

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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## Message from the President

*From Alma Ellis, President*

Dear CWSG Members,

Likely beginning existence as a pagan holiday, Valentine's Day is now all about candy, hearts and love. Well, weavers "love" to weave, and spinners "love" to spin. Weavers and spinners "love" fiber. Although not everyone likes pink, what fiber lover doesn't like red? I personally "love" chocolate. And I enjoy the company of our guild fiber friends. This month, after a most successful Roc Day celebration in early January, our guild will be back at the Madison Library on Sat., Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. Our program will be "Wish I Had Known That." Debbie will moderate this useful information on weaving and spinning shared by guild members.

Since this is the Saturday right after Valentine's Day, there will be chocolate.

Join us!

Alma



*Logo image adapted from image graciously provided by Marcy Petrini at <https://www.marcypetrini.com/>*

# CWSG Program Schedule

*Wish I'd Known That!, February 17<sup>th</sup>*

All CWSG members present at the meeting will share tips, tricks and lessons learned the hard way in their weaving and/or spinning experiences. To prepare, jot down ideas to share and plan to bring items that will help explain your points. Debbie Stringer will moderate the program.

## CWSG Co-op Meeting Announcement

*Submitted by Sharon Williams*

If you are a member of the CWSG Co-op, please plan to stay after the February Guild meeting as we will have a short co-op meeting directly afterwards.

## Upcoming Events

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.
January 30 – April 21, 2024	The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, MS is exhibiting Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts organized by the American Folk Art Museum in New York. It was at the Textile Museum in Washington, DC before coming here and has received great reviews. For more information go to <a href="https://www.lirma.org/exhibition/handstitched-worlds-the-cartography-of-quilts/">https://www.lirma.org/exhibition/handstitched-worlds-the-cartography-of-quilts/</a>
April 6	Our annual CWSG Sheep to Shawl Event will be held at the Mississippi Ag Museum on April 6th. Debbie Stringer and Sarah Pair will be co-chairing the event. More discussion regarding the event will be held at our upcoming guild meetings, so come prepared to volunteer!



### 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 6, 2024**

Sheep to Shawl (demonstration)

**May 18, 2024**

*History of Textiles*

Presented by Donna Peyton





# Roc Day 2024 Update

*Submitted by Marcy Petrini. All photos provided by Terry Dwyer.*

Based on the accolades we received from our neighboring guilds, Roc Day was a success!

Particular praise went to the goodie bags (thank you, Nancy! And Sheri for donating the bags), door prizes (thank you Donna, the gift wrapping was a nice touch) and the venue. I guess I am not the only one who loves the Craft Center and people liked the spinning circle, which is traditional. Several people also remarked that the food was plentiful and good.

We had 70 attendees, including Craft Center staff. In comparison, there were nearly 100 people registered in 2020, based on the spreadsheet that Kathy Perito, the 2020 chair, shared. I had hoped for 50! I have never been happier to be that wrong!



We had a couple of challenges all based on the time frame: we organized Roc Day in half the time that it usually takes. I will list those challenges so that future committees (I do hope there will be future Roc Days, but not with me as the chair!) avoid them if possible.

One challenge was ordering the food. I shamelessly and without even asking, used Kathy Perito's registration form from 2020, changing dates and other information as needed. Cleverly Kathy had planned for the food ahead of time and the choices were in the registration form. I knew I wanted to use Mangia Bene both from my experience and on the

## 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](http://weavespindye.org)

### February 6, 2024:

Ana Lisa Hedstrom  
sponsored by Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore

### February 13, 2024:

Annetta Kraayeveld  
sponsored by Carolina FiberFest

### February 20, 2024:

Elizabeth Buckley  
sponsored by Camilyn K. Leone

### February 27, 2024:

Elizabeth Ashdown  
sponsored by FiberArt.STUDIO in Bethesda, MD

recommendation of Sheri Cox who says they do a lot of catering at the Craft Center. They are very flexible with people's individual dietary needs. But there was no time for details as the registration form was already going out late. I would use Mangia Bene again. This meant more time to receive people's choices, but with no difficulties from the point of view of attendees.

The other change I would make is to use an app or an on-line service for the registration fees. Terry suggested it, but, again, there was no time to set it up before the registration had to go out. Handling checks was more time consuming, but Heather and I worked well together and when all was said and done, there was only one check lost in the mail; we accepted the attendee, and she later sent us a check. But there is no recourse for people who don't remember whether they registered or not! In the future I would use electronic means for registration and payment, but we must remember that not everyone is comfortable with the technology and we should accept checks as an option.

I was worried about the goodie bags because of my incorrect estimate of 50. Nearly everyone who promised came through with donations, but generally 50 items. However, Nancy cleverly distributed the items so that, while not all bags were the same, there were enough goodies that everyone was happy. Had we started planning earlier, we would have had a better idea of the number of attendees and could have gotten the goodies for all the bags, but really that was a minor problem.



Everything else worked well: Marva's pouches were great, the registration desk with Jeanne Marie and Janet worked smoothly, Beth and Judy made the guild a nice sum of money with the de-stashing table, and Alma covered all bases. Lots of other people helped, of course, and I will include a list in my final report for the secretary's files.

And finally, pictures which Terry took just for fun. Here is the link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4cn63VpZVB16h19s8>

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# Member Submissions

*Submitted by Various Members*

## Classifieds

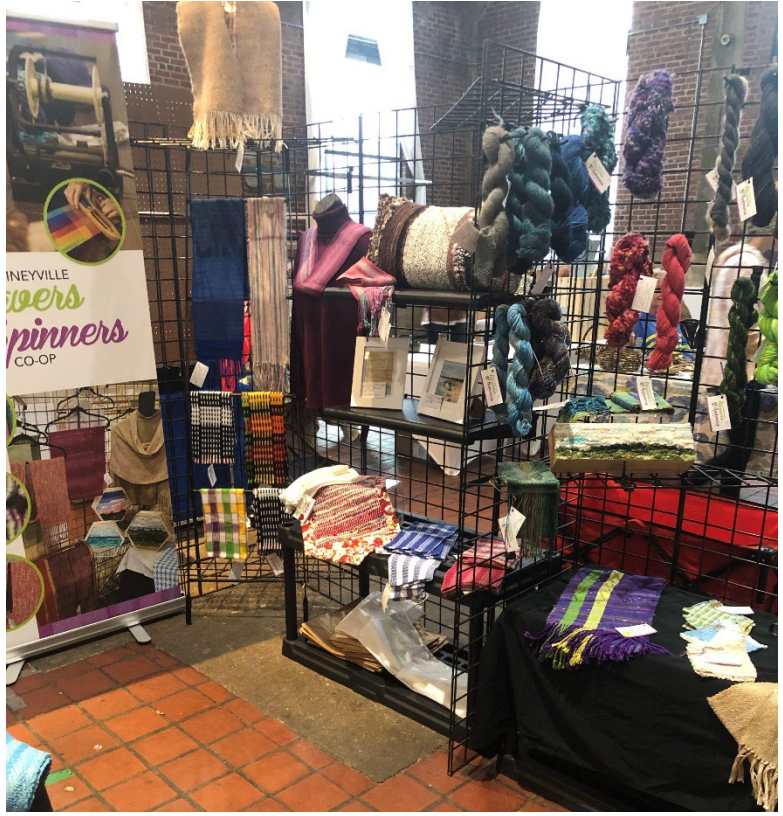
### Loom for Loan

Sarah Davis says that she has a loom that she is not quite ready to part with but doesn't have room for it right now. She is offering it to someone to borrow it. If you are interested, please call her: 601-825-2676 home; 601-826-5006 cell

### Loom For Sale

Mary Lou Owens in Oxford has a 52" loom for sale. ( Phone 662-816-7189; email mlowens1@bellsouth.net). Her husband bought it used in 1969, he passed away and she doesn't weave.

Sharon Williams: The CWSG Co-op participated in a 1 day Pop-up shop in Oxford Jan. 27 after the Oxford Fiber Festival was canceled. These fiber pieces will now be exhibited at NWCC during the month of February sponsored by Sycamore Arts.



Janet Lee: I was finally able to attend Marcy's Beginning Weaver's Class and experience weaving on a 4-shaft loom. I really enjoyed it and may be venturing off on more adventures soon!

Marcy Petrini: my January blog is up and is about mixing yarns in weaving <https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blogs/371-blog-121-always-mix>

# CWSG Board Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2024

*Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet*

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Board of Directors met by Zoom conferencing on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 5 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Alma Ellis. Other members attending were Vice-President Donna Peyton, Secretary Jeanne Marie Peet, Treasurer Heather Mitchell, and Librarian/Historian Janet Lee.

Members engaged in an enthusiastic recap of the Roc Day program held on January 6, 2024, at the William Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland, MS. Kudos went out to Marcy Petrini for chairing the successful event. Donna Peyton moved that we present a \$500 gift to the Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild for use of the William Waller Craft Center on Roc Day. Jeanne Marie Peet seconded. The motion carried. The DeStash Sale generated \$699.22 for the Guild treasury. Many attendees have sent compliments on the successful Roc Day program.

Upcoming guild events include Sheep to Shawl on April 6, 2024, and elections for Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian/Historian at the April meeting. Sheep to Shawl will be held at the MS Ag and Forestry Museum again this year. Possible chairmen for the event were suggested, but have not been contacted yet. The elections for Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian/Historian are held in even numbered years for two-year terms of office. A nominating committee will be appointed by the guild president to consider the slate of officers for the open positions.

Board Members who will attend the HGA Guild Development Retreat are Alma Ellis, Jeanne Marie Peet, Heather Mitchell, and Janet Lee. The retreat will be held on Zoom on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Donna Peyton moved that the meeting be adjourned.



## **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**

Please email newsletter content submissions to newsletter editor Janet Lee (jlemasters100@yahoo.com) by the first day of the month of publication. If you are sending a photo, please include caption information.