

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild

May 2021 Newsletter

President's Message:

Working Together, We've Had a Great Two Years

Beth Palmer

What an adventure these past two years have been! I had NO idea what a whirlwind I was signing on to when I agreed in May 2020 to serve as guild president! That's probably a good thing

Our guild has thrived in many ways these past two years. We hosted Roc Day in January 2020 and welcomed fiber friends from across the state. We hosted several very successful fiber sales and replenished our guild coffers. We look forward to a weaving workshop, our first in several years, on May 15.

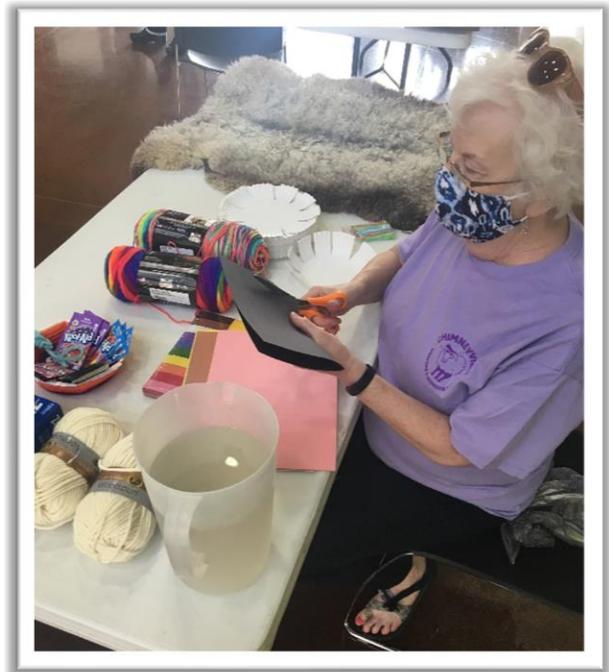
Guild meetings transitioned from in-person to Zoom without missing a beat. We've enjoyed several interesting programs on Zoom and even held our Christmas gathering on Zoom!

Several guild members pursued and received membership as a co-op in the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. Our co-op held its first successful sale at Chimneyville At Home in December 2020 and returned for a spring sale at the Craft Center on April 17. The Oxford Fiber Arts Festival featured work by co-op members at its event in January 2021.

On April 24, 2021, we celebrated our newest lifetime guild member: Sharon Williams. Sharon joins Marva Goodman, Marcy Petrini, and Debbie Stringer in our pantheon of fiber artists.

None of this would be possible without the active participation of each and every guild member. Your board works hard to envision programs and events, but it takes **every one** of us to pitch in, set up, take part, bring food, and clean up afterward. Our guild will thrive only so long as each of us participates regularly and joyfully in our various guild activities.

I hope you will join me in applauding Nancy Hester, Brenda Harrower, and Jane Klinck in stepping forward to lead us as president, vice president, and treasurer. Bravo also to Jeanne Marie Peet and Janet Lee, who continue as secretary and historian/librarian. Many thanks to Debbie Stringer for her fabulous newsletters. And thanks to Gio Chinchar for serving as vice president these past two years. Please say "Yes!" when guild officers ask you to help complete a task or achieve a goal. Your guild is only as great as you help to make it!



Who's that masked weaver? Beth Palmer makes yarn baskets during our Sheep to Shawl event in March.

April Meeting Minutes

Jeanne Marie Peet, secretary

The April meeting of CWSG was called to order by President Beth Palmer on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Anjou Restaurant in Ridgeland, Miss. A quorum was determined with 17 members present. Since Sheep to Shawl in March replaced the regular March meeting, there were no minutes to be approved.

The election of officers for 2021-2023 was the only item on the agenda. Beth Palmer read the candidates selected by the nominating committee:

- Nancy Hester, president
- Brenda Harrower, vice president
- Jane Klinck, treasurer (to fill the remainder of Nancy Hester's term of office).

Judy Foster moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Lynn Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The new terms will begin with the 2021 May meeting. The offices of secretary and librarian were not up for re-election this year.

Beverly Anglin moved that the meeting be adjourned, after which a lovely luncheon was enjoyed in celebration and honor of Sharon Williams' Lifetime Membership award.

May Meeting Date Change

We will hold our regular guild meeting on Saturday, **May 22**, at 10 a.m. via Zoom so as not to interfere with the rigid heddle workshop on May 15. Look for an email with the agenda and Zoom info a few days before the meeting.



Thank you!

Sharon Williams wants to let everyone know how much she enjoyed the luncheon, flowers and pin. "The flowers are still beautiful by my desk at work and it was wonderful seeing everyone in person. Everything was unexpected but very much appreciated. I so enjoy being a member of CWSG with such a great group of ladies," she says. Participants are pictured above. *Seated, from left, are Janet Lee, Nancy Landrum, Sharon Williams, Beth Palmer, and Beverly Anglin. Standing, from left, are Patricia Holmberg, Gio Chinchar, Alma Ellis, Debbie Stringer, Heather Mitchell, Jeanne Marie Peet, Donna Peyton, Bobby Embrey, Jane Klinck, Lynn Watkins, Carolyn Campbell, and Judy Foster.*

Financial Report

Nancy Hester, treasurer

Operating/Checking Account as of 4-1-21:

Prior balance, 2-28-21 \$7,681.50

Add:

Interest 0.32

Deposit - rigid heddle workshop 50.00

Less:

HGA Fiber Trust CK #392 (add'l donation) (50.00)

CGM room rental, final deposit CK #393 (175.00)

B. Parks honorary pins CK #394 (100.00)

Current balance, 4-30-21 \$7,406.82

Reserve/Savings Account

Prior balance, 2-28-21 \$1,413.94

Add:

Interest 0.23

Current balance, 4-30-21 \$1,414.17

'Textiles & Tea' to Feature Miss. Native

Cassie Dickson, formerly of Mississippi, will be featured in the May 18 episode of HGA's "Textiles & Tea" online conversations with fiber artists. Cassie specializes in the weaving of historical coverlets and linens. She also spins, works with natural dyes, grows flax and raises silkworms. She processes the flax for linen and the silk for yarns and instructional purposes.

Cassie's recent honors include being interviewed and videoed by the Smithsonian National Museum of History for the National Woven Coverlet Collection.

For show details, visit www.WeaveSpinDye.org.

Guild Email Clarification

Beth Palmer

Please note that our guild email (cvillewsg@gmail.com) is a regular email address and NOT a bulletin board, Facebook post, etc. that is visible to everyone. Your email to that address is generally seen by a guild officer and not by the entire membership (unless forwarded to them by the guild officer). You may certainly *ask* that an email or announcement be forwarded to the entire membership and we will do that. However, this does not *automatically* happen. We currently check this account once or twice a week so it may take a few days for an announcement to be shared. Thanks for your understanding!



Look at how this primary color dye garden grows! Weld leaves and blooms for the color yellow, top photo. Madder root for the color red, middle photo. Indigo for the color blue, bottom photo. - Winki Allen

Calendar

- **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. New officers are installed at the May meeting.

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, 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 meeting: Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m., via Zoom. (Note: This reflects a change in date to accommodate a guild workshop on our regular meeting date.)

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. Your comments and suggestions for improving our newsletter are always welcome!

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