



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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Monthly Meeting

Monday,

ZOOM Business Meeting: 10:00 am

At Your Computer

Program

Real Life Workspaces



WSWG Minutes

Meeting Date: July 20, 2020 / 10:00 am / via ZOOM video conference

Attendees

David B., Kathy, Cindy, Kris, Marsha, Claudia, Debbie, Dee, Janet, Ingrid, Goodie, Judy, Linda C, Jamie, Sandi, Ann, Liz, Lisa, several dogs and a cat.

Agenda

Sunshine: Kris was in the midst of describing the funeral services for Debbie's mother when Debbie signed in on the call. To Debbie, The Guild extends our condolences for the loss of your mother, and the gloom of July. We will support however we can in canceling this unkind month, but the best way we know so far is to weave something. Thank you for coming to the meeting.

Correspondence: We received a query seeking someone to spin Newfoundland dog hair into yarn. Linda C. will circulate to all so any spinners interested can contact the dog's owner directly.

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

Treasurer's Report: Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 4062.30. To be added are three membership checks and to be subtracted is the donation we approved of \$200.00 to Handweaver's Guild of America.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kathy had picked up 3 membership forms. Janet H. is an original member of the Guild and has rejoined. Priscilla S has sent in her form, and Jamie L. who was a guest last month has joined us. Welcome, all!

Website: no report.

Newsletter: (Janet): Janet felt that the newsletter was "too wordy" and said she would do better. Various communicators disagreed and felt that the newsletter was coming along very well.

Historian: (Judy) No report.

HGA: Sandi will check to see what official form is required for our continued relationship with HGA. She is not sure whose email is the one listed as the contact, and notes that the structure of HGA is NOT the same as MAFA, with guilds having representatives to the group. More to follow.

MAFA: Dave. Zoom meetings need to be booked in advance as the calendar is filling. Dave did not attend the diversity workshop, but members recognized limits within our Guild - weekday meetings leave out most who work. See new business for some potential changes. Dave also reports that the MAFA board is gathering info for a decision on the 2021 Conference, which will depend, in part, on what the college does and what Pennsylvania allows. Vendor applications are still pending, although the presenters are all signed up.

Facebook: No report. Questions were raised about whether the Facebook page should remain private, as a closed page does not allow non-members to access us. Due to the supervisory burden required of an open page, we decided to leave it as is for now.

Old Business

1. As with most events in which we were to participate, Farmer's Market in Williamsburg is not mounting demonstrations, only sales. Therefore, we will NOT have a booth at the Farmer's Market until further notice.
2. Go Green Expo at the Midtown Aquatics Center in Newport News, scheduled for September, has been cancelled.
3. High Fiber Fest is scheduled for October. Dee will check on the status of the festival.
4. Peace Hill is scheduled for November. Linda will get more info on its status.

NEW Business

1. Mark your calendars for the 3d Monday of each month for a Guild Meeting held by Zoom. We have booked that day at 10:00 am for the remainder of the year.
2. In addition to our regular meetings, Cindy will begin hosting "Sip and Chat," a virtual version of a bash. Each SECOND Tuesday between 2 and 4, drop into the Zoom space, bring a snack/beverage of choice and something to work on. Time is flexible except that the Zoom space will not be available till 2 and will close at 4. If you want to join in at 2:30, please do. Cindy will send out meeting IDs and passwords. For those who prefer dessert and cordials, a similar bash will be held on the FOURTH Wednesday, from 7-9 p.m.
3. Cindy's brainstorming has resulted in a flood of ideas for our continued edification and amusement. In addition to monthly meetings and bashes, she has developed ideas for programs to try online. On Thursday, July 23, from 10 -12, she will host a class on beginning inkle loom techniques, in which one will learn how to tie heddles and how to warp your inkle loom for a plain weave band.
4. Other suggestions still under consideration include a book club, or a study group, for particular fiber interests. If you would like to join such a book club, let Cindy know.

NEXT MONTH'S Meeting: a Zoom tour of your workspace. You can take photos of the workspace to share, (allows for strategic editing) or use your phone or tablet to take real time video during the meeting. We are only interested in those dust bunnies which are big enough to spin into fiber, and won't notice anything less.

CHALLENGE: towels. 2 shafts, choose your own pattern. Weave at least 2, one to share. AND, FELT something, however you want to felt.

Show and Tell: Please send pictures to Janet.

Kris started off by showing off her arm in a cast due to surgery on her thumb. Thank goodness her administrative skills have not been affected, but she will not be able to weave for a couple of months!

Goody showed a loom, which looked suspiciously like a cookie box. The weaving made on this cardboard loom was a small, square tube with a nice drawstring closure. It looked the

perfect size for a spindle.... Also, Goody had completed a large plarn bag, woven with clasped wefts on a cardboard loom. The bag was 100% plarn, both warp and weft. Go Green Goody!

Marsha is using her loom to help her domesticate her new home, and has 4 napkins on the loom right now, with patterns in mind for curtains, table runners.....

Sandi showed her spinning product: 700 yards of alpaca/merino/tussah. She had also woven black and white towels, red striped towels, and fabric for baby shoes. And just because, she showed us several flats of blueberries that she picked, ready for freezing. YUM!

Liz had also been busy at the wheel, plying a pink and black blend. She showed us a scarf knit with the unusual "corrugated stitch," which created ridges in the finished fabric. And last, she had mitts.

Kathy K. has been weaving off a two-colored warp, white and variegated cotton. Some of it will be baby blankets, as her family produces (pun intended) a population explosion all by itself.

Ann showed off her cardboard weaving purse, complete with zipper closure and inside pockets. Much of her time has been spent oil painting- a self-portrait, a still-life on a checkerboard background, various flowers, and hands in four colors.

Cindy has been working on double weave from Jennifer Moore's book Weaver's Craft, and displayed 2 baby blankets in windowpane patterns. She also gave us a peek at an inkle strap, which she will help us learn to do in her first online program.

Dee had a surprise for us, having tried weaving. She reports that she enjoyed her cardboard loom project, a bag with a gorgeous plain weave stair-step pattern.

Lisa presented 600 yards of merino silk spun on her e-spinner, plus 8 pairs of mitts. One pair included hair from her dog, who passed away not long ago. And just because the heat index is 100 degrees, she knit a pair of purple mittens, and a hat. Doesn't everyone need a pair of purple mittens?

Judy has finished a kit from Jen Moore, and has also done 2 scarves and 3 baby blankets.

PROGRAM

We conducted a tour of spinning wheels. Janet was seen during the meeting spinning on her double treadle Kromski, which seems to be the Minstrel model. Liz has a Hansen e-spinner, which comes without a battery and has some fragile connections for the pedal/switch. She found it tricky to switch from counting treadles to counting time to maintain consistency, but the wheel is portable (can be plugged into an auto) and can be fitted with a Woolie Winder. Dee also had an e-spinner, hers being a Nano by Dreaming Robots.com. Ingrid showed off her Jensen wheel, which she finally received after a long, long delay. It has a large wheel and spins very smoothly. Everything on the wheel and its accessories is cherry wood. 2 spinners have Majacraft wheels, and Claudia has a handmade wheel from New Zealand featuring a horse head, and various horse related symbols carved onto the wheel. She reports it spins well but is very heavy. Judy has a Nano, but for use in the studio she has a Carson Cooper Quincy, which features an accelerator wheel. Thus, she can treadle at normal speed and obtain very fast spin, for lace weight yarns.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM: STUDIO TOUR. SHOW US YOUR WORKSPACE!

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.



Plarn bag and cookie-box woven baguette... Amazing Goodie!



Corrugated stitch, Wow Liz!



Sandi's towels for HGA



and Black striped towels! Wonderful...



Double Weave from Cindy!



Delightful!



Charlie's! Oops, almost forgot!

Wonderful work! Thanks to all who sent in photos!
{The photos are what I look at first.}

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Kris Wessler - President
Cindy French - Vice President
Kathy Kuhn - Treasurer
Linda Coppinger - Secretary

Check out many more great photos of
the February meeting

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

And be sure to check out our Facebook page!

Next meeting...

