

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Letter from the President

Dear All,

Welcome back to a brand-new year of creativity and connection!

I am so excited about what we have planned this year. Great programs, classes and demonstrations are already scheduled, as well as a few surprises! Many of these activities require signing up in the next few weeks, so be sure to read through the newsletter or attend the September meeting for more information.

Whether you are warping a loom, spinning a fleece, or catching up with old friends, we are thrilled to have you here.

Janet

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Notices

Demo Opportunities

We will be back at CelticFest demonstrating weaving and spinning this year! It is Saturday and Sunday October 10-11. If you would like to demo, please contact Donna Peyton (peytondonna@gmail.com) so she can get the schedule confirmed and send the event organizers a list of names for the VIP passes. To learn more about the event, go to <https://celticfestms.org/wp/>

Guild dues of \$25 are due by the end of the meeting on September 19. Checks should be made payable to CWSG. If mailing a check, please send to:

Gio Chinchar, Treasurer,
2024 London Ave
Jackson, MS 39211

Please remember that dues are delinquent at the close of our first meeting in September.

Program Presentations

Below is the featured submission from our
September Program Presenter!



Hi! My name is Keena Graham. I'm a finger weaver. I weave in what I know now is a West African style of weaving, which is weaving several "straps" and then binding them together to create a bigger textile. It's as if I'm weaving many friendship bracelets and then manipulating them into shapes as evident in the tapestry I wove pictured.

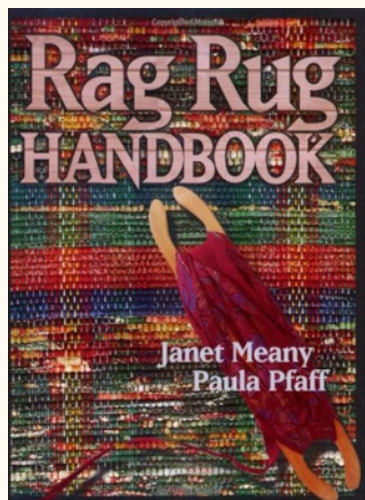
2026 CWSG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 19, 2026
Finger Weaving with
Keena Graham

October 17, 2026
Lyon Trip
Beth Palmer

November 21, 2026
Potholder Weaving
Cheryl Deas

December 12, 2026
Christmas Party



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 Jacqueline Dutsch to borrow from the library.

WWW.LIBRARYTHING.COM/PROFILE/CWSGLIBRARY

Book Highlight

The Rag Rug Handbook
by Janet Meany

This classic book has everything a weaver needs to know about weaving rag rugs, from basic information to drafts for 20 traditional two- and four-shaft patterns. Topics include materials, rag preparation, weaving and finishing hints, design, and information on antique looms, suppliers and a glossary.

Refreshments
September Meeting
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Janet Lee

Co-op Corner

A brief Co-op meeting will be held after the September Guild meeting.

The first show of the year will be the Chimneyville Arts Festival, which will be held from Thursday, November 12th to Saturday, November 14th at the Bill Waller Crafts Center.

Member Submissions



Ice dyeing and weaving fun at the Summer Retreat at Cypress Point Resort, Brandon



Congratulations to Janet Lee on becoming a new member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi!



Donna Peyton's gorgeous socks, made from her handspun yarn, are featured in the Fall 2026 issue of SpinOff!
Congratulations Donna!



The Southern Needle Yarn shop has been closed for 6 weeks due to building remodel by the owner/landlord. We have a new look and will be fully open and operational the first week of September.

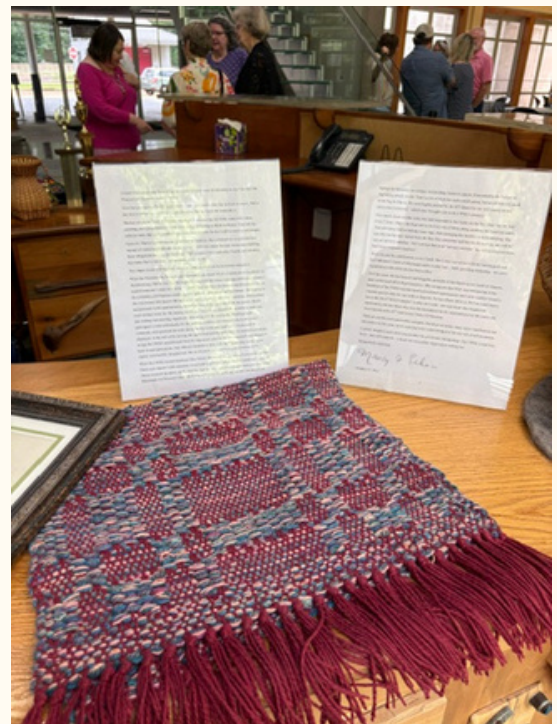
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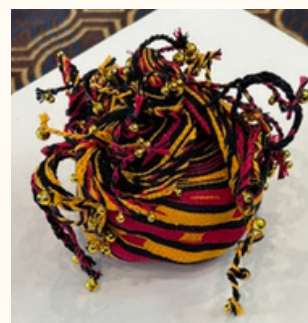
Co-op demo day at the
Craft Center for
Chimneyville's Christmas in
July.



Celebration of Marva
Goodman's 90th Birthday at
the Craft Center



HGA Convergence in New Orleans



Marcy Petrini will be teaching a MAFA (Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association) Zoom class September 15 & 22, 6 - 8 CST on "From Four to Eight to More" MAFA uses Lessonface for their zoom classes interface. Here is the link:

<https://www.lessonface.com/apply/Four-Eight-and-Mor>

<https://www.marcypetrini.com/>

July blog: https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blog-posts/437_blog-151-teaching.

August blog: https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blog-posts/438_blog-152-intuition

IN NEED OLD HANDWOVEN ITEMS...Please contact Sarah Pair if you have any old, handwoven dishtowels or projects that are about to be tossed or turned into rags, or ones that you just want to get rid of.

She is trying to enhance both the 1930s living room and the sharecropper exhibit at Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum and would like to use towels or samples or failed projects to add to the story. These would fall under their education collection and can be used in the exhibits as set dressing and during education programs instead of our permanent collection.



Explore Color & Texture Techniques with These Art Sparks Classes!

This Spinning & Weaving Week, explore color, texture, and surface design with these [Art Sparks](#) classes! Whether you want to print on fabric, cook up vibrant hues in Ziploc bags, or craft your own handmade paper from garden plants, these quick, hyper-focused sessions give you practical techniques you can use right away.

From October 5–11, join the [Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.](#) (HGA) and fiber artists from around the world as we celebrate weaving, spinning, and dyeing with more than 40 hours of online programming, including inspiring [Thread Talks](#), [Marketplace LIVE](#), [Studio Tours](#), [panel discussions](#), and [hands-on Art Sparks classes](#)! Plus, every session is recorded and available to watch for 90 days after the event.

Mon Oct 5 • Silk Screen Basics (MO4) • David Heustess

Add a versatile new tool to your fiber-art toolkit by learning how to use a blank silk screen to create designs on woven fabrics or paper—without photo emulsion.

Fri Oct 9 • Plant A Dye Garden (FO4) • Wendy Arnott

Grow your own natural dye materials by learning how to plan a compact dye garden, choose seeds and equipment, start seedlings, and make the most of your harvest.

Wed Oct 7 • An Introduction to Dyeing Yarn with Procion Dyes (WO1) • Carolyn Heacock

Learn two versatile techniques—vat dyeing and painted warps—and how to choose the right method to achieve different effects in your weaving.

Sat Oct 10 • From Plant to Paper (SO1) • Suzi Ballenger

Learn how to turn plant and recycled fibers into handmade paper using simple kitchen-friendly techniques you can continue at home.

The Ziploc Dye Kitchen (RO4)
Thu Oct 8 • David Heustess

David shares one of his dye kitchen secrets on how to get multiple colors on one piece of fabric or a skein of yarn with a Ziploc bag and Bengala Mud Dyes.

Sat Oct 10 • Secrets of Shibori: Sacred Circles (SO4) • David Heustess

Explore shibori stitches and knots to create captivating circular designs inspired by sacred geometry and nature, with indigo, mud dyes, and other natural dyes.

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.cvillesg.com.

Officers

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

President: Janet Lee

Vice President: Donna Peyton

Secretary: Cheryl Deas

Treasurer: Gio Chinchar

Librarian/Historian: Jacqueline Deutsch

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 CCM'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 Cheryl Deas 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, 4:00 -
5:00 PM (ET) via
Zoom and
Facebook Live

September 15, 2026
Carol Eckert

September 22, 2026
Richard Vijgen

September 29, 2026
Allyce Wood

October 6, 2026
TBA

October 13, 2026
Neil Goss

CWSG Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2026, 10a.m. at the Bill Waller Craft Center

Minutes submitted by Sarah Pair, Secretary

President Janet Lee called the meeting to order at 10:13am. There are more than 10 members present, so a quorum could be reached.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved as distributed in the May newsletter.

Reports

- Gio is unable to attend the meeting today, so she sent the report to Janet, who shared it during the meeting. There are no outstanding credits or debits as of the end of May. \$400 was donated to Craft Center.

Unfinished Business

- Summer Retreat is scheduled for June 19-21 at the Cypress Point Resort in Brandon. Janet has rented the White House and cabin are available if you prefer. Unless you are staying in the White House with Janet, pay the resort directly for the cabin rental. Beth will teach plant fiber dyeing class on Saturday morning.

New Business

- National Folk Arts Festival has reached out to the guild to demo. They are willing to pay for the hotel if you live out of town. They also have mini-grant opportunities for food or equipment. They need to know as soon as possible if you need out-of-town funds or are applying for the mini grant. The festival is in Jackson for three years in total and this is the second year. The theme is the History of Mississippi. The festival will be held on Friday-Sunday, November 13-15, 2026. The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument is the Kickoff venue. Setup will be on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with the event starting at 10 am on Saturday. It is the same weekend as Chimneyville.

- Chimneyville Arts Festival is Thursday-Saturday, November 12-14, 2026.

We will need to coordinate with the Co-op to schedule between the two events to make sure both are covered.

- Tour de Fleece is coming up to coincide with the Tour de France.

Donna is setting up team on Ravelry this week.

Announcements

- Christmas in July Demo on July 18

- Convergence is in NOLA on August 11-16. Let Janet know if you are going so we can coordinate carpools, hotels, train rides, etc. It is being held at the Sheraton. You do not have to stay the entire week; you can buy day passes and just shop. This can be as simple or complex as you want it to be. HGA is asking for volunteers and if you volunteer for 2 hours, you will receive a free day pass.

- Marcy went to Makers Fest. It seemed to be mostly food and music, but it was worth going to just for the "MS Made" exhibit inside the two museums. She highly recommends the exhibit. The two Museums are free on Sunday.

Show and Tell

- Special Guest speaker was Analise Hansen-Davis. She is a weaver, spinner, and natural dyer. She is moving to Berea, KY for a residency with Aremont. It's an area rich in textile industry history. She considers herself a digital weaver by thinking about how craft and technology intersect

Adjournment

Debbie motions to adjourn. The meeting adjourns at 11:02am.

