

# Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild

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## Letter from the President



Member Aleatha Shannon's daughter, Gail, with Cypress. Photo by Sharon Williams.

Google "Sheep to Shawl" and you can learn some fun facts. Wikipedia mentions it's a competition involving multiple teams where sheep are sheared, yarn is spun, and shawls are woven. Winners are judged on both time and craftsmanship. The Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, for instance, held in May, is known for its lively competitions.

CWSG has been holding Sheep to Shawl for many years, but ours have always been educational events. Sheep are sheared, and members demonstrate spinning, dyeing and weaving. There are opportunities for children and adults to try their hand at weaving and spinning. This year, we'll have a beautiful angora rabbit, too. S2S for us is a special event that we all enjoy, without any "looming" deadlines. Make your plans to participate in our 2025 Sheep to Shawl on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Craft Center in Ridgeland.

Join us!  
Alma

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## Demo Opportunities

### Art in the Park

- Saturday, March 29
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lions Club Park

### Ag and Forestry Museum First Saturday Demo: Sheep to Shawl

- Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.. The program starts at 10.
- Ag and Forestry Museum, Small Pavillion near Children's Barn

## Notices

We want to send a warm welcome to our newest member, Mary Valencic from West Point.

Check out these links for sheep to shawl competition fun:

<https://www.npr.org/2023/05/15/1176174760/sheep-shawl-fiber-art>  
<https://sheepandwool.org/festival/sheep-to-shawl-competition/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYswjTjEtA>

# Program Schedule Sheep to Shawl

Sheep to Shawl Update from Janet Lee,  
Sheep to Shawl Chair

Our Sheep to Shawl event is shaping up nicely! If you haven't had a chance to sign up for a demo station yet, there is still time – just email me and let me know. The signup sheet is attached to this month's newsletter email. The main thing we need help with over the next few weeks is publicity – let's get the word out – family, friends, libraries, churches, co-workers, and social media. Flyers are attached to this month's newsletter email. De-stashing donations are being handled by Beth and Judy. Don't forget to bring a potluck dish (or your own lunch if you prefer). Can't wait to see everyone on March 22nd!

Thanks!  
Janet



## 2025 CWSG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

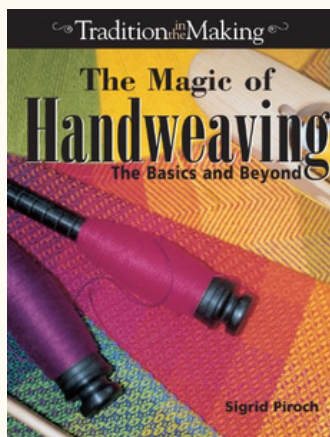
January 18, 2025  
Sarah Pair  
Finger Loop  
Weaving

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



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.

[WWW.LIBRARYTHING.COM/PROFILE/CWSGLIBRARY](http://WWW.LIBRARYTHING.COM/PROFILE/CWSGLIBRARY)

## Book Highlight

The Magic of Handweaving  
The Basics and Beyond  
Author  
Sigrid Piroch

Sigrid Piroch is an experienced weaver who leads readers on a journey through the world of cloth. She will guide you through the beginning stages of weaving, from planning and designing, to the final stages, when the beautiful piece of cloth is ready to take off the loom. You will also learn about weavers around the world who weave cloth out of necessity, tradition, and art. This is a resource for all those with an interest in the amazing process.

### March Meeting Refreshments

Sheep to Shawl Potluck lunch

### Co-op Corner

The Co-op sold a little over \$600 at Fiber Fun in the Sip. Items sold included batts, rolags, and yarn.

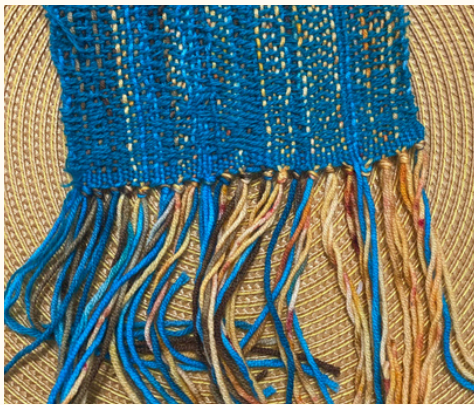
# Member Submissions



Janet's three strand finger woven loop braid.



Jacqueline's new 12-harness loom and designing a pattern for Chicago.



Jacqueline's finished scarf.



Ready for  
Fiber Fin  
in the'Sip

## 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.cvillewsg.com/index](http://www.cvillewsg.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. You can purchase CWSG t-shirts and other merchandise at [cafepress.com/ChimneyvilleWeaversandSpinnersGuild](http://cafepress.com/ChimneyvilleWeaversandSpinnersGuild)

### 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, 4-5  
PM via Zoom  
and Facebook  
Live

March 18, 2025  
Jon Eric Riis

March 25, 2025  
ArturoAlonzo  
Sandoval

April 1, 2025  
Peyton Pearson

April 8, 2025  
Veronica Perez

April 15, 2025  
Lena Kolb

# Chimneyville Weavers & Spinners Guild Meeting Minutes

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date and Time</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 15, 2025 10 a.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Location</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bill Waller Craft Center</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minutes Taken by</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sarah Pair, Secretary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reports</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting called to order by President Alma Ellis at 10:09 a.m.</li><li>• A quorum of 8 was reached</li><li>• Minutes of January 2025 provided for approval</li><li>• Nancy Hester motioned to approve minutes Donna Peyton seconded</li><li>• Motion passed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treasurer's Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ presented by Treasurer Gio Chinchar</li></ul></li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open/Old Business</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Business</b></p>
<p>Guild Rewards Programs Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$63.27 has been credited to Woolery rewards as of meeting</li></ul> <p>We have reached \$100 in rewards, but account has not yet been credited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Halcyon delivers annual check in February.</li></ul> <p>HGA Guild Development Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janet, Nancy, Alma, and Beth attended online event, can listen for 90 days. Janet discussed session on holding workshops, including providing 10-99 forms for teachers if paid \$600 or more.</li></ul> <p>Nominating committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marcy will chair, working on list of candidates for President and Vice President, nominee list will be presented at April meeting.</li></ul> <p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janet presented additional information about potential workshops.</li><li>• Alma has discussed workshops with Craft Center staff.</li><li>• Interest forms were passed out.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ they can be emailed.</li><li>◦ Please return by April meeting.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If not interested in a workshop, please return a blank form for accurate numbers.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• more cost effective for multiple classes at once.</li></ul> <p>Sheep to Shawl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 22, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Craft Center.</li><li>• will hold a destash sale</li><li>• Sign-up sheet was passed around<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ can email to sign up for stations, please hit "reply" not "reply all".<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ opportunities to help even if members don't want/ can't bring equipment</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Demonstrators can drop off equipment and stash sale items on Friday afternoon.</li><li>• Please arrive at 9 a.m. on Saturday if you need to set up.</li><li>• Flyers available and can be emailed.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new business</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New member - Junia Dillard</li><li>• Visitor - Craig Hallstrom's mother, a weaver and spinner from Michigan</li><li>• Fiber Fun in the 'Sip, Beverly and Donna teaching, vendor Marketplace</li><li>• Demo and Volunteer Opportunities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Mississippi Ag Museum Spring Farm Days, March 6-8</li><li>◦ Clinton Art in the Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lions Club Park</li><li>◦ Madison County Library System<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ dates TBD</li><li>▪ targeted ages 6-11</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Judy is looking to re-home a 60 inch four-harness loom</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p> <p>Lynn motioned to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. The meeting was followed by a 10-minute break and a show and tell session. The HGA goodie bag was awarded to new member Junia Dillard. The "Try It!" program was presented at multiple tables by members.</p>