

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Message from the President

From Nancy Hester, President

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

Wishing you a fantastic fall season! Are you looking forward to the start of Spinning and Weaving week on October 4th? I certainly am. Hopefully, during our next meeting, you can all share something about projects you have been working on.

Fall is the time when I think of spinning. When the weather cools I enjoy taking my spinning wheel outside and communing with nature. Is anyone interested in teaming up with another member to spin? I miss having someone to turn to when I have an issue with my spinning. Perhaps we can plan some small group gatherings. Would like to know what everyone enjoys spinning. Do you like to prepare your own fiber? Or do you prefer to spin already prepared batts and roving? I have found that I prefer to spin already colored fiber instead of natural fibers. Not certain why this is so. I love the look of natural fibers, but find I like seeing colors turn from fiber to yarn.

For beginning spinners, there is quite a bit of guidance available online. I highly recommend Marcy Petrini's monograph "Spinning on a Flyer Wheel". She also has a good maintenance book available for sale on her online bookstore. It is called "Caring for Your Loom and Spinning Wheel". The address is <https://www.marcy-bookstore.com>.

If you receive HGA's informational emails, they provide a wealth of spinning information about the Spinning and Weaving events for both members and non-members. HGA members receive a copy of their Shuttle Spindle & Dye-pot magazine.



Pin drafted roving, excellent for beginners on the drop spindle



Long Thread media publishes a magazine for spinners, called Spin Off. They also have all kinds of videos and workshops related to spinning. Their website is <http://longthreadmedia.com>.

Craftsy.com has about six online spinning classes available on their website. I am currently trying to work my way through Jacey Boggs Faulkner's "Drafting from Worsted to Woolen" class.

Spinning from hand-painted roving fiber

CWSG Fall Program Schedule

Submitted by Debra Sue Pate

October 16th: "Textiles and Tea Video and Conversation"

A silver lining: over the last year and a half of pandemic restrictions, internet resources related to fiber arts have burgeoned. One example is HGA's weekly program Textiles and Tea, featuring interviews with fiber artists. The October program will be a showing of the Textiles and Tea episode in which Helena Hernmarck is the featured fiber artist followed by a discussion led by Debra Sue Pate.

November 20th: "Convergence in Our Back Yard"

HGA's biennial conference takes place July 14-18, 2022 in Knoxville TN (a mere 7 hours by car from Jackson). Convergence offers an extravaganza of fiber experiences and can be expensive. Regular attendee Beth Palmer will share some of what makes Convergence special and offer tips on how to make the most of Convergence on a budget.

December 18th: Virtual Christmas Crawl

Our annual Christmas crawl will go virtual again this year, and it's sure to be fun and entertaining! We will be drawing names in October for the gift exchange to provide ample time for purchasing and delivering the gifts. Details will be discussed at October's meeting and a forthcoming email.

If you would like to help us plan and spearhead the event, please let Nancy and Debra Sue know. We would love the help of our members!

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"Textiles and Tea Video and Conversation"

Presented by Debra Sue Pate

November 20, 2021

"Convergence in Our Back Yard"

Presented by Beth Palmer

December 18, 2021

Virtual Christmas Crawl

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

October 5, 2021: Michael Rohde
generously sponsored by Cameron Talyor-Brown and ARTsgarage

October 12, 2021: Elin Noble
generously sponsored by Weavers Guild of St. Louis in Memory of Laura Blumenfeld

October 19, 2021: Loren Batt
generously sponsored by Green Shades

October 26, 2021: Dawn Edwards
generously sponsored by TBD

HGA Spinning & Weaving Week

HGA will be offering activities and events to celebrate spinning and weaving from October 4-10 including Marci's thread talk and marketplace live.

Speaker: Marci Petrini

Topic: Covid at My Loom

Date: Monday, October 4

Time: 6 PM CDT

Speaker: Marci Petrini

Topic: Website Bookstore

Date: Thursday, October 7

Time: 2 PM CDT

Registration for all HGA members is \$25 and \$50 if you are not a member.

Go to

<https://weavespindye.org/spinning-and-weaving-week/> to see the schedule, vendor specials, and more.

HGA Convergence Registration

General Registration Sessions, Special Events Tours, etc. opens on October 4th. Go to [Schedule and Registration - Handweavers Guild of America \(weavespindye.org\)](https://weavespindye.org/schedule-and-registration-handweavers-guild-of-america).

Let's Celebrate Spinning & Weaving Week

Submitted by Janet Lee

Although our guild is not participating in person this year in any spinning and weaving week activities, we can still celebrate by embracing the many online opportunities. One of the most extensive lineups can be found on HGA's web site from October 4 – 10. All sessions will be recorded and available on-demand to registered attendees for 90 days. Be sure to register and check the schedule to catch all the exciting events!

Marci Petrini will be giving a thread talk on Monday, October 4th at 6:00 PM and her topic will be "Covid at My Loom." She will also be participating in Marketplace Live with her website on Thursday, October 7 at 2:00 PM.

I will be working on my first rug this week to give to my mother for Christmas. I'm using 8/4 carpet warp and a heavyweight 100% rug wool yarn. I'm enjoying the stretch into a large weave and a new endeavor.



Beginnings of a rug that I'm weaving for a Christmas present.

HGA Convergence Registration

Submitted by Nancy Hester

Convergence, HGA's bi-annual international fiber convention, will be held July 15-21, 2022 in Knoxville, TN. Attendees create their own schedule by registering for sessions, workshops, and events individually. There are also exhibits, competitions, and a vendor marketplace for a nominal day pass fee. General registration opens October 4, 2021.

Still on the fence? Be sure to attend November's program where Beth Palmer will walk us through all the fabulous things to see and do at Convergence and tips on how to stay within your budget.

HGA Towel Exchange Experience: Part 2

Submitted by Beth Palmer

In return for the five towels I submitted to the HGA towel exchange, I received five very different towels (shown below). Beginning on the left, a towel in 8/2 cotton woven in stripes generated by an online barcode generator. Next a towel in cottolin using Monk's belt. This towel came from a weaver in Quebec. In the middle is a twill towel in cottolin using yarns from an inherited stash. Next is a woven shibori towel in cotton. Finally, the last towel on the right is 16-shaft twill in cotton created by a weaver in England.



Towels received as part of the exchange.

What an abundance of weaving talent and generous sharing! I love that all who received my towels and all whose towels I received have been able to connect on email. Penny Morgan, who organized the towel exchange, will host a Zoom gathering for all participants during HGA's Spinning and Weaving Week. This was a wonderful way in which to share weaving inspiration and connect with weavers all over the place!

Twice As Much Fun

Submitted by Donna Peyton and Beverly Anglin

Coming Next Issue...

Although weaving and spinning are mostly solitary activities, collaborating with another member can make your activity more creative and interesting. Donna Peyton and Beverly Anglin are "teaming up" with an idea borrowed from Spin Off magazine. Donna will be spinning some yarn plied with energized singles and Beverly is going to weave these samples on her pin loom. More updates on their progress, and maybe a picture or two, will be forthcoming.

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>

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 Guild Meeting on September 18, 2021

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

The September meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Nancy Hester on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10 a.m. on Zoom video conference. A quorum was determined with 12 members present. Jeanne Marie Peet moved that the agenda be accepted. Marcy Petrini seconded, and the motion was approved. The minutes of the May 2021 meeting, as printed in the June newsletter, were approved upon a motion by Marcy Petrini and second by Debbie Stringer.

The proposed budget was presented and reviewed. Donna Peyton moved we approve the budget as submitted. Janet Lee seconded, and the motion passed. Marcy Petrini moved and Jeanne Marie Peet seconded that future financial reports be available to members only and not published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Due to Covid restrictions, meetings for the remainder of 2021 will continue to be held remotely on Zoom. Moved by Donna Peyton and seconded by Marcy Petrini, this meeting venue schedule was passed by the membership. Locations for future physical meetings are still under discussion.

President Nancy Hester called for volunteers to head committees on Membership and Sheep to Shawl. Activities for HGA Spinning and Weaving Week October 4-10 were discussed. A Craft Demonstration Party will be held on October 16 at the William Waller Craft Center. Although not a CWSG activity, guild members are invited to participate after our regularly scheduled Zoom meeting on October 16.

The business meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Debbie Stringer. Members then enjoyed a program - Exploring Color Combinations - presented by Judy Busby and Emily Wolfe of JEMS LUXE FIBERS.

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