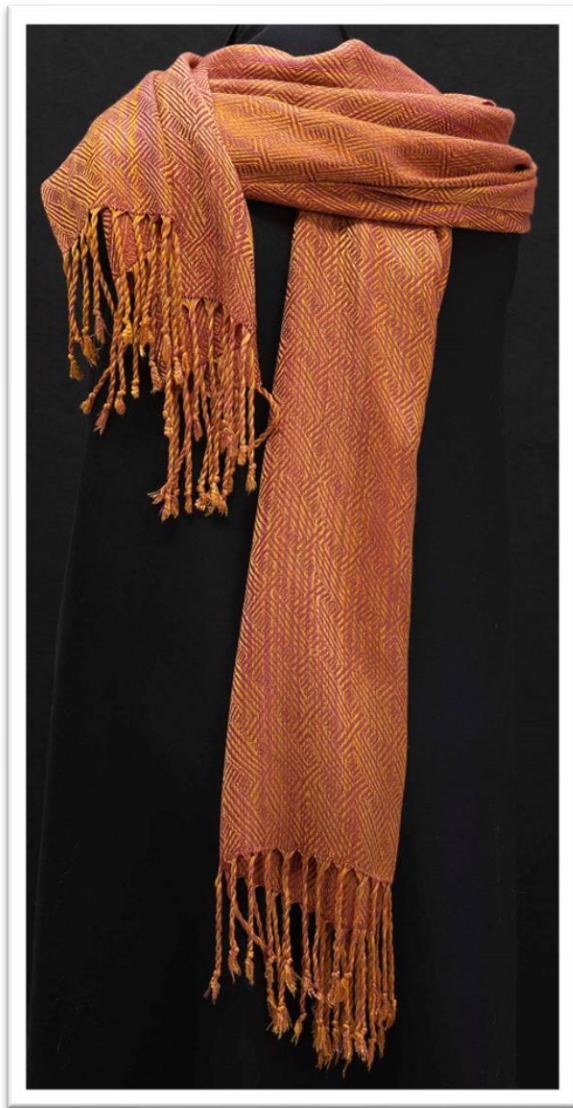
**Paraphrased from CWSG Policies & Procedures, p. 13*

New Officers to be Elected April 24

The 2021 CWSG board election will take place April 24 at our luncheon honoring Sharon Williams. Candidates are:

- Nancy Hester for president
- Brenda Harrower for vice president
- Jane Klinck for treasurer (to fill the remaining one year of Nancy's term)

New officers will take over at our May meeting. We appreciate their willingness to serve!



From Marcy Petrini: The plaited twill, left, was woven on the 40-shaft AVL with 10/2 Tencel from Convergence Reno. "A Glimmer of Hope" is from my February blog. The warp is 20/2 silk white with 2-thread green stripes with white silk boucle; the warp is sett at 18 epi because the weft is fatter than the warp. Photos: Terry Dwyer

Next Co-op Meeting is April 10

The CWSG Co-op will meet Saturday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the Bill Waller Sr. Craft Center. Agenda items include voting on new members, preparation for our spring sale, and plans for Chimneyville 2021.

We will also demonstrate spinning and weaving for all visitors. **All CWSG members are invited** to join us for the demonstration.

Upcoming “Textiles” Episodes

HGA’s “Textiles & Tea,” an online series of live textile talks, continues each Tuesday afternoon through April with guests Gene Shepherd, rug hooker (April 6); Kelly Marshall, weaver (April 13); Jacqueline James, rug weaver (April 20); and Lily Marsh, fiber artist (April 27).

These programs are FREE but you must register. For more info go to weavespindye.org.

Calendar

- **Virtual Workshop: Weaving in a Parallel Universe**, April 17-19. Linda Hartshorn, presenter. Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild event via Zoom; for eight or more shafts. Details: <https://chgweavers.org/product/weaving-in-a-parallel-universe-april-2020-workshop>
- **Luncheon Honoring Lifetime Member Sharon Willams**, April 24 at Anjou Restaurant in Ridgeland.
- **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival - A Virtual Online Festival**, May 1-2. More than 40 workshops and 250 vendors. More info at SheepandWool.org.
- **Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA) Conference 2021 - A Virtual Fiber Event**, June 24-27. Registration opens April 24. More info at mafafiber.org.
- **25th Convergence**, July 15-21, 2022, Knoxville (Tenn.) Convention Center. WeaveSpinDye.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.



CWSG members' skills in a variety of fiber work were evident at our spring show. Items included handspun yarns, fiber art jewelry, wall hangings, wearables, and towels. The show hung along with our Sheep to Shawl demo in March.



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, www.MSCrafts.org, in Ridgeland, Miss., unless otherwise noted.

During the pandemic, however, meetings are being conducted online via Zoom.

We also conduct public outreach activities, including group weaving and spinning demonstrations and a springtime demonstration day known as Sheep to Shawl, all at the Craft Center.

Next guild event: Luncheon honoring Sharon Williams, CWSG Lifetime Member, April 24, 11:30 at Anjou Restaurant, Ridgeland.

Newsletter

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