

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Message from the President

From Alma Ellis, President

Last week, the novel I was reading made reference to a poem by American poet William Stafford. While the poem urges us to savor each moment of our lives, two repeated words, "starting here," made me think of the "to-do" lists I've been jotting down for the new year ahead of us. Of course, my lists cover yard work and new window shades, but they also include a "weaving" list—what I want to learn, what I want to create, what I plan to weave. Long ago, Roc, or Distaff Day, marked the return of women to their spinning after the Christmas celebration. Roc Day marked a time for them to "start here." Have you made lists for your year? for your craft? You can "start here."

Join us!

Alma



CWSG Program Schedule

Roc Day Activities, January 6th

Since CWSG is hosting Roc Day, we will not have a regular meeting on the third Saturday of this month. If you're registered for ROC Day, we'll see you Saturday, January 6, at the Bill Waller, Sr., Craft Center at 950 Rice Road in Ridgeland. Spend the day—9 a.m. until 4 p.m.—spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting and visiting with fiber folks. Shop with fiber-related vendors or at the CWSG destash sale table. Visit the CWSG member Roc Day exhibit in the George Berry Gallery.

Upcoming Events

Jan 6	ROC day co-hosted by CWSG and the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.
Saturday January 13, 2024, 10 am – 4 pm & January 20, 2024, 2-4 pm	A Four-Shaft Beginning Weaving Class will be taught by Marcy Petrini at the Bill Waller Craft Center. Participants will learn to weave on a shaft floor loom and will prepare a warp, dress the loom, and weave a sash. An information sheet can be found at the end of the newsletter.
Jan 19-20	The 14th Annual Oxford Fiber Festival will be held at the Powerhouse Community Arts Center in Oxford, Mississippi. The event has both a vendor market and classes in many different fiber areas including weaving and dyeing. Registration is open. For more information go to https://www.oxfordfiberfestival.com/
Wednesdays 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, January 31 to March 13, 2024	“Twill Be” A Scarf Weaving Class taught by Marcy Petrini at the Bill Waller Craft Center. Participants will weave a scarf which will incorporate various twills to study the designs that result from the interaction of threading and treadling. An information sheet can be found at the end of the newsletter.

CWSG Program Schedule

September 16, 2023

How I Did That

Presented by CWSG Members
Moderator Donna Peyton

October 21, 2023

Natural Dyeing with Cochineal

Presented by Marcy Petrini

November 18, 2023

Pendleton Woolen Mills

Presented by Beth Palmer

December 9, 2023

Christmas Party

January 6, 2024

Roc Day Activities

February 17, 2024

Wish I'd Known That

Presented by CWSG Members
Moderator Debbie Stringer

March 16, 2024

Spinning Art Yarns

Presented by Janet Lee

April 20, 2024

Sheep to Shawl (demonstration)

May 18, 2024

History of Textiles

Presented by Donna Peyton

2024 Roc Day Planning Update

Submitted by Marcy Petrini and Roc Day Committee Members

On January 6, 2024, our guild will host Roc Day and we need everyone to participate!

Destash Sale Donations: If you are donating items for our guild's destash booth at Roc Day, please bring your items on or before 1 pm on Friday, January 5 so that we can get everything marked and on display before Saturday. All fiber-related items accepted. All proceeds go to the guild. Anything not sold or retrieved by 4 pm on Saturday, January 6 will be disposed.

CWSG Roc Day Exhibit: There will be a one-day exhibit of the work of CWSG members in the George Berry Gallery at the Craft Center for Roc Day. Please bring any items you wish to exhibit to the Craft Center on Friday morning. Exhibit items can include handwovens, handspun yarn and any items knitted or crocheted from handspun. Sharon Williams will be setting up the exhibit on Friday morning.

Member Submissions

Submitted by Various Members



Janet Lee: I received a wonderful Christmas gift from my mother – a blanket made of Acadian brown cotton from Louisiana. I think she finally took the hint with all the jealous glances I've given to her blanket over the years!

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

January 2, 2024: Marcelyn Bennett-Carpenter sponsored by PLY Spinners Guild

January 9, 2024: Giovanna Imperia sponsored by Heddlecraft

January 16, 2024: Janney Simpson sponsored by Cross Border Weavers of Michigan in memory of Nancy Peck

January 23, 2024: Bryana Bibbs sponsored by Weavers Guild of the North Shore

January 30, 2024: Becky Ashenden sponsored by Ruby the Wonder Dog

Submitted by Marcy Petrini:

For the newsletter: my blog this month (December) is about the card in the Roc Day goodie bags: <https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blogs/370-blog-120-weighing-your-project>

Submitted by Alma Ellis:

Cheer and Colorful Scarves

CWSG members Marcy Petrini, Donna Peyton, Debbie Stringer, and Nancy Hester attended the December holiday party. Great food and handmade scarves were the focus of the CWSG Christmas Party held Sat., Dec. 9, in the Harbor View Room at the Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland. Most attendees participated in the annual exchange of fiber-related gifts that included hand woven items, handspun and other yarns, books and fiber tools.



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: Alma Ellis

Vice President: Donna Peyton

Secretary: Jeanne Marie Peet

Treasurer: Heather Mitchell

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 Madison City Library in Madison, 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.

Newsletter

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