



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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February 2012

Month Meeting

Monday /12

10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. social time) to 1:00 p.m.
Room C, James City County Recreation Center
5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg



Program

Stash swap & spin-in

Refreshments

Savory - Ingrid Kross
Sweet - CathySterling



Bash

February "Super Bash" will be Monday, February 6, through Wednesday, February 8, at Powhatan Plantation. If you want to attend and have not yet signed up, please e-mail or phone Sandi Petty before Sunday.

Shee has two double units reserved so we should have plenty of space to spread out and work on some of those projects we talk about but don't seem to have time to do together.

Many of the people who have already signed up have chosen to not stay the night since we will be near their homes, but we should still have some room for additional overnighters if needed.

Minutes January 16, 2012

President Beth Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Beth welcomed guests Ann Davenport, a friend of Beth's; Susan Werlau, a potential member; Jennifer Fitzgerald, Frankie Snipe's daughter; Brian Kross, Ingrid's husband, and Cate Kauffman (cate@kaballero.com), today's presenter.

It was agreed that the monthly business meeting would be very short, as the day's workshop will be 2-3 hours long.

Librarian: Mary Lou Birns reminded people that if they email their materials requests to her, she will bring the items to the next meeting.

Programming: February "Super Bash" will be Monday, February 6 through Wednesday, February 8th at Powahatan Plantation. Sandi Petty sent around a sign-up list of people who plan on attending, people who will be spending one or more nights, and people who will provide lunch or dinner Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Snacks: February: Ingrid - sweet; Cathy - savory.

Old Business: Judy Mooers reported that Elaine Bradley has agreed to teach a beginning weaving workshop in West Point on April 23-27. The cost will be \$250. The Guild can use the February Quilt Show as an opportunity to publicize the workshop.

The 2012 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival will run from Wednesday, February 22 through Saturday, February 25. Wednesday will be set-up; Thursday baby-sitting the set-up; Friday exhibiting & demonstrating, Saturday exhibiting, demonstrating, and breaking down the exhibit. Ingrid sent around a sign-up list.

New Business: Beth received the following correspondence:

Letter from the Williamsburg Hospice House thanking the Guild for their donation in memory of Mary Lou Birns husband.

Thank you note from Mary Lou Birns.

Ingrid brought several more packages of ice-fishing weights from Chicago. They are \$2 a package.

Micki Pugh sent around a sign-up list for people interested in buying handmade wooden picks, useful for doubleweave pickup. The picks would be approximately \$5.00 each.

A motion was made by Ingrid to purchase the new Tom Knisely DVD, "The loom owner's companion". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The DVD will be shown at the February Super Bash.

Show & Tell:

Judy Mooers: lace shawl and 3 skeins of handspun yarn

Kathy Sterling: Shawl (from Handwoven March/April, 2008) & summer-winter design

Selma Moore: 2 socks at a time on 40" circular needles; purple striped shawl

Beth Palmer: looking for owner of crochet hooks in an eye glass case left at her house after a bash last year

Marsha Rehkamp: goose eye twill & shadow weave napkins; yarn calendar hemmed into a scarf

Micki Pugh: needlepoint Christmas stocking (almost completed) & scrap of designer fabric she would like to reproduce

Sandi Palmer: gingham yardage, dyed and woven at the Tavern in Heathsville.

Today's program :

Cate Kauffman will lead a workshop on "Felted Faces", constructing needle felted masks with roving.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Rehkamp

Secretary

Members in attendance: David Banks, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Jeff Cleveland, Micki Decker, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Ingrid Kross, Claudia Melgaard, Selma Moore, Judy Mooers, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Micki Pugh, Marsha Rehkamp, Frankie Snipes, Cathy Sterling

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 1:33 PM

From: Beverly Levinson <knitting4therapy@yahoo.com>

I ran into someone last week who is interested in having her dog's hair spun. She has a Bichon and so her dog has some nice thick hair. Can you put this in the WSWG newsletter?

Her name is Jean Zadeh and her email address is: jeanz93@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
Beverly Levinson



We are pleased to announce that Melissa Weaver Dunning will be returning to Charlottesville to teach:

18TH C. AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES

Please join us Friday - Sunday, April 13 - 15, 2012 for a round-robin, hands-on workshop. We will weave useable samples of typical 18th Century home-produced weaving such as checked cotton toweling, linen napery, linsey-woolsey, overshot, Venetian carpeting and wool blanketing. What can we use the samples for? Kitchen towels, pillows and a real carpet bag! Simple finishing and sewing techniques will be included. Class covers weave structures, history, finishing & sewing techniques.

Open to All Levels. Students will bring a table or floor loom warped according to instructions, and 2 to 8 shaft drafts will be assigned according to the loom and the weaver's experience level. Looms are available to borrow.

The class fee is \$175, plus a materials fee of approx. \$25. Class size is limited to 18 students, and a deposit of \$50 will be required to hold a spot in the class. Please sign up by March 1, 2012.

Please email Margaret Briggs at lotsofyarn@gmail.com or call 434-962-6315 for more information or to sign up for the workshop.

Visit Melissa's blog for more information about her fiber activities at: <http://melissaweaves.blogspot.com/>

Does anyone have any suggestions or help for Brenda?

From: blbarnes08@aol.com
Date: January 27, 2012 7:21:52 PM EST
To: dfbanks@earthlink.net
Subject: Beginning Spinning

I am looking for beginning spinning classes in the greater Tidewater/Williamsburg area. Are there any local classes/teachers? Thanks.

Brenda L. Barnes
757/412-9978

To:
blcallis@yahoo.com

Thanks for your response. I have zero knowledge of spinning; it has been recommended to me as an even more tactile and soothing movement than knitting. I think I would like to use a wheel rather than drop spinning, but I don't really know the difference.

Message from MAFA President

MAFA 2013 is now on the way. Dates and place have been decided. We will be at the University of Scranton in, of all places, Scranton PA. It is just off of Interstate 81. The dates are June 20, 21,22, and 23, 2013.

Classrooms are easy to get to. DeNaples Hall houses among other things the Dining Hall. To the immediate left are the dorms. To the immediate right is one of the buildings for classes. The other two classroom building are very close and very easy to get to. Nothing is far away and is much closer than the buildings were at Gettysburg.

The committee toured the classroom accepting some and rejecting others. The Dining hall is very different from when I was in college! There were various "stations" with a variety of food. We took notice of the salad bar and vegetarian foods. They seemed very acceptable to us. We were told that with notice before we arrive that they could accommodate almost any special dietary requests.

Dorms are about what you would expect. Each apartment has 5 single rooms, a sitting area, a kitchen and a shared bathroom with a shower. The kitchen has the usual things: stove, refrigerator and sink and absolutely nothing else. Some might want to have coffee before class so they would need to bring coffee maker, cups, sugar,cream etc. There are ovens in several locations but I do not expect we will be baking anyway. Don't forget to bring soap, bathroom glasses, etc. These are college dorms and they supply nothing with the exception of linens i.e. sheets and towels. if you want your own sheets and towels be sure to bring them. The towels are not the largest I have ever seen.

Everything is handicap accessible. If something special is needed in either a classroom or dorm it can probably be arranged. There will be a place to indicate such on the registration form.

Every building that we will be using has elevators and air conditioning. That is a must for us! We are negotiating with some summer school students to help us move our looms and wheels into the classroom building. This will be a MAFA expense. They will not be taking our things into the classroom itself but rather just inside the main door. The times they will be available will be set so you will need to arrive during those times to have help. The same applies for leaving. This is a new idea for us as far as I know so we will see how it goes. Dorm access will be on your own.

Instructors are in the process of sending in their proposals. Those who are accepted will have their information in the brochure. At a later date, the minimum number of students per class will be determined by the Board. The final acceptance of instructors will be determined by class registration numbers for that class.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE: We have had good success with small classes so you should register early. The brochure will be on the web site (mafafiber.org) on December 1, 2012. Registrations will be accepted January 2, 2013.

That is all I can think of to relay. If there is something I have not thought of you can contact me at president2011@mafafiber.org.

May all of your projects come out well!!

Mickie Schneider
President
MAFA

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