

Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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Letter from the President



So many fiber techniques to try!

New journalists are encouraged to use the five Ws—who, what, when, and where—in writing articles. Most weavers and spinners can readily reel off the five Ws of the beginning of their textile adventures. You knitted, so you decided to spin with fibers not locally available. Or you began dyeing to get the colors you really, really wanted to weave. Does a fellow guild member have a fiber talent you admire and want to learn: the zoom loom, kumihimo, inkle weaving, drop spindle, tablet weaving, tapestry? Here's your opportunity. On Saturday, February 15, we're having a "Try It" program. Come add to your fiber story by sharing your skills and by trying something new. Bring that friend who has always wanted to weave or spin so they can start their fiber story.

Join us!
Alma

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Demo Opportunities

The Ag and Forestry Museum will be holding its annual Spring Farm Days March 6-8, and needs volunteers and demonstrators. If you would like to help out or demo during the event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Amie Clark at amie@mdac.ms.gov for further details.

Notices

Fiber Fun in the 'Sip will be the evening of Thursday, February 20, through Saturday, February 22, at the Vicksburg Convention Center. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. Admission is included if you are enrolled in a class. Beverly and Donna will be teaching classes on Friday and Saturday.

Program Schedule

TRY IT!

Would you love to learn a new fiber technique? Or maybe brush up on an old skill? At our CWSG monthly meeting on Saturday, February 15, you'll have the opportunity to try that fiber technique you've always wanted to try: the drop spindle, the spinning wheel, the tapestry loom, the zoom loom, tablet weaving, inkle weaving and more. We'll set up to demo various fiber activities, so bring your favorite to share with others, too. Reply to this email if you have any questions. This will be the perfect time to bring a guest.

We'll also be drawing for a wonderful door prize—a goody bag provided by the Handweavers Guild of America. Be sure to get your name in the hat.

Sheep to Shawl - Saturday, March 22

Mark your calendars! We've had to move S2S back a week, but it's gonna be a great day. Janet will have additional info Saturday about the day's activities and have her sign up list ready.

Join us! And bring chocolate!

Sheep to Shawl

from Janet Lee, Sheep to Shawl Chair

Sheep to Shawl will be held at the Waller Craft Center on Saturday March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Please note the new date!). We need all members to help us get out the word. Event flyers will be provided via email and handed out at the February meeting.

Other things to note:

- A signup sheet for the demo stations will be circulated at the February meeting.
- Start sorting through your misguided purchases and leftovers to donate to our destash table!
- Lunch will be potluck. There will be no signup sheets, just bring whatever you wish.

I'm looking forward to coordinating this great event! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks!

Janet



2025 CWSG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 18, 2025
Sarah Pair
Finger Loop
Weaving

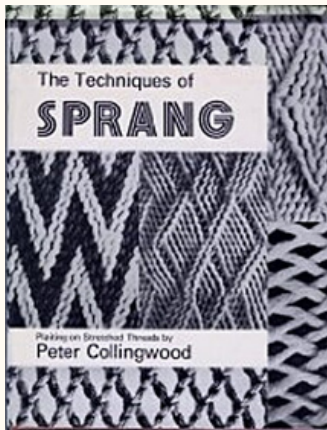
February 15,
2025 Try It!

March 22, 2025
Sheep to Shawl

April 19, 2025

Demo Day

May 17, 2025
Sarah Pair
Fiber Tools from
Clay



Book Highlight

The Techniques of Sprang:
Plaiting on Stretched Threads
Author

Peter Collingwood

A groundbreaking study first published more than twenty years ago and long unavailable, this is the definitive work on the fabric-making process known as sprang. For at least 3,500 years, this finger-controlled technique has been used where a stretch fabric was required, but its revival today is based mainly on its many decorative and structural possibilities. In addition to chapters on the definition, history, and terminology of sprang and equipment and setup, the book covers the immense

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 Janet Lee to borrow from the library.

WWW.LIBRARYTHING.COM/PROFILE/CWSGLIBRARY

February Meeting Refreshments

Jeanne Marie Peet

Co-op Corner

Pieces on exhibit at Northwest MS Community College "Artist Conversations" for February.

Mardi Grad Vendor Market Preview at Fun in the "Sip, Thursday, February 20, 5-7 p.m. \$12 Music, Food, Fun!

Member Submissions



Janet's 3 strand finger woven loop braid.



Co-op booth at 2025 Oxford Fiber Arts Festival



Sarah demonstrates spinning on a walking wheel to Pathway Weavers Veronica and Emilee during a recent tour to the MS Ag and Forestry Museum.



Sarah teaching finger loop weaving during January's program.

Most of our guild gatherings are happy times. But imagine with me some potentially unhappy scenarios. A child visits our Sheep to Shawl demonstration, and the sheep steps on the child's foot. A guild member slips and falls on the glass stairway on her way into one of our meetings. A beautiful piece of weaving goes missing from an exhibit.

Any of these unhappy scenarios, or others like them, could leave our officers financially vulnerable and our guild accounts empty. That's because our guild has no insurance to help cover claims against us.

The recent online guild retreat hosted by HGA included a panel discussion on guild insurance. Ramifications of our present uninsured state are frightening. Not only could our guild lose lots of money, but our officers could be personally bankrupted as well.

For a few hundred dollars per year, our guild could acquire General Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Such policies would offer protection for the guild's assets and those of our officers.

Stay tuned for discussions on this important guild topic. – Beth Palmer

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.cvillegsg.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://cvillegsg.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. You can purchase CWSG t-shirts and other merchandise at cafepress.com/ChimneyvilleWeaversandSpinnersGuild

Newsletter

Please email newsletter content submissions to Sarah Pair at cvillegsg@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 via
Zoom and
Facebook Live

February 18, 2025
Crystal Gregory

February 25, 2025
Line Dufour

March 4, 2025
Allan Brown

March 11, 2025
Rebecca Hutton

March 18, 2025
TBD

Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild Meeting Minutes

Date and Time	January 18, 2025 10 a.m.
Location	Bill Waller Craft Center
Minutes Taken by	Sarah Pair, Secretary
Call to Order	Reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.• A quorum of 8 was reached• Minutes of November 2024, need amending typos, misspellings, and switched names• Sharon Williams motioned to approve with corrections Debbie Stringer seconded• Motion passed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer's Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 1 new member◦ 0 debts since November meeting
Open/Old Business	Announcements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cornerstone Church Demo<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Alma and Donna demonstrated at Cornerstone Church's "A Night in Bethlehem."• Workshops<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Considering workshops for next program year.◦ Emails will be sent on pricing, instructors and topics to determine interest◦ Possible locations<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Along with Craft Center, location possibilities include the Briarwood Arts Center and Geri's Place.◦ Under consideration, a scarf-in-a-day workshop for non-member beginning weavers to be taught at the Craft Center by CWSG members• Sheep to Shawl<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Nancy is willing to be co-chair.◦ Will be held at the Craft Center.◦ Alma found sheep for sheering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art in the Park<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Invited back for demo at Art in the Park in Clinton on Saturday, March 29.• Oxford Fiber Fest is January 24 and 25 in Oxford, MS.• Vicksburg Fiber Fest is February 21-22 at the Vicksburg Convention Center.
New Business	Meeting Adjournment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lynn motioned to adjourn at 10:24 am.• The meeting was followed by a 10-minute break and a show and tell session. Sarah Pair presented the program on finger loop weaving.