

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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## Message from the President

*From Alma Ellis, President*

Dear CWSG Members,

Zanshi is the age-old Japanese weaving technique that uses tied "leftover" yarns as weft in handwovens. Bits of precious threads thriftily became randomly colored garments or household linens. Some of our members have woven wonderful zanshi scarves and towels.

This week, I worked on some cotton thrums I started tying together ages ago. I envision a colorful kitchen towel. But I also realize that putting the bits together, piece by piece, will make a "consolidated" usable item.

Check out the list of activities from our program year. We've worked together to create some great meetings and events, one by one, that have made a special year for our guild. Thanks for all your participation and support.

We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meeting on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m at the Madison Library. Donna's presentation is "The History of Textiles."

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# CWSG Program Schedule

## History of Textiles, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Presented by Donna Peyton

The next guild meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18th at the Madison County Library at 10:00 am. Guild member Donna Peyton will give a presentation on ancient spinning, weaving, and dying focusing on ancient Greece and Rome.



## Busy Guild

Submitted by Alma Ellis

Isn't it amazing how time flies when you're spinning and weaving. Look at this list of guild activities that have taken place since the May meeting of 2023. We've been a busy group: monthly meetings, special meetings, board meetings, Roc Day, demos. What a great program year!

### CWSG Activities – 2023/2024

5/20/23	May meeting, Madison Library – new officers
5/24/23	Demo, Flora Library
6/19/23	Board meeting (informal), Southern Needle
7/22/23	Summer meeting, Vicksburg
8/26/23	Board meeting, Southern Needle
9/9/23	Demo, Ag Museum 40th Birthday Celebration
9/16/23	September meeting, Madison Library
10/7/23	Demo, Clinton Visitors Center
10/14/23	Demo, Celtic Fest, Reservoir Demo, Shadows of Rocky Springs

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## 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

## CWSG Activities – 2023/2024 (cont.)

10/21/23	Board meeting, Madison Library October meeting, Madison Library
11/18/23	November meeting, Madison Library
12/9/23	Christmas Party, Craft Center
1/6/24	Roc Day, Craft Center
1/27/24	HGA Development Retreat, officers, online
2/7/24	Board meeting, Zoom
2/17/24	February meeting, Madison Library
3/16/24	March meeting, Madison Library
3/23/24	Demo, Art in the Park, Clinton
4/6/24	Sheep to Shawl, Ag Museum
4/27/24	Officer Workshop, Craft Center

### 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)

**May 7, 2024: John Sturtevant**  
sponsored by Grace Tully

**May 14, 2024: Marcia Weiss**  
sponsored by Suanne Pasquarella, in Honor of Marcia, a Fellow Former HGA Board Member

**May 21, 2024: Paula Becker**  
sponsored by Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild

**May 28, 2024: Jacqui Carey**  
sponsored by The Braid Society

## A Fine Day for Sheep to Shawl

*Submitted by Debbie Stringer, event co-chair*

Sheep to Shawl 2024 was all we hoped it would be: good participation by CWSG members, a variety of fiber demos, lots of visitors and perfect springtime weather.

The Mississippi Ag Museum hosted us April 6 in the open-air pavilion near the children's barnyard exhibit. Event co-chair (and museum employee) Sarah Pair coordinated our setup with the museum and arranged the two sheep shearings.

CWSG members demonstrated treadle, rigid heddle, tapestry and inkle weaving, along with spinning and carding.



*Above, Sarah Pair demonstrates spinning.*

The Wolf Pup loom stayed busy with kids (and several adults) taking turns weaving tabby and twill on a narrow cotton warp. Some of them were repeat visitors from our two museum demos last year, including one young girl who needed no instruction on the Pup!

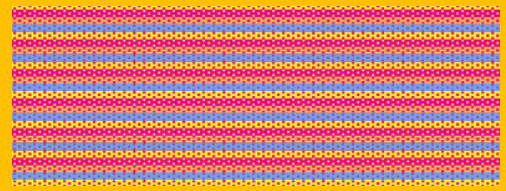
Members participating in Sheep to Shawl were Heather Mitchell, Jeanne Marie Peet, Lynn Watkins, Janet Lee, Marva Goodman, Nancy Hester, Sarah Pair and Debbie Stringer. We missed a few others who had signed up but had to cancel for various reasons.



*Pictured Above: Marva Goodman explains the process of spinning cotton at Sheep to Shawl.*



*Pictured Above: Janet Lee demonstrates weaving on a tapestry loom.*



## Upcoming Events

### May Classes at Southern Needle

Zoom Loom Weaving, May 11, Loom plus class \$75.00. 4 spots open

Spinning class, May 18 - one spot left. Call to reserve \$50.00

Learn to knit, May 25 from 9-11:30; \$30.00 plus supplies; 4 spots open

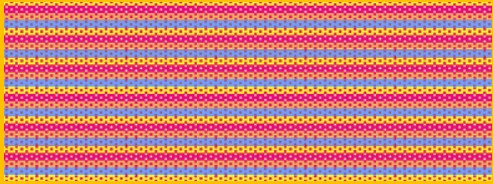
### June Classes at Southern Needle

Tatting class available, call for a spot. Date to be set on a Saturday in June.

Weaving Camp for kids aged 10 and up is set for June 18-20 from 10-12:30. We will dye the yarn, build a loom and weave the yarn we dyed on the loom. Must be 10 and above. Fee is \$75.00 and includes all supplies for the project. 4 spots open. Reserve with deposit of \$25.00 non-refundable by June 12.

### July Convergence® Conference

Convergence®, Handweavers Guild of America Inc.'s (HGA) bi-annual conference will be held in Wichita, Kansas from July 11-17, 2024. This international fiber art experience offers classes, seminars, a fashion show, vendor marketplace, and more. You can find more information and register on their web site at <https://weavespindye.org/convergence/>.



### Geoffrey Beene Exhibit

The LSU Textile & Costume Museum has a new exhibit titled “Geoffrey Beene Coming Home” running from May 5, 2024 – January 24, 2025. The opening reception is 2-4pm on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Geoffrey Beene (1924-2004), originally from Haynesville, Louisiana, was a legend of American fashion design who won eight Coty Awards and two Council of American Fashion Designers awards in his forty-year career. This retrospective exhibition features the collection of Sylvia R. Karasu, MD, with garments from the 1960s through the early 2000s, supplemented with fashion sketches. For more information, go to <https://www.lsu.edu/textilemuseum/exhibitions/geoffreybeene.php>

*Information provided by Mary Lynn Jackson of the Bayou Yarn Benders*

## Member Submissions

*Submitted by Various Members*

Marcy Petrini: My April blog discusses the difference between Spot Bronson, Lace Bronson, sometimes called Bronson Lace and huck: [https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blogs/374\\_blog-124-fabric-determines-structure-you-know](https://www.marcypetrini.com/marcy-s-blogs/374_blog-124-fabric-determines-structure-you-know)

And below is a photo of the shawl which is going to the Convergence seminar leaders exhibit. It's called Amber Waves at Sunset.



# CWSG Board Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2024

*Submitted by Jeanne Marie Peet*

The Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Board Meeting and Officers Workshop was called to order at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the William Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland, MS. The following were present: President Alma Ellis, Vice-President Donna Peyton, Secretary Jeanne Marie Peet, Treasurer Heather Mitchell, Librarian/Historian Janet Lee, Past-President Nancy Hester. Also present was Sarah Pair, newly-elected Secretary. Newly-elected Treasurer Gio Chinchar was unable to attend.

Donna Peyton moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, board meeting, as published in the March 2024 newsletter. Sarah Pair seconded, and the minutes were approved.

The Guild has been extremely busy this year. Demos were held at the Flora Library, the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum 40th Birthday Celebration, Clinton Visitors Center, Celtic Fest, Shadows of Rocky Springs, Art in the Park in Clinton, and Sheep to Shawl at the Ag Museum. A most successful Roc Day was hosted at the Craft Center.

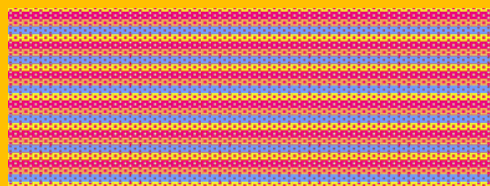
Clarification of some over-lapping duties is still in discussion as we move from print communication to digital communication. The minutes and historic records will be digitized. The secretary will continue to submit minutes from meetings. The treasurer will receive payment of dues from members and then submit the membership roll to the secretary, who will keep the membership rolls. As has been the practice in recent years, the financial report will not be published in the minutes. The librarian/historian will keep a permanent record of the activities of the guild.

Ideas for programming for guild meetings next year were explored. Incorporating a workshop into next year's schedule was also recommended.

The "Committee Charter" document in the Policies and Procedures manual was discussed. The overall consensus was that this could be a helpful guideline for a committee's undertaking and could be useful, but it would not be required for every committee.

Because of Convergence this summer, a retreat will most likely not be possible, but similar activities might be considered at other times.

Jeanne Marie Peet 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.