

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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## Letter from the President



**Guild members Carolyn Campbell and Janet Lee demonstrate weaving on the porch at the Clinton Visitors Center.**

November is the month for giving thanks, and I'm particularly thankful for my many fiber friends. Last month, as our guild members demonstrated our crafts at three different events, I was reminded of our common interests and the many years of spinning and weaving together we have enjoyed.

Circling back to guild friends, member Heather Mitchell will present our program this month on circular weaving. Plan to gather round, as Heather shares her process on Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m. at the Craft Center.

Join us!

Alma

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## Volunteer Opportunity

The 47th Chimneyville Arts Festival 2024 returns to the Waller Craft Center on Thursday, December 5, through Saturday, December 7. This annual celebration showcases the craftsmanship of artisans from Mississippi and beyond, including members of our guild. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please email Marion Wofford at [woffordmr@gmail.com](mailto:woffordmr@gmail.com).

## Demo Opportunity

The Cornerstone Church in Pearl is planning an historic village for their congregation and the community on Sunday, December 15, from noon until 4 p.m. with demonstrations of crafts such as pottery, calligraphy and baking. Our guild has been invited to demonstrate weaving and spinning. While some participants will be wearing Biblical costumes, this is not a requirement. If you are interested in participating, contact Alma.

# Program Schedule

CIRCULAR WEAVING  
PRESENTED BY HEATHER MITCHELL



Circular weaving, sometimes called round weaving, allows weavers to take their usually rectangular weaving in a new direction. At our November CWSG meeting, member Heather Mitchell will share her work in circular weaving. Heather uses embroidery hoops as the frame for her decorative weavings. She will share her ideas, tips, and tricks, and samples of her completed projects. The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m. in the Harbor View Room at the Waller Craft Center in Ridgeland.

## 2024 CWSG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 21, 2024  
Social Media  
Accounts  
& Convergence®  
2024

October 19, 2024  
Emily Wicke-  
Bioarchaeological  
Field Technician:

The Asylum Hill  
Project  
at  
The Mississippi  
Museum of Art

November 16, 2024  
Heather Mitchell:  
Circular Weaving

December 14, 2024  
CWSG  
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](http://www.librarything.com/profile/CWSGLibrary) and contact Janet Lee to borrow from the library.

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## Book Highlight

Featuring knitting designs for fashion-conscious stitchers, the scarf patterns in this collection are easy to make and fun to wear. The 14 projects include Slinky, Silky Waves; Wonder and Whimsy; Bryant Park Neckerchief; Pineapple Hearts; and Meanderlust. Most projects can be finished in a couple days or even a few hours and are ideal for on-the-go crafting.

### Meeting Refreshments

Many thanks to the following guild members who have signed up to provide refreshments for the monthly meetings and programs.

Nov. 16 – Heather Mitchell, Marcy Petrini  
Dec. 14 – Christmas Party

### Guild News

The December meeting and Christmas Party will be held at the Waller Craft Center on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

# Member Submissions



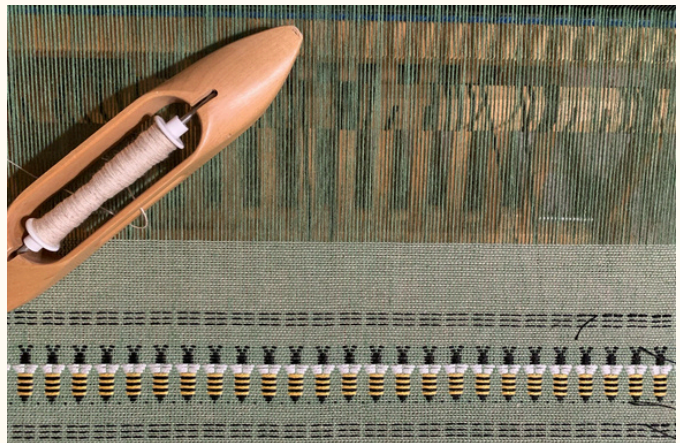
Weaving on the porch of the Clinton Visitors Center.



Emily Wicke, right, and Gio Chinchar, left, show the winding cloth during Emily's September program. The shroud was woven by participants at the Museum of Art exhibit .



Alma Ellis assists two young weavers at the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi Demo Day in October.



Gio Chinchar's towels with bees, a WIP.

If you are in the Baton Rouge area, you might want to take the time to visit the LSU Libraries' fall exhibition, "Woven Louisiana History: Acadian Textiles," on display through December 13, 2024. Additional information from the collection of the LSU Textile and Costume Museum and the holdings of LSU Libraries Special Collection can be found at <https://lib.lsu.edu/24/08/29/fallexhibition>. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

# 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/index](http://www.cvillesg.com/index).

## Officers

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

President: Alma Ellis  
Vice President: Donna Peyton  
Secretary: Sarah Pair  
Treasurer: Gio Chinchar,  
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 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.

## Newsletter

Please email newsletter content submissions to Sarah Pair at [cvillewsg@gmail.com](mailto: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

December 3, 2024  
Veranoa Hetet

December 10, 2024  
Ann Morton

December 17, 2024  
Jeanne Sisson

December 24, 2024  
Merry Christmas  
No Textiles and Tea

December 31, 2024  
Happy New Year  
No Textiles and Tea

# Meeting Minutes

Chimneyville  
Weavers and  
Spinners Guild

## Date and Time

09/21/2024, 10 AM

## Venue

Bill Waller Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS

## Minutes Taken by

Sarah Pair, Secretary

## CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 10:10 by President Alma Ellis.
- It was determined there were enough members present to reach a quorum (6)

## BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING

- The minutes from May 2024 were read. An incorrect date was noted.
  - Donna Peyton moved to approve the minutes with the amended date. Sharon Williams seconded.
  - Motion passed

## OPEN ISSUES

- 2024-2025 Budget - Gio Chinchar, Treasurer
  - Proposed to move one-time events to the "special events" category.
  - Usual expenses are HGA membership/ Fibertrust, pins, programs, publicity.
  - Jean Marie Peet moved to accept the proposed budget, Debbie Stringer seconded the motion.
    - Motion passed
- Treasurer's Report

## NEW BUSINESS

- Demo opportunities
  - Celtic Fest - Sat., Oct. 12
  - Clinton Visitors Center- TBD
- HGA Spinning and Weaving Week -
- Discussion of hosting workshops for members and non-members, including Scarf in a Day with Angela Schneider
- Refreshment list passed for members to volunteer for upcoming meeting year

## UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rewards Programs - Guild participates in programs with Halcyon, The Woolery
- Marcy Petrini and Terry Dwyer celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary in January 2025
- Chimneyville Arts Festival 2024 - Dec. 5-7

## ADJOURNMENT

- Debbie Stringer motioned to adjourn at 10:44
  - Motion passed

## **October Minutes Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild**

Date and Time: 10/19/2024

Venu: Bill Waller Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS

Minutes Taken By: Jeanne Marie Peet

### Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10 a.m. by President Alma Ellis
- Quorum established with 14 members present

### Approval of Minutes from Sept. 21, 2024

- The bullet format of the September minutes was discussed. Beverly Anglin moved and Beth Palmer seconded that we accept the minutes, with revised format to include more details in the future
- Motion passed with suggested revision

### Reports

- Gio Chinchar presented Treasurer's Report
- Celtic Fest was attended by weavers and spinners Debbie Stringer, Donna Peyton, Alma Ellis, and Sarah Pair

### Old Business

- Demo opportunity at Clinton Visitors Center on October 20, 2-4 p.m.
- Workshop Coordinators needed. Volunteers: Janet Lee - Rigid Heddle; Donna Peyton - Paper Spinning

### New Business

- Programs needed for meetings in February and May. Contact Donna Peyton

### Announcements

- "Woven Louisiana History: Acadian Textiles" - exhibit at Hill Memorial Library, LSU Campus, Baton Rouge, LA - now through December 13, 2024. Free and open to public
- Demo opportunity available at Cornerstone Church in Pearl. More info forthcoming

### Adjournment

- Jeanne Marie Peet moved to adjourn meeting

Program presented by Emily Wicke, Bioarchaeological Field Technician: "The Asylum Hill Cemetery Burial Shroud"

### Show and Tell