

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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September 2006

Meeting: Monday, September 18, 2006, 10:00 a.m. (9:30 social time), in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg. Refreshments to be provided by Judy.

Program for September: Nettie Cross will present the WSWG program on baste fibers. There will be two segments to the program. The first will be a presentation on the history of baste fibers (these are plant based fibers such as flax, hemp, ramie..), as well as their use in spinning and weaving. Nettie has many examples of her work. She is currently experimenting with blending the baste fibers with more traditional fibers, such as wool. She has woven textiles from fine table linens to thick rugs. The second part will be hands on practice with unspun fibers. You may bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle, or try out hers. Nettie suggests bringing an apron to keep your lap dry if you choose to participate.

Items from the library related to the program:

- *Handspinning Flax*, Olive and Harry Linder
- *Magic of Flax, Flax Seed to Woven Cloth* by Linda Heinrich (currently out)
- *Linen*, by Alfred S. Moore
- *Handspinner's Handbook*, by Bette Hochberg
- *Fibre Facts*, by Bette Hochberg (touches all fibers)

Contact Shawn at sclarke54@hotmail.com if you would like to check out any of these items.

Bash: There will be no bash in September, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Events outside our Guild:

Fall Fiber Festival, Orange, VA. Oct. 7-8, 2006. www.fallfiberfestival.org

Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival, Nov. 4-5, 2006. www.chesapeake.va.us

Spin-Off Autumn Retreat, Tahoe City, CA. Oct 29-Nov 5, 2006.

www.interweave.com/spin/events_exhibits.asp

Stitches East, Baltimore, MD. Nov 2-5, 2006 www.knittinguniverse.com/xrx/events.php

Caledon Natural Area Art and Wine Festival, King George, VA. Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Southeast Fiber Forum Assoc. Dixon, TN, Mar. 23-25, 2007. www.main.nc.us/sffa/

Website:

If you would like to add to the guild website <http://williamsburgspinweave.org>, please contact Dave Banks at dfbanks@earthlink.net.

September Birthdays:

Jane Gustafson

Berit Mesarick

Officers:

President: Julie Colby

Vice President: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild
Minutes for Meeting August 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Colby at 10 a.m. Julie thanked Pam for presiding at the July meeting and also taking the minutes for the meeting.

Ingrid reported that the treasury stands at a balance of \$3211.66.

Pam reported on upcoming programs:

September: WORKING WITH BASTE FIBERS

Nettie will discuss many aspects of working with linen, cotton, and hemp. She both spins and weaves with these fibers, and has extensive knowledge of their historical use.

October: STRIPES TO PLAIDS (note: this is a 10-5 workshop)

Liz Ackerman of Christiansburg will present a hands-on workshop on designing stripes for weaving and making them into plaids. No looms necessary.

November: HISTORY OF DROP SPINDLE USE

Celia Quinn will share Berta Frey's extensive slide collection. It is the result of her lifelong research of drop spindle use for making yarn. This meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church on Ironbound Rd.

December: POTLUCK AND GIFT EXCHANGE

Plan to bring a holiday dish to share for brunch. To participate in the gift exchange, make and bring a gift-wrapped bag. Any textile technique, any size, any style - be creative and have fun with it.

Ingrid is accepting checks as a deposit for the Celia Quinn workshop on color blending in spinning on Nov. 14-15. The workshop will be held at Pam Franck's Sanden home in Mathews. Pam provided a list of supplies to those who have signed up to attend.

LIBRARY: Shawn has offered to come to the meetings on her lunch hour and bring items from the Library that members wish to borrow. She is providing a list of holdings relevant to the program in each newsletter. Ingrid offered to take the magazine collection.

BASH will be held at Charlotte's in October, and Birdie's in November.

Other upcoming events in the region include the Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier on Oct 7-8, and the Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival Nov. 4-5 at Chesapeake City Park.

Pam reported that the bears that were sent to Guatemala have been well received. Judy offered to buy the extra bears on behalf of the Five Rivers Fiber Guild. They will be dressed and donated to the Salvation Army.

The program was focused on members' tips for warping looms. Bob Hecker demonstrated his technique for sectional warping on his Wolf Pup loom. Bob explained all of the equipment and techniques that he has developed (using his engineering insights and his impressive wood-working skills). He built his own sectional beam for the Wolf Pup, modified the loom for more flexibility in tie-up, and built a tension box, and a reel for measuring the warps for each part of the sectional beam. A summary of the photographs of Bob's equipment and the warping tips will be prepared for the web site.. A video by Deborah Chandler on warping the loom from front to back was also shown.

SHOW AND TELL:

Pam showed a knitted cap made of bamboo silk and a woven chenille scarf.

Jean showed a knitted scarf.

Rosalie showed a knitted hat from brown wool.

Julie showed a thick-and-thin woven red shawl.

Judy showed a needle-felted cat, a woven strap, a woven scarf, and a knitted capelet made from buffalo down.

Peggy C. showed a afghan she is knitting from green (and related) yarns in her stash.

John showed two double-weave scarves.

Ingrid showed a tote bag that she knitted and felted from the yarns she dyed at the June meeting and a shopping bag she crocheted with Euroflax yarn.

Bob showed a rug that he wove with wool fabric strips on a cotton warp.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Gustafson, Secretary.

Members in attendance:

Pam Franck, Birdie Burton, Jean Huneycutt, Rosalie Brown, Virginia Banks, Dave Banks, Carlos Smith, Julie Colby, Judy Mooers, Peggy Counce, Linda Adamchak, Jerry Smith, John Janson, Berit Mesarick, Ingrid Kross, Lou Ayers, Beth Palmer, Bob Hecker, Jane Gustafson.