

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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<https://www.marcypetrini.com/>

## Message from the President

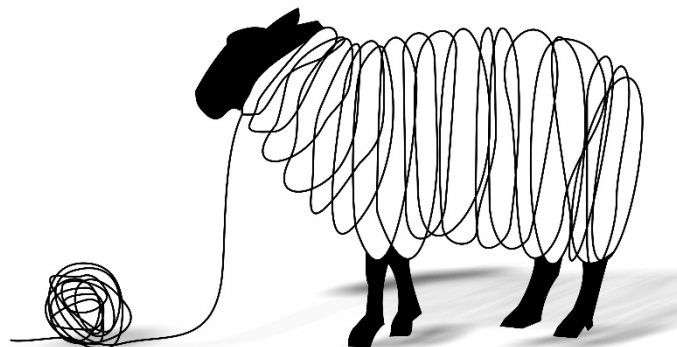
*From Nancy Hester, President*

Welcome to March (and Spring).

CWSG offers a welcoming environment for fiber artists, and continually seeks new ways to support our fiber arts community.

I want to express my gratitude to Beverly Anglin for hosting the February meeting at her shop, The Southern Needle. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, and we were very pleased to host several guests. Many of us went to lunch afterwards. It was such a pleasure to visit with you all. Perhaps we can plan another group lunch after some future meeting dates.

Our Sheep to Shawl event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023. This event is replacing our regular March meeting. I encourage you all to participate in this Sheep to Shawl event. There are many ways to contribute. There will be much merriment and excitement.



Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our newest members- Carolyn Nichols and Aleatha Shannon.

# CWSG Program Schedule

*Submitted by Debra Sue Pate*

## Sheep to Shawl Demonstration

In lieu of our regularly scheduled March meeting, we will be hosting our annual Sheep to Shawl demonstration on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be held this year at the Mississippi Ag Museum from 10:00am-3:00pm.

## Upcoming Community Events

*Submitted by Janet Lee*

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| 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<br><b>CANCELLED</b> | Unfortunately, the Southeast Fiber Forum has been cancelled for 2023. For more information or to learn more about how you can become a part of this group, go to <a href="http://sefiberforum.org">http://sefiberforum.org</a>   |
| May 13                          | Mississippi Makers Fest at the Two Mississippi Museums on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendor 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> |
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## Call For Interest in Jems Luxe Dyeing Class

*Submitted by Debra Sue Pate*

Jems Luxe, an independent yarn-dyeing studio in Vicksburg, is willing to offer a yarn dyeing workshop. Workshop participants dye a skein of yarn using commercial dyes with instruction and advice from Judy and Emily, the Jems Luxe dyers. The studio can accommodate up to 12 participants, and Jems Luxe has a minimum requirement of 6 participants. Anyone who would like more information about participating in a workshop should get in touch with Debra Sue Pate (dsp613@gmail.com) (inquiring does not commit one to anything). If there is sufficient interest, I will work with Jems Luxe and potential participants to arrange a workshop for CWSG members.



## 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!



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# Sheep to Shawl

Saturday, April 1, 2023  
Mississippi Ag Museum  
10am to 3pm



## Sheep to Shawl Report

*Submitted by Marcy Petrini*

It's going to be a smashing success! Thank you to Sarah, Janet and Alma who have done so much to make this work. And thank you to all of those at the meeting who signed up. There are still some slots left, so look at the list and let me know what you would like to do – preferably activities that we are missing.

For washing wool and dying we will need heat. I have some pots I use for dying and I have one electric burner, we may need a second. Sarah says there is electricity in the children's barn.

Jeanne Marie Peet and Nancy Hester have located our Sheep to Shawl signs, and they will be displayed at the event. If you have any easels, let us know, we may need them to identify the various activities with our signs. Sarah is looking into the availability of tables and chairs.

Please support the CWSG Sales Table by purchasing items at the event as well as donating. And, as always, extra workers at the table are welcome, even if you do not sign-up on the participation sheet.

Members wishing to donate items to the CWSG Sale can bring items to the Ag Museum by 9:45 a.m. on the day of the event. Those who cannot attend and have items for sale may contact Jeanne Marie Peet or Judy Foster to arrange a convenient drop-off location. All unsold items may be picked up at 3 p.m. by the donors. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable organization. Larger items may be priced individually by the member donating. Items will be sold in whole dollar amounts to simplify the sales transactions. Small items such as fiber and yarn will have "group pricing" in dollar amounts (\$1, \$2, \$5, etc.).

### 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 the Sheep to Shawl event on April 1<sup>st</sup> or arrange a drop-off time. See article for more details.

Watch your email for last minute information prior to April 1.

Meanwhile, there is no such thing as too much publicity! Spread the word, use the wonderful flyer Janet designed and invite all your friends and neighbors.

Baaaaaah,  
Marcy

### Sheep to Shawl Participation

We hope that everyone can participate in our Sheep to Shawl event this year. For opportunities to volunteer please see the sign-up sheet attached to the newsletter email.





# Advertisement: Looms For Sale

*Submitted by Jean Sparkes*

Margaret Harris from the Mississippi Gulf Coast is paring down her weaving studio. Here are some items she has listed for sale (so far):

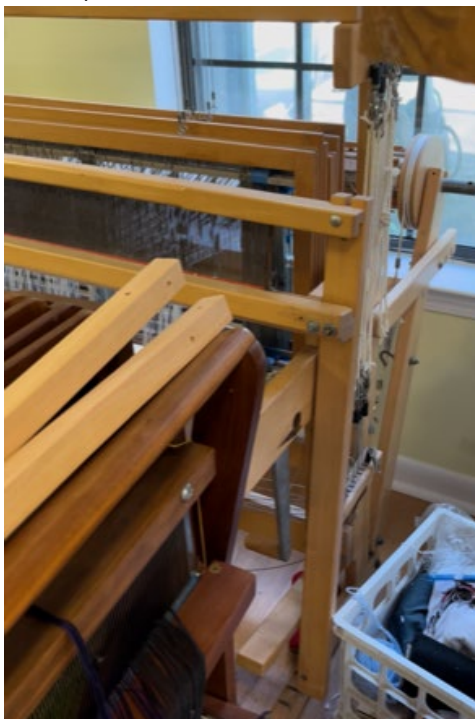
Schact 8-shaft floor loom  
28" w \$2400



LeClerc 4-shaft floor loom  
38" w \$2000



AVL 8-shaft side tie-up floor loom  
48" w \$3600



1960s 8-shaft side tie-up floor loom  
36" w \$1800



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

**March 7, 2023 | Liz Spear**  
sponsored by Western North Carolina Fibers/Handweavers Guild

**March 14, 2023 | Pat Hilts**  
sponsored by Madison Weavers Guild

**March 21, 2023 | Al Canner**  
sponsored by Tabby Tree Weaver with Guest Host Daryl Lancaster, master weaver and former Textiles & Tea featured artist

**March 28, 2023 | Sarah Lasswell**  
sponsored by Handweavers Guild of Nashville

## HGA Small Expressions 2023

Produced by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA), Small Expressions is an annual juried exhibit featuring contemporary small-scale works.

Entry deadline is March 29, 2023

For more information, visit  
<https://weavespindye.org/calls-for-entry/>



### 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.

An eight-shaft table loom, possibly a Pioneer loom



Two spinning wheels (one is painted silver)



Plus all the necessary equipment needed to furnish a full studio is for sale. She will be moving to assisted living and will bring only a small loom, a few shuttles, books and yarn so there's a lot of weaving studio items to disperse. She'd like to find a good home for the looms so she can decide what studio items to take and what to sell.

Need more information? I'll try and provide it. You can text or call me at 228-326-0962.

Jean Sparkes

## February 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet*

The February meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Nancy Hester on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. at The Southern Needle in Ridgeland, Mississippi. A quorum was determined with 15 members present. Marcy Petrini moved that the agenda be accepted, and Donna Peyton seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by voice vote. The minutes of the January 21, 2023, meeting, as printed in the CWSG February 2023 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.



A report from the Sheep to Shawl committee was presented by committee head Marcy Petrini. The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will host the event on April 1, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Flyers will be emailed to members who wish to distribute them in appropriate places. Members were encouraged to participate in Sheep to Shawl activities by signing the participation sheet circulated during the meeting. Items for the guild sales table can be brought the day of the event. Judy Foster and Jeanne Marie Peet will direct the guild table sales. All proceeds, after appropriate taxes, will go to the CWSG Guild. Items needed for the Sheep to Shawl demonstrations that are stored in the Craft Center will be removed next week by Nancy Hester and Jeanne Marie Peet.

The Nominating Committee reported that the search for candidates for President and Vice-President for the next terms of office was still in progress. More information will be announced at a later date.

Treasurer Heather Mitchell presented the financial report. Three guests were introduced and welcomed.

Members interested in a yarn-dying workshop at Jems Luxe in Vicksburg are asked to contact Debra Sue Pate.

Debbie Stringer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Following the business meeting, Donna Peyton presented a timely program on “Demonstrating Demonstrations” followed by group discussion of best practices in demonstrating weaving and spinning techniques.

