

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Message from the President

From Nancy Hester, President

Dear CWSG Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve you.

I have learned so much during my tenure. Our guild has experienced many challenges in the past several years and has continued to thrive thanks to our members. I want to express my deep appreciation to the current officers, to the incoming board, all the committee members, and all our members who continue to make our guild very special.

The 2023 final meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20th, and I want to encourage you all to attend this meeting. It will be held at the Madison County Library at 10:00 am. We will have refreshments, as well as the highly anticipated program "Weaving for Garments" presented by Nancy Landrum.

Sincerely,

Nancy



CWSG Program Schedule

Weaving for Garments: May 20th, 10:00am at the Madison City Library

presented by Nancy Landrum

Many handweavers limit their wearable items to wraps and accessories (e.g., shawls, scarves, and belts), but those limits can be extended, as shown in the photograph below.

At the May meeting, CWSG member Nancy Landrum will present a program on handweaving fabric for use in clothing. She will show some samples and some finished garments, and she will discuss her experiences with them, as well as the planning process and some lessons learned.

Members are welcome to send Nancy questions in advance so that she can do some research on the answers and then talk about the questions and answers during the meeting.



Nancy's first adventure into dressmaking with handwoven fabric

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

Small Looms for Weaving

Presented by Nancy Hester and Janet Lee

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 and invite them to one of our meetings!

Upcoming Community Events

Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival

Friday, May 5 – Sunday, May 7

This juried art festival includes fiber, clay, drawing/pastels, glass, jewelry, mixed media 2D and 3D, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and wood. The free event provides art enthusiasts and shoppers the opportunity to interact with the artists personally. Go to <https://www.artwineandwheels.com/festival-activities/> for more information

Mississippi Makers Fest at the Two Mississippi Museums

Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on this event, go to <https://msmakersfest.mdah.ms.gov/>

CHT 2023 Conference

Contemporary Handweavers of Texas will host their biennial conference, Nothing but Blue Skies from May 31-June 4. Some of our members are attending. For more information contact Nancy Hester or go to [CHT Conference 2023 – Contemporary Handweavers of Texas \(weavetexas.org\)](https://www.chtconf2023.org/)

Revolutionary Knitting

Submitted by Debbie Stringer

I'm reading *Martha Washington: An American Life*, Patricia Brady's biography of the wife of George, the American Revolutionary War general and hero, and our nation's first president.

Martha was not one to sit out the war in comfort at their Mount Vernon mansion while her husband led the poorly equipped (and often hungry) Continental Army against British forces. She spent most winters with George wherever he was camped, regardless of the living conditions.

One time, she and her friends formed a social circle. The custom was to visit, enjoy tea and work on fine needlepoint or embroidery. But Martha had a better idea: To help ease hardships facing the troops, she set aside the fancy stuff in favor of knitting socks, darning and sewing men's shirts. "The other ladies were quickly shamed into joining her," Brady writes.

New, dry woolen socks were an infantryman's "greatest joy." Marching in leaky boots wore holes in socks, leading to painful blisters that, given the mud and filth, easily led to infection, gangrene and even amputation. There were no factories to manufacture socks in the colonies, so Martha and her pals turned out endless handknitted pairs for the men. Brady doesn't say whether this effort continued throughout the war, but I suspect it did, at least on Martha's part.

Member Show and Tell

Submitted by Various Members

Gio Chinchar: Towels on my loom. Cottolin with a tabby weave.



Jane Klinck: I am playing with color and patterns trying to use up some cotton and build up my inventory for the co-op. This will be a towel.

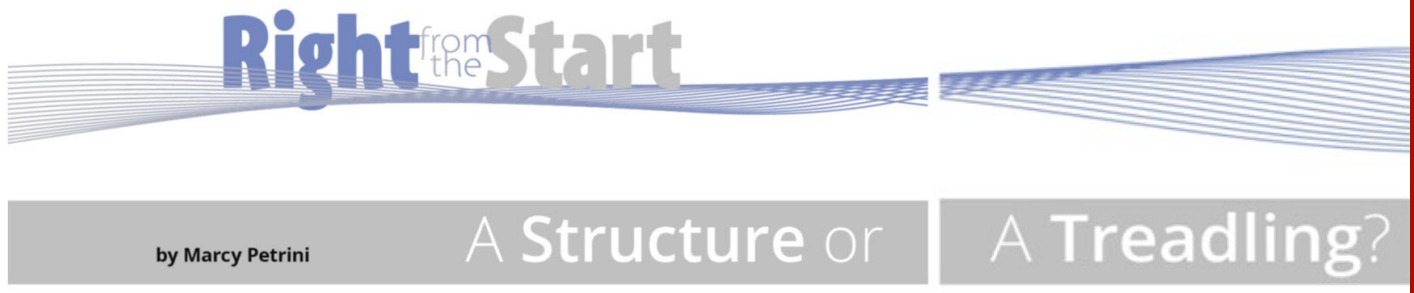


Marcy Petrini:

1. The April blog is on floating selvages: how to tell whether you need them and why you shouldn't use them if you don't. Here is the link:

<https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blogs/357-blog-112-floating-selvages>

2. My "Right from the Start" article for issue #214 of *Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot* is on weaving structures and treadling, the first part of two. This is #97 consecutive "Right from the Start" articles! Here is the cover. The magazine is being shipped. If I get to 100, we will celebrate!



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

May 2, 2023 | Connie Lippert
Sponsored by Tapestry Weavers South

May 9, 2023 | Cally Booker
Sponsored by Weaving Friends

May 16, 2023 | Lauren Stichweh
Sponsored by Crossborders in Memory of Ken Allen

May 23, 2023 | Nithikul Nimkulrat
Sponsored by Harriett E. Ringold

May 30, 2023 | Karen Hampton
Sponsored by Fancy Fibers

HGA Towel Exchange

HGA is hosting a handwoven kitchen towel exchange that will offer you the opportunity to weave and exchange towels with fellow weavers and learn more about color, pattern, and construction in the process.

Participants will be invited by email to join an optional Facebook group for the exchange.

Registration is open online and the guidelines have been published.

Your shipped towel must be received by the exchange administrator no later than June 30, 2023.

You can learn more at <https://weavespindye.org/textile-exchangesandrentals/>

Beth Palmer: I'm in New Zealand and got to visit the Ashford store in Ashburton. Fabulous!



April 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

The April meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Nancy Hester on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Madison Public Library in Madison, Mississippi. With 15 members present, the requirement for a quorum (at least nine members) was met. Jeanne Marie Peet moved that the agenda be accepted, and Janet Lee seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by voice vote. The minutes of the February 2023 meeting, as printed in the CWSG March 2023 newsletter, were presented for approval. Beverly Anglin moved to accept the minutes as printed and Alma Ellis 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 hosted the event on April 1, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The end-of-the-day visitors count to the museum grounds was 130 people, with approximately 90% of those attending the Sheep to Shawl event. Attendees enjoyed the sheep shearing as well as demonstrations in washing, dying, carding and combing, spinning, and weaving. Merchandise was available at bargain prices from the sales table, which netted over \$300. All proceeds, after appropriate taxes, will go to the CWSG. Posters for the event will be stored at the Ag Museum to be used again next year at the approval of CWSG member and Ag Museum staff member Sarah Pair.

Nancy Hester announced that merchandise with the CWSG logo can be purchased online at CafePress.com.

Nancy introduced and welcomed 3 new members: Jacqueline Dutsch, Aleatha Shannon, and Angela Harrison.

Treasurer Heather Mitchell gave the treasury report.

The slate of officers for election, as communicated in the April newsletter, was announced by Nominating Committee head Gio Chinchar. They are: Alma Ellis for President and Donna Peyton for Vice-President. There were no nominations from the floor. Marcy Petrini moved to close the nominations and Judy Foster seconded. Gio Chinchar called for the vote; Jeanne Marie Peet seconded. A unanimous vote by show of hands resulted. The results of the election are:

Alma Ellis, President, assumes office May 20, 2023

Donna Peyton, Vice-President, assumes office May 20, 2023

Jeanne Marie Peet moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Following the business meeting, a program on "Little Looms" was presented by Janet Lee, Nancy Hester, and Debbie Stringer.

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.