

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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## Message from the President

*From Nancy Hester, President*

Happy February CWSG Members!

The groundhog saw his shadow last week, so there may be six more weeks of winter.

Does this mean you will have more time for your projects or less? Staying indoors has given me time to spin more yarn onto bobbins. My goal is to have some yarn ready for sale at our Sheep to Shawl event on April 1, 2023. Hopefully, our members will contribute many fiber items to this sale. The Sheep to Shawl Committee is doing a tremendous job planning for this event and will be giving an update at our February meeting. Please consider volunteering to help make this year's Sheep to Shawl event the best one we have ever hosted.

January was the month for celebrating ROC day. Marcy Petrini presented a fascinating program about the history of ROC day. The River Road Fiber Guild of Plaquemine, Louisiana hosted a wonderful ROC day celebration which all the participants enjoyed. The theme of the Gulf Coast Roc Day celebration was Mardi Gras, and I won this beautiful mask while there!

Hope to see everyone at our meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that the location has changed to The Southern Needle! We plan to eat a Yiayia's afterwards.

Wishing you all continuing health and happiness throughout the winter season.



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

# CWSG Program Schedule

*Submitted by Debra Sue Pate*

## **Demonstrating Demonstrations presented by Donna Peyton**

Our meeting will be held on February 18, 2023 at 10:00am. The location has changed to The Southern Needle, which is in the Oak Place Shopping Center. The address is 587 Highway 51, STE C, Ridgeland, MS.

Program Description: Showing people how crafts actually are done is an effective way of sparking interest in both the process and the products of craftwork. Guild member Donna Peyton will talk about presenting an effective demonstration in the context of actually demonstrating spinning both with a wheel and with a spindle.

## Upcoming Community Events

*Submitted by Janet Lee*

March 10	Fiber Landscape workshop with Andi Bedsworth at the MS Crafts Center on Friday, March 10th from 9am-12pm. For more information or to register, go to <a href="https://fb.me/e/3lLe8ddTS">https://fb.me/e/3lLe8ddTS</a> or call the Crafts Center.
April 1	CWSG Sheep to Shawl at the MS Ag Museum from 10am-3pm. More information will be provided at our February meeting.
April 13-16	The Southeast Fiber Forum 2023 will take place on April 13-16 at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN. Registration is now open. For information on classes available and to register online for the event, go to <a href="http://sefiberforum.org">http://sefiberforum.org</a>
May 13	Join the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) at the Mississippi Makers Fest on Entergy Plaza at the Two Mississippi Museums and along North Street on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Mississippi Makers Fest offers a juried marketplace and the event will be advertised across the Southeast, bringing in visitors from all over the region to support our talented Mississippians. Application deadline is March 13, 2023. For more information on becoming a vendor, go to <a href="https://msmakersfest.mdah.ms.gov/">https://msmakersfest.mdah.ms.gov/</a>

## CWSG Program Schedule

### **September 17, 2022**

Member Show and Tell

### **October 15, 2022**

*Dorset Buttons*

Presented by Sarah Langston

### **November 19, 2022**

*Wee Weaving to Wear*

Presented by Debbie Stringer

### **December 10, 2022**

Christmas Party

### **January 21, 2023**

*Roc Day Recognition*

Presented by Marcy Petrini

### **February 18, 2023**

*Demonstrating Demonstrations*

Presented by Donna Peyton

### **April 1, 2023 (March Program)**

*Sheep to Shawl at the Ag Museum*

### **April 15, 2023**

*TBD*

### **May 20, 2023**

*Weaving for Garments*

Presented by Nancy Landrum

## New Members Drive

Thanks to everyone for spreading the word about our guild. We have had great success this year recruiting new members!

Please continue to reach out to those interested in weaving and spinning – invite them to one of our meetings or Sheep to Shawl!



# An Inspiring Roc Day

*Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet*

Seven CWSG members attended ROC Day held by the River Road Fiber Guild in Plaquemine, Louisiana on Saturday, January 14, 2023. The event displayed typical Louisiana hospitality with a Mardi Gras theme. The River Road Guild, led by President Charlene Bishop, offered coffee and snacks, a delicious lunch with King Cake dessert, a creative "gift bowl" of practical and unique items, and door prizes galore. Vendors displayed beautiful yarns and other merchandise for sale. Approximately 40 attendees participated in the event.



Chimneyville members attending engaged in projects on various spinning wheels and small looms. Janet Lee and Nancy Hester manned a sales table which brought in money for our guild treasury. One of the fun and interesting activities was a spinning contest, won by our own Donna Peyton. Participants were given a bag of mixed colors and fibers and were asked to incorporate some of each of the fibers into a quality yarn, which was then judged. Congratulations, Donna!



At a time when many weaving and spinning guilds are folding, meeting new fiber artists (three new groups participated) and seeing longtime friends brought a burst of energy to those attending.



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## Sheep to Shawl

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Mississippi Ag Museum

10am to 3pm



### Sheep to Shawl Donations

The guild will be hosting a fiber sale at Sheep to Shawl this year! You can bring your donated items to our meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> or to the Sheep to Shawl event on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Sheep to Shawl Participation

We hope that everyone can participate in our Sheep to Shawl event this year. More information and opportunities to volunteer will be discussed at our February meeting.



# Member Show and Tell

*Submitted by Various Members*

From Marcy Petrini: Sometimes I weave a scarf that I truly love, and this is one of them. It has luminescence, which is hard to show in a photo as it needs movement. Maybe I will wear it in February.



From Nancy Hester: These pictures are of handspun yarn on bobbins. I'm hoping to have some yarn ready for our sale at Sheep to Shawl on April 1<sup>st</sup>!



## 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](http://weavespindye.org)

**January 3, 2023:** Chris Acton sponsored by Supporters of Indie Fiber Arts

**January 10, 2023:** Melvenea Hodges sponsored by Weavers Guild of the North Shore

**January 17, 2023:** Máximo Laura sponsored by Weave A Real Peace

**January 24, 2023:** Walter Turpening sponsored by Myrna Lindstrom

**January 31, 2023:** Omar Chávez Santiago sponsored by Weave A Real Peace

## Schacht Call for Proposals

Schacht Spindle Company has announced its semi-annual call for proposals for projects and technique tutorials to encourage and educate fiber artists of all ages, at all skill levels. All proposals due no later than March 1, 2023. For more information or to submit a proposal, visit [https://schachtspindle.com/project-submissions/?mc\\_cid=fb28ae8bd9&mc\\_eid=a72f7342df](https://schachtspindle.com/project-submissions/?mc_cid=fb28ae8bd9&mc_eid=a72f7342df)

# January 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet*

An informal meeting of the CWSG Board was held on Zoom on January 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. A quorum was determined, with five members present. Jeanne Marie Peet moved that we approve the agenda and Debra Sue Pate seconded. Motion passed.

Plans for the upcoming spring season were discussed. The first item on the list was a location for the February meeting, since the Madison Library would not be available that day. Several suggestions were made, including, but not limited to, the Ag Museum and the Craft Center. More information on this will be researched and the location will be announced at the membership meeting on January 21, 2023.

A nominating committee will be selected by the President and will be announced at the February meeting. Offices to be filled this year include President and Vice-President. Jeanne Marie Peet agreed to serve as Board Liaison for the nominating committee.

Janet Lee moved that Sheep to Shawl on April 1 count as our March meeting and have the April meeting on the regular meeting date. Beth Palmer seconded. Motion passed.

A list of the proposed meeting dates for spring, 2023, and the programs to be presented are: January 21 (Local ROC Day; Program on ROC Day History by Marcy Petrini), Feb. 18 (Demonstrating by Donna Peyton and Beverly Anglin), April 1 (counts as March meeting, Sheep to Shawl), April 18 (program to be arranged), May 20 (Weaving for Garments by Nancy Landrum)

Nancy Hester encouraged all board members to read to by-laws, particularly concerning their responsibilities.

After a brief discussion of plans for attending ROC Day in Plaquemine, LA on January 14, the meeting was adjourned.

## January 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet*

The January Meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Nancy Hester on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Madison Public Library. A quorum was determined with 10 members present. Beth Palmer moved that the agenda be accepted, and Jeanne Marie Peet seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by voice vote. The minutes of the November 2022 meeting, as printed in the CWSG December 2022 newsletter, were presented for approval. Marcy Petrini moved to accept the minutes as printed and Beverly Anglin seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

### 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: Heather Mitchell

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 Madison City Library in Madison, Miss., unless otherwise noted. 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.

The current membership report listed 25 dues-paying members and 4 lifetime members. The new membership directory was distributed to members at the meeting. New members include Sarah Pair and Carolyn Nichols.

A report from the Sheep to Shawl committee was presented by Marcy Petrini. The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will host our event on April 1, 2023. The location on the museum grounds will most likely be at or near the children's barn. The April 1 date will count as the March meeting for the guild, with the April meeting to be held on the regular meeting date of April 15. The Sheep to Shawl committee consists of Marcy Petrini, Lynn Watkins, Alma Ellis, and Sarah Pair. A vendor table will be available for guild sales. Members are urged to bring items to donate to the sale to the February meeting. Judy Foster and Jeanne Marie Peet will direct the sales of the vendor table. All proceeds, after appropriate taxes, will go to the CWSG Guild.

Due to the Friends of the Library book sale on February 18, the 2023 February meeting will be held at the Southern Needle yarn shop in Ridgeland. Many thanks to Beverly Anglin for offering to host the guild in her shop that day.

Seven members of the CWSG attended ROC Day, hosted by the River Road Fiber Guild in Plaquemine, LA on January 14, 2023. Participants enjoyed lunch, spinning contests, vendors, generous goodie bags, and lots of camaraderie. The CWSG had a table with new and gently used items for sale. The sale proceeds of \$177 will go to the guild treasury.

In the absence of Treasurer Heather Mitchell, Nancy Hester presented the financial report.

Beth Palmer moved that we reserve 2023 dates for September, October, November, and December meetings at the Madison Library. Regular meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month. Jeanne Marie Peet seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy Hester announced the nominating committee for officer selection in April: Gio Chinchar will chair the committee and Jeanne Marie Peet will serve as board liaison. The offices that will be up for re-election in April are President and Vice-President.

Members contributed items for a Sunshine Box for Sharon Williams who was recently injured in an automobile accident.

Following a lively discussion on program and workshop possibilities, Debbie Stringer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Following the business meeting, Marcy Petrini then presented a short program on "The Tradition of ROC Day."