

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

Letter from the President

Recently, we celebrated the global movement of Giving Tuesday – an annual day of generosity that encourages people to give back to their communities.

It reminded me of our guild's mission to provide educational support and to raise public awareness of weaving and spinning. Giving back to the community is a fundamental part of who we are as a guild. And we are currently celebrating 45 years of making a difference. What an accomplishment!

I wanted to take a minute and thank you for your ongoing generosity in giving your time and knowledge to keep the weaving and spinning community alive. I have benefitted greatly from this giving spirit and am encouraged to do my part as well to carry on this tradition.

Janet

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Announcements

Don't Forget to Register for Roc Day by December 29th! Roc Day will be in Plaquemine, LA on January 17, 2026. To register, go <https://www.gulfcoastrocday.com/> to download the registration form and mail the completed form along with your check to the address listed on the form

Our guild will have a destash table at Roc Day. If you aren't attending but have some donations you want to contribute, contact Janet Lee or another member that is going and arrange a drop-off time with them.

Program Schedule

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

A good time was had by all at our Christmas Party! Bubbly, an incredible food spread, a spirited game of bingo, member show-and-tell, and Secret Santa gift exchange! Cheryl Deas graciously treated us all to gifts of handmade potholders and key chains.



A fiber gift exchange is fun for everyone



Cheryl Deas' wonderful potholders

2025 CWSG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 20, 2025
Anniversary Year
Kickoff

October 18, 2025
Fiber Identification

November 22, 2025
There's an App for That

December 13, 2025
Christmas Party

January 24, 2026
Finishing the Ends

February 28, 2026
Sapphire Challenge
Show and Tell

March 21, 2026
TBD: (Sheep to Shawl or
Cloth Robe Video)

April 18, 2026
TBD: (Sheep to Shawl or
Cloth Robe Video)

May 16, 2026
Rigid Heddle Study
Group Show and tell

Convergence

The Handweaver's Guild of America (HGA) will host its bi-annual conference next August 12-16, 2026 in New Orleans, LA. This is a great opportunity to attend this event since it is so close to home - even if its just going on Saturday to check the marketplace out or to take a one-day class. The schedule and registration information can be found online at <https://weavespindye.org/convergence/>. If you have any questions about the event (or want to share a room to cut down on costs) just ask around - many members have attended and will be able to tell you more about it!

Co-op Corner

- You can drop off your items for the Oxford Fiber Festival with Marcy at the Craft Center weaving studio on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 8.
- You may also arrange an alternative drop off time with Alma or Janet if needed.



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: Janet Lee
Vice President: Donna Peyton
Secretary: Sarah Pair
Treasurer: Gio Chinchar
Librarian/Historian: Jacqueline Dutsch
Past President: Alma Ellis

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

December 23, 2025
Tina Linville

December 30, 2025
Anthony DiRenzo