

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Message from the President

From Alma Ellis, President

Dear CWSG Members,

Celebrations and sharing! What a great way to start our 2023-2024 program year. Saturday, September 9, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. CWSG members will participate in the Mississippi Ag Museum's 40th birthday celebration. Through many years, the guild and the museum have worked together to promote the fiber arts in Mississippi. Members will demonstrate, and Marcy will make a presentation on natural dyes.

And, yes, learning from other members is perhaps the best perk of belonging to the guild. "How I Did That," an in-depth show-and-tell program presented by members will launch our first regular guild meeting on September 16, at 10 a.m. at the Madison Library. Bring your tips, tricks and questions.

Join us!

Alma



Blue chenille scarf recently woven by Alma Ellis

CWSG Program Schedule

How I did that: September 16th, 10:00am at the Madison City Library

presented by CWSG Members, moderated by Donna Peyton

This will be an extended show-and-tell. Bring a project to show and tell us what techniques/fibers you are trying, what colors and patterns you used, what you would like to learn to do and any online sources or books that you love. We will have a card for you to fill out the information and a show-and-tell table for you to put your projects on for looking at after presentations.

Upcoming Events

Sept 9 10am-3pm	Demo at MS Ag Museum 40th Birthday. The AG Museum will be celebrating its 40th birthday on Saturday, September 9, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. CWSG members have been asked to demonstrate spinning, weaving, knitting and crochet. Please let Alma Ellis know if you are participating.
Sept 27 – Nov 15	“Home for the Holidays with Color and Weave” weaving class will be taught by CWSG member and Craftsmen’s Guild Fellow Marcy Petrini at the Bill Waller Craft Center. See flyer attached to end of newsletter for more information.
Sept 29-30	Fiber Fun In the ‘Sip event in Vicksburg, MS. This event features a great line-up of teachers including CWSG members Marcy Petrini, Donna Peyton, and Beverly Anglin. Registration is open and classes are filling up. https://fiberfuninthesip.com/
Oct 2-8	HGA Weaving and Spinning Week. Programming scheduled all week. CWSG member Marcy Petrini will teach 2 Art Sparks: Tues October 3, 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: “Those Pesky Selvages” and Friday October 6, 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: “Weaving Structures and Emery’s Classification.” Registration is required for event and for Art Sparks sessions. https://weavespindye.org/spinning-and-weaving-week-schedule-and-registration/
Oct 7 10am-1pm	Demo at Clinton Welcome Center – our guild will be demonstrating spinning and weaving. Please let Alma Ellis know if you are participating.

CWSG Program Schedule

September 16, 2023

How I Did That

Presented by CWSG Members

Moderator Donna Peyton

October 21, 2023

Weaving & Spinning Week Activities

November 18, 2023

Mixed Warps

Presented by Beth Palmer

December 2023 – Date TBD

Christmas Party

January 20, 2024

Roc Day Activities

February 17, 2024

Wish I’d Known That

Presented by CWSG Members

Moderator Debbie Stringer

March 16, 2024

Spinning Art Yarns

Presented by Janet Lee

April 20, 2024

Sheep to Shawl (demonstration)

May 18, 2024

History of Textiles

Presented by Donna Peyton

HGA Convergence

HGA Convergence will be held in Wichita, Kansas from July 10-17, 2024. CVP registration is open and general registration for sessions open October 23, 2023. For more information, go to

<https://weavespindye.org/schedule-and-registration/>

Fiber Fun in the 'Sip Classes

Below are weaving and spinning classes being taught by CWSG members. See flyer attached to end of newsletter for full class descriptions and event website for all other classes:

<https://fiberfuninthesip.com>

Adding Texture to a Rigid Heddle Fabric

Teacher: Marcy Petrini

Friday Sept 29th from 9am-12pm



Zoom Loom Weaving

Teacher: Beverly Anglin

Friday Sept 29th from 9am-12pm



Beginning Drop Spinning

Teacher: Donna Peyton

Saturday Sept 30th from 1pm-3pm



Spinning Study Group: Using the Carding Board

Submitted by Donna Peyton

We will look at the various ways to card with colors, fibers, and ways to spin the batts. Each month participants will decide on a topic to experiment with. The following month they will bring examples of the batt and spun yarn, so we can share. If a participant doesn't have an example for a month, that's fine. It is the goal of the study group to learn about carding even if it is new to a participant.

We will meet at 4 pm on the Thursdays after our guild meetings. Place to be decided.

The first meeting will be organizational, on Thursday, September 7th at 4:30 at Taqueria de Guadalupe, 1856 Main St., Madison.

If you are interested, please let Donna know by emailing peytondonna@gmail.com

Weaving Structures Study Group

Submitted by Marcy Petrini

We will look at the various structures, their characteristics, and their best use. No new weaving will be needed. Each month participants will bring previously woven examples of the weaving structure we are studying, if available, so we can share. Examples can be any kind of project on four or more shafts. If a participant doesn't have an example of a particular structure, that's fine. It is the goal of the study group to learn about structures even if they are new to a participant. We will follow a natural progression of complexity, with a new structure every month.

We will meet at the MS Craft Center at 2 pm on the Thursdays prior to our guild meetings.

The first meeting will be organizational, on Thursday, September 14th.

If you are interested, please let Marcy know by emailing marcypetrini@gmail.com

Loose Ends Project

Submitted by Beverly Anglin

The Loose Ends Project seeks to connect volunteer handwork finishers with projects people have left unfinished due to death or disability. My current project that I received through the Loose ends project group was done by a gentleman from New Jersey. He died in 2002 and no one in his family knows how to complete the last two rows of the blanket. It was sent to me as a pin loom person and I hope to bring it to one of our fall meetings so you can see it in person. It is a beautiful piece.

More information on the Loose Ends Project can be found in the flyer at the end of the newsletter or by visiting their website at <https://www.looseendsproject.org/>.



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

September 5, 2023:

Leslie Fesperman
sponsored by Dedrea Greer

September 12, 2023:

Rowland Ricketts
sponsored by RealFibers Handwoven
and Paper Connection International

September 19, 2023:

Liz Alpert Fay
sponsored by Patricia Jordan

September 26, 2023:

Corey Alston
sponsored by National Basketry
Organization

HGA Weaving and Spinning Week

October 2-8, 2023

HGA has a full line up of Weaving and Spinning Week activities including two Art Spark Sessions by CWSG member Marcy Petrini:

Tues October 3, 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.:
"Those Pesky Selvages"

Friday October 6, 1:30 p.m. - 2:00
p.m.: "Weaving Structures and
Emery's Classification."

Register now at
<https://weavespindye.org/>

Member Submissions

Submitted by Various Members

HGA Scarf Exchange

HGA is hosting a handwoven scarf exchange where participants have the opportunity to weave and exchange summer and/or winter scarves.

Participants can start shipping scarves beginning October 1st and they must be received by the exchange administrator no later than October 31st.

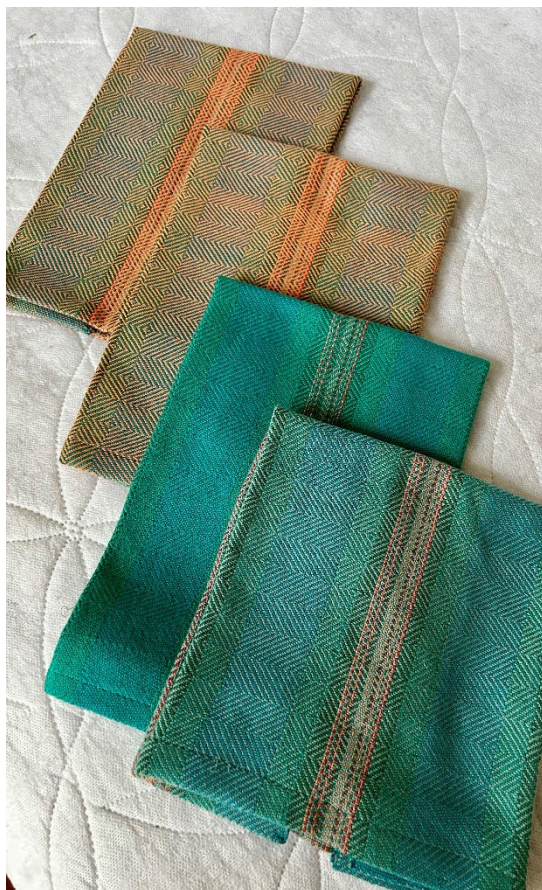
You can learn more at
<https://weavespindye.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/weavespindye/event.jsp?event=1202&>



May program on Weaving for Garments by Nancy Landrum



Nancy Hester presented with Past-President's Pin at May meeting by Alma Ellis.



Jane Klinck recently finished towels



Beverly Anglin finished a quilt for a quilt project being done by her church for chemo patients.

May 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

The May meeting of the CWSG was called to order by President Nancy Hester on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. at The Madison Public Library in Madison, Mississippi. With 18 members present, the requirement for a quorum (at least eight members) was met. Beth Palmer moved that the agenda be accepted, and Judy Foster seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by voice vote. The minutes of the April 2023 meeting, as printed in the CWSG May 2023 newsletter, were presented for approval. Sarah Pair moved to accept the minutes as printed and Debbie Stringer seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Nancy Hester gave an update on paying sales tax on items sold at Sheep to Shawl, explaining that since less than \$600 in merchandise sales was generated, the amount of tax owed would be reported annually with the tax return filing.

Several newcomers and existing members who had not recently attended in-person meetings were welcomed. One visitor, attracted by our invitation in the Madison library, was in attendance.

Treasurer Heather Mitchell gave the treasury report. Beth Palmer moved, and Marva Goodman seconded, that we give another \$100 donation to the Madison Library in thanks for allowing us to meet at their facility. The motion carried. Since the Ag Museum does not accept donations, our appreciation for hosting the Sheep to Shawl event will be expressed through demonstrating there in the future. More information on this will be forthcoming from Sara Pair.

Janet Lee requested all library materials be returned to the library.

The newly elected officers (Alma Ellis and Donna Peyton) took office at the end of the business meeting. The board for the upcoming year will be:

Alma Ellis, President

Donna Peyton, Vice-President

Jeanne Marie Peet, Secretary

Heather Mitchell, Treasurer

Janet Lee, Librarian & Historian

Nancy Hester, Past-President

Beth Palmer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Alma Ellis called to order a new meeting to present Nancy Hester with the Past President's Pin.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed Show and Tell, followed by a program "Weaving for Garments" presented by Nancy Landrum.

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: Alma Ellis

Vice President: Donna Peyton

Secretary: Jeanne Marie Peet

Treasurer: Heather Mitchell

Librarian/Historian: Janet Lee

Past President: Nancy Hester

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 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.

August 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Board of Directors were called to order by President Alma Ellis on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 2 p.m. at The Southern Needle in Ridgeland, MS. Members present were President Alma Ellis, Vice-President Donna Peyton, Secretary Jeanne Marie Peet, Treasurer Heather Mitchell, and Librarian-Historian Janet Lee.

The minutes of the last board meeting (Jan 9, 2023) were approved by voice vote.

The following meeting dates for 2023-2024 were set:

September 16, 2023

October 21, 2023

November 18, 2023

December 2023 TBA (Christmas Party)

January 20, 2024 (Or a Roc Day Program set on an alternate date)

February 17, 2024

March 16, 2024

April 20, 2024 (Or Sheep to Shawl on alternate date)

May 18, 2024

The following dates were set for demos and other events at this time:

September 9, 2023 Demo at Ag Museum in Jackson (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

October 7, 2023 Demo at Visitors Center in Clinton (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) for Spinning and Weaving Week

All monthly guild meetings are to be held at the Madison Public Library this year. Discussion is on-going for other events such as demos or workshops which might be held at the craft center.

The feasibility for hosting a Roc Day program, possibly on Jan 6 or Jan 13, was discussed.

Badges that are currently held by the Secretary will be passed out to members at the first meeting to be kept by the member and used at demo days and other events. New members will have option of purchasing a badge from Mars & Steel if they would like to have one.

Committees for the upcoming year will be Membership, By-Laws, Education, and Hospitality. Opportunity to serve on committee will be presented at September meeting.

Storage of historic documents, library materials, cabinets, and magazines continues to be discussed.

The actual budget for 2022/2023 was approved. The proposed budget for 2023/2024 was presented.

The meeting was adjourned.

Home for the Holidays with *Color and Weave* Weaving Class

Bill Waller Craft Center

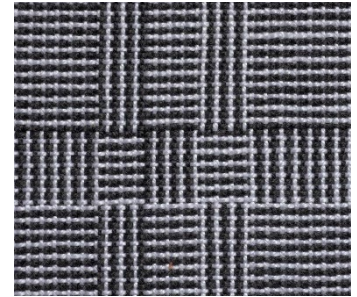
The Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Inc.

950 Rice Road, Ridgeland, MS 39157

Wednesdays 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, September 27 to November 15, 2023

Color and weave is a technique that results in visually attractive designs using the same two colors for warp and weft.

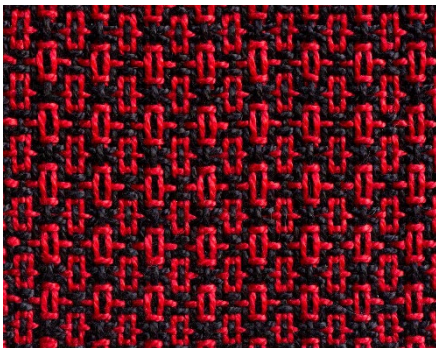
Participants will weave a table runner using two colors representing their favorite holiday. Students choose the motifs from several possibilities.



Students must know how to wind a warp and dress the loom. Directions for the various motifs and weaving directions will be provided. Weekly discussions will cover how we see color and make our weaving sparkle as well as other weaving topics found in the *Color and Weave* monograph which is also provided.

All equipment is available to students for the duration of the class during which the projects must be completed. Participants will provide their own yarns, appropriate for the table runner, which will be discussed in the 1st session.

Classes will be held in the Weaving Loft at the Bill Waller Craft Center. The class is taught by Craftsmen's Guild Fellow Marcy Petrini who has been teaching at the Craft



Center and around the country for many years.

The class costs \$280.00. The number of participants is limited, so register as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 23rd. To register, contact Sheri Cox at 601-856-7546, but email Marcy at marcypetrini@gmail.com so enough

monographs can be printed. Direct questions to Marcy at the email above.

Fiber Fun in the 'Sip Classes

Below are weaving and spinning classes being taught by CWSG members. For a full schedule of classes, go to <https://fiberfuninthesip.com/classes-2023/>

Adding Texture to a Rigid Heddle Fabric

Teacher: Marcy Petrini



Friday 9am-12pm

Skill Level: Intermediate (be able to warp)

Class Cost \$47

Materials – \$0

3 hrs – 6 students max

Plain weave, no matter how woven, can be a canvas for texture. We will explore a variety of yarns of different fibers and spun differently as well as hand manipulated techniques to place the right amount of texture just where we want it.

Students should be able to warp and weave on a rigid heddle loom. Each should bring a dressed rigid heddle loom with a warp width of 8" and a length of 1 yard (an additional 2 yards to weave a scarf may be added, if so wished).

The warp can be any fiber, of a light neutral color (off-white, beige or light grey, not pure white, too stark), of a size appropriate for the denting of the heddle used.

Each student will receive a 70-page monograph entitled "There is Nothing Plain About Plain Weave". The instructor will bring yarns of different textures, including handspun.

Zoom Loom Weaving

Teacher: Beverly Anglin



Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

Skill Level: Beginner

Class cost \$82

3hrs – 10 students max

Students will learn the basics of pin loom weaving and will use the Zoom Loom for this class.

Vocabulary notes will include how to Warp and Weft (weave)

Types of yarns to be used on a Pin Loom will be outlined.

How to read patterns and diagrams related to Pin Looms

How to use the weaving needle specific to Pin Looms

Discussion of various styles of Pin Looms available in today's market.

Web sites, reference books and guides will be outlined.

All items to use with the loom are included in the loom kit.

Students should bring 3 – 4 small balls of varied weight yarn to warp the loom to practice. Worsted, DK work well. Each ball needs to be at least 10 yds in length.

Beginning Drop Spinning

Teacher: Donna Peyton



Saturday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Skill Level: Beginner

Class Cost: \$37

Materials Cost: \$0

2 hrs- 10 Students max

Students will learn the basics of spinning on a drop spindle. They will spin a singles in class and will cover the information for plying, chain plying and sources for help and supplies. No previous knowledge of spinning is needed.

Students will need to bring with them a spindle and wool fiber.

LOOSE ENDS

finishing projects loved ones left behind

knit / crochet / quilt



When a knitter, crocheter or quilter dies mid-project, or is no longer able to do handwork due to disease or injury, they will likely leave behind unfinished items they were making for friends and family. These tangible, handmade expressions of love could get lost, donated away, or thrown out.

We connect unfinished projects to volunteer finishers who complete and return the garments, blankets, & accessories, to their intended recipients.

Need a project finished?

Visit us online to find out if your project qualifies to be completed by a Loose Ends finisher. If it does, simply fill out the online form and we will match you with a volunteer who has the skills and time to get the job done.

Have some time to give?

As a knitter, crocheter or quilter, you understand that a handmade gift is priceless. The materials and hours that go into making something for a loved one are a gesture of love. Your efforts will reconnect a bereaved individual with a garment or accessory that was begun for them by a loved one who's died mid-project.



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