

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Letter from the President



Abby Gipson and her lamb were popular with children of all ages at Sheep to Shawl 2025. Photo by Leslie Gipson.

So many people enjoy Sheep to Shawl: families, particularly the children, and always the fiber enthusiasts. Kids of all ages come for the sheep, especially the lambs. We had beautiful spring weather last month for Sheep to Shawl, and quite a crowd. Many thanks to all our members for a special day. Great job of organizing everything, Janet! We also enjoyed Abby Gipson and her sheep, too.

This month, on Saturday, April 19, we'll have our annual meeting, with nominations announced for president and vice president followed by voting. After the business meeting, we'll demo at the Craft Center for several hours and partake of a potluck lunch and a special fiber donation table. We look forward to seeing you.

Join us!

Alma

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Need a Name Tag or T-shirt?

Our guild has ordered member name tags for many years from Mars and Steel in north Jackson. The name tags are handy for demonstrations as well as regular meetings. Mars and Steel has the CWSG logo on file for the magnetic strip name tags which currently cost \$14.50. If you have never had a name tag or need a new one, you can contact Mars and Steel by phone, 601-982-2828, or by email at orders@marsandsteel.com. If you have questions, contact Alma.

Need a guild T-shirt or tote bag. Don't forget that CafePress is just a click away. The CWSG order link is www.cafepress.com/chimneyvilleweaversandspinnerguild

Program Schedule Demo Day

Bring a project that you would like to work on and something for a potluck lunch. Relax and enjoy hanging out together while we demo after our meeting till 2.

Sheep to Shawl

Sheep to Shawl returned to the Waller Craft Center this year on a warm and sunny March day. Although official attendance numbers were not recorded, it's estimated that we had 150-200 attendees. I can say with confidence that we packed the building for several hours and I personally talked to attendees from West Point, Meridian, and Maine. The ability to draw so many excited attendees from across our state and beyond is a great testament to both the depth of knowledge within our guild and the curiosity of the public about this beloved craft and art form.

We had 21 demonstrators at 7 different stations plus a destash table. Many thanks to our shepherdess Abby Gibson and to Alma Ellis for finding her! We also had a natural dyeing station (Aleatha Shannon), carding station (Sarah Pair and Donna Peyton), spinning station (Sarah Pair, Donna Peyton, Mary Valencic, Brenda Harrower and Patricia Holmberg), weaving station (Alma Ellis, Junia Dillard, Debbie Stringer, Lynn Watkins, Laura Barnhart, Nancy Landrum, and Beverly Anglin), rigid heddle station (Janet Lee, Nancy Hester, and Mary Craft), Styrofoam loom station (Marva Goodman, Liz Barnhart, and Laura Barnhart), destash table (Judy Foster, Jeanne Marie Peet, and Jacqueline Dutsch), and supporters (Sharon Williams Winki Allen, and Marcy Petrini). Thanks to everyone for pitching in and making this event a success!

2025 CWSG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 18, 2025
Sarah Pair
Finger Loop
Weaving

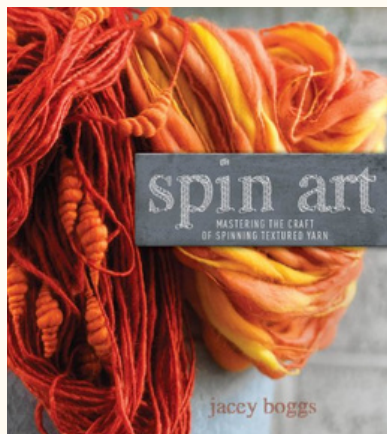
February 15,
2025 Try It!

March 22, 2025
Sheep to Shawl

April 19, 2025

Demo Day

May 17, 2025
Sarah Pair
Fiber Tools from
Clay



Book Highlight

Spin Art:
Mastering the Craft of
Spinning Textured Yarn
By Jacey Boggs

The yarn styles explored in this comprehensive spinning guide are as well made as they are inventive. Jacey walks you through each of her techniques, with a refreshing mixture of quirky, fanciful, and unexpected designs that are always skillfully constructed-- Source other than Library of Congress.

This book and many others are available for checkout from the Guild Library. Check out our library at www.librarything.com/profile/CWSGLibrary and contact Janet Lee to borrow from the library.

WWW.LIBRARYTHING.COM/PROFILE/CWSGLIBRARY

April Meeting Refreshments

Demo Day Potluck lunch

Important Reminders

- **It's the time of the year for officer elections. Please read over the attached Nomination Form for president, vice president and librarian.**
- Remember to complete and return the Workshop Interest Form by our guild meeting on April 19. Completed forms can be emailed to Janet Lee or turned in at the meeting.

Member Submissions



Clinton Art in the Park - Donna, Alma, and Alma's sister, Karen.



Dr. Craig explaining spinning at the Ag Museum.

Winki Allen attended a wonderful art show for her friend, Jimmy Smith, at Meridian Community College and met a student who loves to crochet and was interested in fiber work. She made plans to meet the student and gift her a portable Cricket Loom and yarns to get her started.



A young visitor learns to weave at CWSG's 2025 Sheep to Shawl. We had a steady stream of kids and a few adults trying weaving for the first time. All were enthusiastic newbies!



CWSG member Beverly Anglin shares Zoom Loom tips with Pathway Weavers Zac, Justin, and Jasmyn from the Institute for Disability Studies at Southern Miss. The young adult group attended S2S 2025.



ABOUT THE 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.

CWSG receives commissions, at no additional cost to you, from Halcyon Yarns and The Woolery. To explore what they have to offer and support the Guild, please visit Halcyon Yarns and The Woolery through the links on our website.
www.cvillewsg.com/index.

Officers

Each officer serves a two-year term on the CWSG board.

President: Alma Ellis
Vice President: Donna Peyton
Secretary: Sarah Pair
Treasurer: Gio Chinchar,
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 Bill Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland, 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. You can purchase CWSG t-shirts and other merchandise at cafepress.com/ChimneyvilleWeaversandSpinnersGuild.

Newsletter

Please email newsletter content submissions to Sarah Pair at cvillewsg@gmail.com by the first day of the month of publication. If you are sending a photo, please include caption information.

HGA

Textiles and Tea

Textiles & Tea
takes place
online every
Tuesday, 4-5
PM via Zoom
and Facebook
Live

April 22, 2025

Jennifer Williams
Band Weaver

April 29, 2025

Klaus Anselm
Tapestry Weaver

May 6, 2025

Joanne Soroka
Weaver and Author

May 13, 2025

Lynne Dees

May 20, 2025

Kevin Aspaas
Navajo Weaver

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild Board Meeting

Minutes

Date and Time	Sunday, February 2, 2025
Location	Starbucks 701 Baptist Drive, Madison, MS
Minutes Taken by	Sarah Pair, Secretary
Call to Order	Reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order by President Alma Ellis at 2:14 p.m.• Able to reach a quorem• Nancy Hester moved to approve Jan. 2025 board minutes with corrections• Donna Peyton seconded• Motion passed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Donated \$200 to HGA Fiber Trust. This was the only spending in December 2024.• Librarian's Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Books have been placed in our cabinets. Locks are open on one cabinet. Books, mostly knitting, probably donated to the Center. Alma will ask if we can remove.
Open/Old Business	New Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HGA Guild Development Retreat Same day as Oxford FiberFest. Four can sign up for free• Sheep to Shawl Nancy Hester willing to co-chair. In March at the Craft Center• Programs February program will be a "try it" day. May will be fiber tools from polymer clay. Other programs have been scheduled.• Workshops Looking for next year, not this year, possibly one in fall and one in spring. Researching locations and prices. Craft Center usually asks 20 percent if held there. Guild must have commitment and money before class. Consider Zoom class for Guild members. Guild members can teach beginners/interest one-day workshop for public at Craft Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convergence will probably be in New Orleans. It has not been officially announced. Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) would like our help. HGA will also need equipment for rentals. Rental fee will go back to the individual who loans equipment.• Nominating Committee President and Vice President are up for election. Marcy Petrini has volunteered to chair. Nancy Hester is willing to be on the committee. Heather Mitchell or Jacqueline Dutsch might be asked to be on the committee.• HGA goody bag Will be drawn for at the February meeting.• Art in the Park, Clinton Saturday, March 29. Add to the demo list.
Announcements	Adjournment
	Donna Peyton motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.