

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

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July 2005

Meeting: Monday, July 18, members will meet at Pam's house in Mathews from 10 am to 6 pm or later? There will be kayaks available. Bring food. You may bring items "for sale" or "for free."

Directions to Pam's house: TO SANDEN (phone # 804-725-9802)

Take Rt 17 north from the Coleman Bridge in Yorktown.

Turn right at Rt 17 business toward Gloucester Courthouse.

Turn right onto Rt 14 east toward Mathews.

Follow Rt 14 until a T-intersection with a stop sign (Exxon/Little Sue on right).

Turn right.

At the next stop sign go straight through onto Rt 198.

Follow Rt 198 until another t-intersection and stop sign.

Turn left for a short distance.

When the road makes a sharp right, go straight ahead onto Rt 644 (Lilly's Neck Rd)

Follow Rt 644 through 2 turns, then look for #885/Sanden sign on the left.

Turn left - you are there.

- Anyone who took home dye bottles from our silk dying program please return them, empty and clean. They belong to the guild and we would like to have them for our next dye project.
- *Start thinking about what you would like to make for the Christmas exchange so you can get an early start.*

Programs, Workshops, Bashes

The August bash will be at Holly Fox's house in Chesapeake, Va. Her address is 2133 Hungarian Road. Phone: 757-421-7229. We can get directions at the July meeting.

In August our program will be on supplemental warps.

September will bring Guatemalan weaving that is sold in the Dream Shop at Eastern State Hospital.

In October, Shirley will present a program on Diamond rag rugs.

In November, Jerry will tell us all about computer weaving drafts.

For sale:

5 looms are for sale from Virginia Wesleyan College, each has 4 harnesses and 6 treadles. They weave 30 plus inches across and have been stored, but are in good

condition with heddles and a reed. The price is \$250.00 each. Contact Phil Guilfoyle at 757-455-3278.

Nettie Cross has a new website for her business Colonial Fiber Arts. It is <http://www.ColonialFiberArts.com>.

If you would like to add something to the website, please contact Dave Banks at dfbanks@earthlink.net.

Events outside our guild:

Appalachian Summer Festival, July 1-30. Check out www.oca.appstate.edu.

Saturday, August 20, 8 am to 5 pm, Yorktown Middle School (George Washington Hwy and Goosley Road, Yorktown) will hold a Mad-Money Market. Crafters are invited to rent spaces for \$20 (for 10 feet square space). Deadline is August 1, proceeds go to the York High Alumni Association, P.O. Box 894, Yorktown, 23692.

Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair Shawl, Saturday, October 21, 9-2, Asheville, NC. For more information, contact u-powers@juno.com or darshan@hightec.com.

Check out the web sites of Arrowmont at www.arrowmont.org; Penland www.penland.org; the Campbell school at www.folkschool.org; and the Textile Museum at www.textilemuseum.org.

Officers:

President, Mary Ann Philyaw
Vice-President, Rosalie Brown
Secretary, Jerry Smith
Treasurer, Ingrid Kross

July birthdays:

Beth Palmer

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD Minutes, June 20, 2005

Mary Ann Philyaw called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Other members in attendance were: Virginia Banks, Julie Colby, Selma Moore, Peggy Nacci, John Jansen, Jerry Smith, Cindy Newcomb, Charlotte Headley, Judy Mooers, Jane Gustafson, Rosalie Brown, Dolly Gaus, Mary Transue, Frances Wyatt, Beth Palmer, Berit Mesarick, Phyllis Vinson, Melinda Hose, Pam Franck, Peggy Counce, Holly Fox, Beverly Robinson, Lou Ayers, and Ingrid Kross.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as corrected and published.

Next month's meeting will be an all day, fun day at Pam's house in Matthews. Pam reminded everyone to bring canoes, kayaks, etc. Although the guild will provide fixings for hamburgers, Mary Ann reminded everyone to bring a pot luck dish as well. Beverly suggested that this July meeting not be announced in the newspapers. Everyone agreed that would be a good idea, though Pam said guild members were welcome to bring guests if they liked.

Cindy, the guild librarian, reminded members that if they saw a book on the list of holdings that they wanted to check out they should just give her a call and she would bring it with her to the next meeting. She called our attention to a couple of books she had brought along today: several on making clothing from hand-woven fabric, several on multi-harness patterns, and one on linen.

Rosalie, the program chair, pointed out that she would be presenting the August meeting's program on supplemental warps. (Julie had been named incorrectly in the May minutes as the presenter). It was agreed that for the December gift exchange participating members should bring, gift wrapped, some hand-made item, not necessarily fiber-related. No limits on time or expense of materials.

Ingrid, guild treasurer, reported a balance of \$3,416.37 in the guild checking account.

Mary Ann asked for a report on the June bash at Ingrid's house. Charlotte, who had gone, said everyone had a great time. The August bash (Monday, August 1) will be at Holly Fox's house in Virginia Beach. Directions are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Old Business

Mary Ann reported that the board had decided that no workshop would be planned for this year, but that members should start thinking about what sort of workshop (s) they would be interested. We should begin planning for one early next year and the first step would be getting specific suggestions (names) from the members.

New Business

The question was raised on whether the guild should undertake and overshot coverlet project. Though there was considerable discussion about whether this might be a coverlet, or individual runners, etc., by and large there seemed to be little support for the idea of moving forward with such a project at this time. Rosalie did suggest that we might want to have either a program and/or study group next year on overshot.

Challenge

Rosalie asked those members who had participated in the challenge (and completed their project!), preparing an item that reflected the colors in the individual sunset photos Rosalie had distributed several months ago.

Frances showed us a remarkable piece of cross-stitching, so accurate in color and detail that those of sitting across the room at first thought she had somehow copied the photo itself onto cloth.

Mary had done a fuzzy neck-robe in the colors of her photo.

Julie did two cotton scarves in deep emeralds, blues and golds.

Melinda did a small bag with a finger-braided strap.
Ingrid did a purse – Kool-aid–dyed, knitted and felted.
Phyllis wove a dish towel.
Beth did a scarf with a zephyr wool/silk warp and a multicolored weft.
Judy knitted a small piece with hand-dyed, hand-spun yarn.
Lou knitted a small multi-colored bag out of various odds and ends of yarn.
Jane showed us a piece of hook rug in progress.
Rosalie had woven a scarf in shades of purple and teal.

The above listings doesn't do justice to the variety of techniques, and especially the broad spectrum of colors, represented by all these pieces, but fortunately Ingrid was on hand to take a photo of all the items.

Other show and tell:

Pam brought back the silk scarf with the beads in the fringe that she had shown us a couple of meetings back. At the time she said one problem was that the fringes kept getting tangled. She changed the position of the beads, from the end of the fringes to up near the fell, alternating one very close to it with another an inch or so down and found this worked great. No tangles.

Jane told us about her trip to New Mexico and visit to the Fiber Arts Center in Albuquerque. While there she had a super visit with Charmaine Waite, a WSWG member who now lives in New Mexico.

Beverly showed us a cap she knitted, adapted from a pattern in last month's issue of Spin Off.

Jerry brought some scarves and a shawl he had woven in advancing twills with 8/2 tencel.

Program:

Judy Mooers gave a very informative presentation on spinning techniques, specifically on choosing the right technique (e.g., "woolen" vs. "worsted," 2-ply, 3- or 4-ply, cabled) for the appropriated use: sock yarn, lace, etc. The sample cards with the yarns and swatches knitted with them clearly illustrated her points. After her presentation members tried out their hands on their own wheels.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF June 20, 2005

Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 1:00. Other members in attendance were Jerry, Jane, and Rosalie. It was agreed that we should ask the next nominating committee to put forward a name for guild photographer, who would serve as the second member of the publicity committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Smith