

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

## Letter from the President

While I love being a homebody, I also enjoy the energy and inspiration of group activities.

Our upcoming schedule for January and February is packed with opportunities to connect and learn with others – whether at Roc Day, the Oxford Fiber Festival, or the Vicksburg Fiber Fun ‘N The Sip Festival, as well as our regular guild meetings and programs.

This year, we also have the special opportunity of our Sapphire Challenge. I invite everyone to embrace this “busyness” with us, because behind the busyness is growth and camaraderie.

Janet

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## Upcoming Events

- Vicksburg Fiber Festival is February 19–21st they have open class registration for anyone interested in attending: <https://fiberfuninthesip.com>
- February CWSG meeting is February 28th at 10:00am at the Craft Center. Sapphire Challenge pieces are due at this meeting. For our program, we will be doing a show and tell of our work. these pieces will be hung in the Craft Center through Sheep to Shawl.

## Program Schedule

### Finishing the Ends

Our January meeting will be held Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Craft Center.

Our program will be given by Sarah Pair and is titled "Finishing the Ends."

Sarah will show us different finishing edges including fringe. If you have any special techniques to share, we would love to hear from you during this program as well.

#### 2025-2026 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  
Sheep to Shawl

April 18, 2026  
ClothRobe Video

May 16, 2026  
Rigid Heddle Study Group Show and tell



#### Library Corner:

Certainly the hours of thought and effort involved in every little miracle of handwoven fibers warrant just a bit more time spent to complete an article with just the right finishing touch. *FINISHING TOUCHES* for handweavers, is a classic work, designed to be used for reference or as a self-teaching guide. Now completely redesigned and updated, it belongs on every weaver's shelf.

#### Meeting Refreshments

Judy Foster  
Gio Chincar

#### Co-op Corner

Marcy will be taking items to Oxford this Thursday the 22nd. You can drop off at the craft center with Marcy this Wednesday the 21st from 1:30pm-3:30pm in the weaving classroom upstairs. If you need other arrangements, contact Marcy directly.



## 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.

### 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](http://cafepress.com/ChimneyvilleWeaversandSpinnersGuild).

### Newsletter

Please email newsletter content submissions to Sarah Pair at [cvillewsg@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Member Submissions

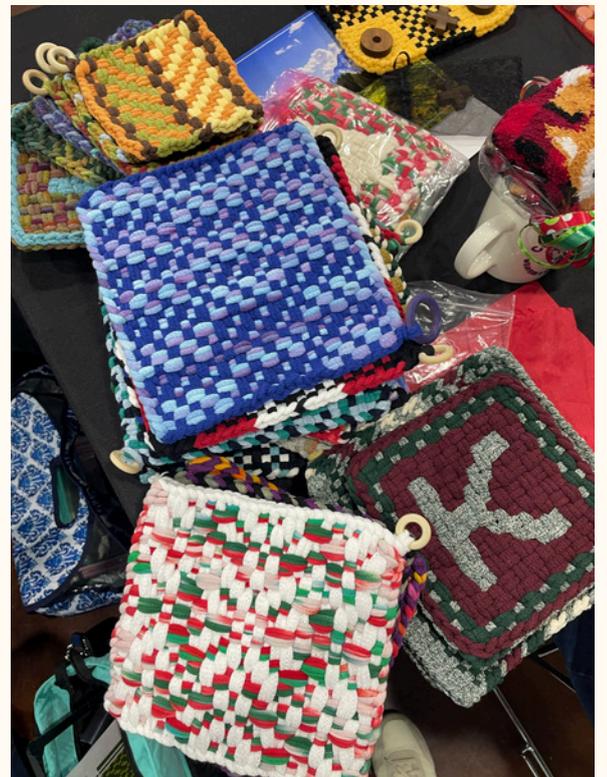
From Debbie: The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art will host "Art Evolved: Intertwined" Jan. 27 – April 26 in Laurel, MS. The exhibit, created by Studio Art Quilt Associates and the National Basketry Association, will feature works by contemporary fiber artists in traditional materials, including fabric, thread, reed, wood and paper. Nolan Wright, who uses basketry techniques to make sculptural forms, will deliver the exhibition lecture Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m., with reception to follow.



From Marcy: Some may have been surprised last month by my reaction about combining silk with wool. It's not the combination that I wouldn't want to use, it's combining fibers that I have never used before: how am I going to know how they will behave? Here is my blog for this month with some of the history of it and more explanation about the silks that we were looking at:

[https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blog-posts/425\\_blog-144-learn-your-fiber](https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blog-posts/425_blog-144-learn-your-fiber)

Photos submitted by members this month include pictures from the Christmas party to the right and a sneak peek of Jeanne Marie's Sapphire Challenge below.



# CWSG November 2025 Meeting Minutes

President Janet Lee called the Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on Saturday, November, 21, 2025 at the Bill Waller Craft Center.

Met quorum requirements with 11 people in attendance (9 needed)

October 2025 minutes approved as presented with no corrections

## Reports

Treasurer's Report: Gio Chinchar

- Guild made a \$100 donation to the HGA Fiber Trust.
- Guild received \$100 donation

## Unfinished Business

Updated documents and the latest membership directory have been emailed. Check your spam folder if you did not receive it.

Roc Day: Jan.17, 2026

Registration and information is at [gulfcoastrocday.com](http://gulfcoastrocday.com). Event will be held in Plaquemine, LA. Registration closes at the end of Dec. Must register to attend. Guild de-stash table at Roc Day.

## New Business

Demo Opportunities

Spring demo opportunities include Spring Farm Days at MS Ag Museum. Volunteers and demonstrators are needed.

Clinton Visitor Center has a new director. Have reached out, waiting for adjustment to new position.

## Announcements

Christmas Party

Today is last day to sign up for Secret Santa if interested. Jeanne Marie will send out emails with assigned person. Potluck food. Will be held December 13 at 10 a.m..

Convergence

Registration is open. To be held in NOLA, August 12-16, 2026. Can register for day passes or the entire conference.

Kim Whitt has passed away.

She was a weaver and an early guild member.

New Members

Cheryl Deas

Joined in September and found Guild through last spring's Sheep to Shawl. Weaver

Annie Parr

#### Gallery Exhibit

Sharon Williams did a fantastic job. A mix of display and sale pieces, the exhibit will be kept up until mid Dec. for Christmas sales.

#### Sapphire Challenge

Weave or spin a project featuring the color sapphire. accents are encouraged to feature other colors of the gem sapphire. Spinners can spin sapphire yarn and make a project with it, leaving a sample of the yarn. Project is due at the Feb. meeting and will be exhibited at the craftsmen's guild until the spring Sheep to Shawl.

Vicksburg Fiber Fest is on same day as

Feb.meeting. Discussion to move the Feb. meeting back a week because the Jan. meeting was moved due to Roc Day.

Donna Peyton made a motion to move the meeting from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28 because of the conflict with the Vicksburg Fiber Fest date.

Sarah Pair seconded.

Motion passed. The meeting will be held on Feb. 28.

Chimneyville Art Festival

- Best attended yet

Debbie Stringer motioned to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50