

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild



President's Message

From Janet Lee

Dear CWSG Members,

I'm so excited about this month's program - we get to see projects that reflect upon our guild's 45 years of history and success. I've heard bits and pieces from members on what they are doing, and it is shaping up to be a wide-ranging, fascinating display that will be enjoyed by both us and the community!

We also are in the planning stages of Sheep to Shawl. Jeanne Marie has graciously agreed to be our Committee Chair, so please help her out by volunteering early and often! With our Sapphire Projects on display, we have even more to celebrate and show this year.

Finally, be sure to check out the upcoming events calendar. There are some really great opportunities to learn and shop!

Hope to see everyone at our meeting on February 28,

Janet

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CWSG Program Schedule

Sapphire Challenge Preview, February 28

CWSG members who participated in the Sapphire Challenge will show and tell their projects. Afterwards, the pieces will be left to be hung in the gallery. They will need to be picked up at Sheep to Shawl.

Please note: if you are bringing a piece to show, please complete and print the label provided in the newsletter email attachment. Extra labels will be available at the meeting, but will need to be handwritten prior to leaving.

CWSG Co-op Announcements

Submitted by Donna Peyton

If you are a member of the CWSG Co-op and attending the Vicksburg fiber festival, please contact Donna Peyton to let her know when you can help with the booth.

The Co-op will have a booth at Sheep to Shawl. We plan to have items remaining from the Oxford and Vicksburg festivals at this sale. If you have additional items, you can bring them to Sheep to Shawl.

Upcoming Events

January 27 – April 26, 2026	The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art will host “Art Evolved: Intertwined” in Laurel, MS. The exhibit, created by Studio Art Quilt Associates and the National Basketry Association, will feature works by fiber artists in traditional materials, including fabric, thread, reed, wood and paper.
February 13, 2026	On Friday, February 13, the Yarn Adventure Truck will be parked and open for business from 9-4 pm at Beverly’s shop, The Southern Needle. Here is a list of the dyers they routinely carry: Dyer Partners, The Foldout Cat, Oink Pigments, Muse2320, Bewitched Pigments, ModeKnit Yarn, Road Trip Sock Yarn, 7th Floor Yarn, Sun Valley Fibers, Cesium Yarn, Solstice Fiber Studio, Frog It Yarns, Camp Stitchwood, Purling Squirrel, Snug and Spun, Painted Egg Fibres, and Leading Men Fiber Arts
February 19-21, 2026	Fiber Fun in the ‘Sip in Vicksburg, MS. There are weaving, spinning, knitting, and other fiber classes as well as a vendor marketplace. For more information, go to https://fiberfuninthesip.com/



CWSG Program Schedule

September 20, 2025

Anniversary Year Kickoff

Presented by CWSG Members

Moderator Donna Peyton

October 18, 2025

Fiber Identification

Presented by Jacqueline Dutsch

November 22, 2025

There’s an App for That

Presented by CWSG Members

Moderator Donna Peyton

December 13, 2025

Christmas Party

January 24, 2026

Zoom Show & Tell

Presented by CWSG Members

February 28, 2026

Sapphire Challenge Preview

Presented by CWSG Members

Moderator Donna Peyton

March 28, 2026

Sheep to Shawl (demonstration)

April 18, 2026

Cloth Road Video

May 16, 2026

Rigid Heddle CrazyShot! Technique

Presented by CWSG members in the Rigid Heddle Study Group

March 12, 2026	The Acadian Brown Cotton and Acadia Fibershed is hosting a spring event on Saturday March 12, 10 am-5 pm. There will be a morning seminar on regenerative agriculture for both cotton and livestock and an afternoon panel discussing Acadian Brown Cotton growing tips and best practices shared by a panel of their growers. There will also be spinning and weaving demonstrations, shopping opportunities, and an onsite café. While we live outside the fibershed area and cannot get seeds, there is a lot to learn about brown cotton and an opportunity to support a worthy cause. https://www.facebook.com/acadianbrowncottonfromfieldtofashion/
March 28, 2026	Our annual CWSG Sheep to Shawl Event will be held at the Craft Center on March 28. Jeanne Marie will chair the event. More discussion regarding the event will be held at our upcoming guild meeting, so come prepared to volunteer!

Sheep to Shawl

Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet

Sheep to Shawl will be held at the Bill Waller Craft Center on Saturday, March 28 from 10 am to 3 pm with the sheep shearing at 11:30 am.

We need all members to help us get out the word. Event flyers will be provided via email and handed out at the February meeting.

Other things to note:

- ❖ A signup sheet for the demo stations will be at the February meeting.
- ❖ Our guild will have a destash table.
- ❖ Lunch will be potluck; no signup sheets, just bring what you wish.
- ❖ Our exhibit “Sapphire Anniversary: 45 Years of Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild” will be available for viewing in the George Berry Gallery.

I’m looking forward to coordinating this great event! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.



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

February 3, 2026:

Frances Crowe

A tapestry weaver who founded the International Tapestry and Fibre Arts Festival, bringing together Irish and international artists to exhibit and discuss their work

sponsored by [Carolina FiberFest](#)

February 10, 2026:

Teresa Georgallis

A woven textile designer, maker, researcher, and educator

sponsored by [Halcyon Yarn](#)

February 17, 2026:

Kwasi Asare

A Master Weaver of Kente cloth, a cultural tradition of Ghana

sponsored by [Follow the Threads](#)

February 24, 2026:

Margaret Jones

A tapestry weaver who has an enduring love for the ordered flat surface of a traditional weft-faced tapestry. Her art influences are numerous; the most prominent are the female surrealists, particularly Remedios Varo.

sponsored by [Carolina FiberFest](#)

Roc Day 2026 Recap

Submitted by Janet Lee

Pictures generously provided by Terry Dwyer

We had eight members attend Roc Day in Plaquemine, LA – Marcy Petrini, Donna Peyton, Marva Goodman, Jeanne Marie Peet, Jane Klinck, Sharon Humble, Beverly Anglin, and Janet Lee. It was a fun day and, as always, the River Road Fiber Guild went above and beyond as our host guild. There were several activities and demonstrations – there was a station set up to try the rigid heddle, Donna and Marva demonstrated the spinning of cotton, and Marcy gave a history of Roc Day. There were several vendors selling fiber supplies and tools, as well as our guild’s destash table. We are already looking forward to next year!

Be sure to check out Marcy Petrini’s January blog post about Roc Day. As always, she provides great detail and history!

<https://www.marcypetrini.com/index.php/marcy-s-blog-posts>

Enjoy the photos below and on the next page, taken by Terry Dwyer. Below, Marcy is giving her talk and Marva and Donna are demonstrating.



Ravellenic Winter Games

We have a team for the Ravellenic Games on Ravelry. There is a thread in our group and you need to join the Ravellenic Winter Games 2026 on Ravelry. Anyone that wants to participate can come join us!

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/chimneyville-weavers-and-spinners-guild>

The Yarn Adventure Truck



is coming to the
SOUTHERN NEEDLE



Mark your calendar!

Friday, February, 13

9am - 4pm

yarnadventuretruck.com

Roc Day 2026 Pictures (continued): Brian Hill's vendor table, our guild's destash table, and photos of the room with tables down the middle where participants sat.



CWSG Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2026

Submitted by Sarah Pair, Secretary

Call to Order

- President Janet Lee called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Requirements were met for a quorum (9 people). Because of incoming inclement weather, the meeting was held via Zoom.
- Minutes from the November 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.
- There is a correction to programs listed in the newsletter. The upcoming April program titled "Cloth Robe," should read "Cloth Road."

Treasurer's Report

- Janet presented Treasurer Gio Chinchar's report. The only change to the numbers from the November Report is the interest deposits.
- A deposit from the Roc Day destash table sales will be reflected in next month's report.
- Total income to date is \$2,483.42. Yearly expenses are \$1,246, mostly for the workshop.

Unfinished Business

- Janet Lee and Marcy Petrini discussed Roc Day. Eight members attended last weekend, with about 40-50 people total. CWSG made \$150 from the destash table. The North Shore section of the NOLA guild ("Creative Chaos") will be hosting next year in the Hammond area. Marsh Mellow Meadows might host in 2028. CWSG will be hosting in 2029 unless another group is added to the rotation.

New Business

- Sheep to Shawl will be held on March 28, 2026. The date was adjusted because of a large event already scheduled at the Craft Center the weekend of the March 21. Jeanne Marie Peet has agreed to chair the event, and Alma Ellis has secured the shepherdess. Jeanne Marie and Janet will send an email about S2S before the next meeting.
- The Sapphire Gallery Display will be held in the small gallery room for the month between the February meeting and Sheep to Shawl. A sign is needed for the gallery display. All exhibit items should be left after the program. Donna Peyton will confirm setup details after discussion with Sharon Williams.

Announcements

- Janet mentioned that Debbie Stringer had shared information about a fiber exhibit in Laurel in the newsletter.

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: 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 am. at the Bill Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland, MS 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 Sarah Pair (cvillewsg@gmail.com) by the first day of the month of publication. If you are sending a photo, please include caption information.

- Marcy provided an update on the Oxford Fiber Fest. Setup was completed by 1 pm on Thursday, January 22, but due to the ice storm, the weekend was revised, with events scheduled for Friday only.

Adjournment

- Donna and Jeanne Marie motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.
- Show and Tell followed the meeting.