



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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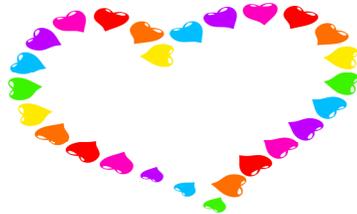
Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 17

Social Time: 9:30-10:00 am

Business Meeting: 10:00 am

James City County Recreation Center
5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg



Program

Weaving on a cardboard loom

WSWG Minutes

Meeting Date: January 20, 2020/ 10:00 am / WJCC Rec. Center

Attendees

Kris, Linda C., Cindy, Ingrid, Ann, Izabela, Claudia, Selma, Debbie, Janet, Kym, Tina, Barbara F., Georgette, Dee, Ellen, Jessica, Goodie, Kathy K, Sandi, Marsha, Judy, Jane, Liz, Linda A., Natalie, Catherine B.

Guests: Chuck, Tim, Liz, Lesley, Liza

Agenda

Sunshine: Kris started the meeting by recalling the memorial service held for Virginia B. David had hung some of her quilts throughout the church, where they became reminders of Virginia's skills with a needle, as well as her remarkable creativity and eye for beauty. We will miss her sharp wit.

Correspondence: Judy received some historical documents from one of our founding members.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3,754.00. Dues for the year are due in January.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report

Website: no report.

Newsletter: Janet has agreed to take over publication and mailing of the newsletter. It may not be a Herculean task but it is no walk in the park and it is essential. Many thanks to Janet!

Historian: Judy reported on information received from a founding member

HGA: No report. Several members indicated they are going and will work together to try to carpool and/or share lodging.

MAFA: No report. Marsha has been our contact person with MAFA, so her imminent move to Massachusetts means we will need a new MAFA coordinator.

Facebook: we have some traffic on Facebook! Jessica is tailoring the page to encourage membership and discussion amongst members, rather than a space for questions like "Where can I take spinning lessons in Des Moines?" Thanks to Jessica for taking on this task.

Workshops and Programs:

FEBRUARY program: Cardboard loom weaving. We will be teaching a class at the Stryker building on February 22 between 1 and 4 pm. Our meeting in February may include building kits for the class, but will definitely include a how-to session so that we can all teach the same skills.

MARCH meeting will be in a substitute location as the Rec. Center will be under reconstruction. It may be a good month for a field trip. Watch this space for updates.

OCTOBER program: Ron Pugh will show backstrap weaving.

New Business:

1. Tina announced her Name Tag Contest. If you wear your name tag in February, you may enter your name in a drawing for a prize. With all the new members, name tags are essential. Thanks for reminding us, Tina.
2. Peace Hill Fiber Fest in Charles City County has sent an application for a booth for the 2020 festival. Linda C. will coordinate contact with Peace Hill, taking on a task previously handled by the omnipotent Marsha. It appears that Marsha's jobs will require about fifteen substitutes.
3. Rudgee sent a reminder that Textiles in Motion and Transit will be presented in Leiden, Netherlands the first week of October 2020. Information on the website is thin but addresses are provided. Use the underlined phrase to search.
4. CRAFT RETREAT at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester on February 8. Bring your work, a covered dish to share, and \$5.00.

Old Business

1. The Williamsburg Regional Library has asked us to consider mounting a show in the Stryker building, rather than the theater lobby. Consensus of the Guild is that we prefer the theater lobby because of the two glass cases there. AND, we generally do a show every two years, not every year. Kathy K. agreed to let Rob know.
2. We reviewed the inventory of items owned by the guild and their locations.
 - a. Dorothy loom: four shaft table loom, stored at Kathy K's. Available for anyone to try out weaving.
 - b. Spindles: stock depleted to zero.
 - c. Banner, market tent, brochures: will be at Kathy K's. Marsha brought them today.
 - d. Marudai: has been returned to Pam F.
 - e. Books and DVD's: Held by Goodie, our current Librarian. If you want a book or video lesson, check with Goodie.
 - f. Projector: Ingrid has it. It works but is technologically outdated and requires an adapter. It is for sale or adoption.
 - g. Magazine collection: years and years of Spinoff and Handwoven, plus Spindle, Shuttle and Depot. Stored at Linda C's. Please ask if you would like to see any particular issue or even a random one.

Show and Tell:

Guests

Chuck: a weaver, husband of Kym who has proudly displayed his work.

Tom: retired sheep shearer from Washington state, now living in Topping. Spins on a wheel and with a drop spindle, and knits on a homemade knitting board.

Liz H. drove up from Virginia Beach because she would like some companionship while on her weaving adventure. We hope she has come to the right place.

Lesley came at the urging of Linda A., because she would like to learn to spin. Lucky for her a member was destashing a very pretty drop spindle, so now she has the tools!

Lisa came with Jane, and like many members, spins and then knits the resultant yarn.

Members:

Kris related an illustrated tale of travel. Apparently, in her household, it is traditional to hide a doll or illustration depicting some fictional character in the suitcase of a travelling family member. So, her husband brought her a tapestry weaving of the character, mounted on a pseudo-loom.

Ingrid finished weaving off her Next Steps in Weaving warp, and displayed the resultant mug rugs, each woven with a different weft. In addition, she had woven a linen table runner and placemats, and had knitted a cowl/head scarf. It's been too cold to ride a motorcycle....

Ann H brought her loom to work on, enclosed in her handmade loom bag. Components of the bag included pieces of Ann's artwork, and a pair of pants. The artwork made the bag charming, and the pants provided extra pockets for usefulness.

Janet showed off a new felt painting, this one in sunset colors.

Kathy K. was wearing a shawl woven on a triangle loom, finished with a fluffy fringe.

Barbara had wet-felted some yarn into a most unusual scarf, where the yarn was not woven, knitted nor crocheted but laid out close enough to stick together but far enough apart to display as individual yarns.

Goody's project was from the working group: a felted Alaskan Husky dog named Juno, who will be entered in a "Best in Show" art display this spring. The dog had realistically blue eyes.

Georgette showed off a handwoven scarf.

Dee has piled up six balls of handspun, which has not yet told her what it wants to become.

Sandi showed off a scarf she wove while experimenting with Tencel and silk.

Marsha has been trying to soothe her nerves by weaving plastic discs, which will go into the thank you notes she will send to the movers. Bon voyage, Marsha. Keep in touch.

Linda A. told us about a discovery of fabric at the Jamestown dig. She suggested getting the digger to give us a presentation, Murmurs of “field trip” were heard in the crowd.

PROGRAM

Our program was provided by US. It was much fun to see so many spinning wheels at work, and a couple of looms, and a warping board. Many of those tools were being observed, explained, shared.... Your secretary departed at 2:00 pm to keep an appointment, but was inspired enough to finish off the last few rows of a pair of languishing crochet projects, INCLUDING weaving in ends. Well done, Weavers and Spinners!



Ann’s amazing carry-all bag.

Ingrid’s monks belt linen table runner



Kym and Chuck’s beautiful work



Liz H. wondrous ruana!



Sandi's one of a kind handmade coat.



Marsha's captivating woven circles!



Woof! From Goodie's needle felted pup.



A triangle loom shawl from Kathy...



Dee's hand spun works of wonder!

**WSWG
Calendar**

Feb 17:

Monthly Meeting:

At JCC Rec Center

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loom weaving"

Upcoming Fiber Events

Gloucester Crafters Retreat

Congrats to Dee Smith for organizing a delightful day at Whitcomb Lodge at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester \$5 entry fee (proceeds go to Humane Society). Raffle, Venders: Yarn Matters & Shanzi jewelry. Ask who bought yarn!?

Saturday, February 22, 1 – 4pm

WSWG Cardboard Loom Workshop

Williamsburg Public Library, 515 Scotland St.

We need volunteers to help out!

Contact Kathy for more info

2020 Officers

Kris Wessler – President

Cindy French – Vice President

Kathy Kuhn – Treasurer

Linda Coppinger – Secretary

**Check out many more great photos of
the December meeting**

On our website: <http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

And be sure to check out our Facebook page!