

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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December 2006

Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2006, 10:00 a.m. (9:30 social time), in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg.

Program: Potluck luncheon and gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a hand-made bag, if you wish to participate in the exchange.

Bash: No Bash this month. Have an individual bash to complete your bag for the exchange.

Events outside our Guild:

Mid-Atlantic Quilt and Fiber Festival, Feb 22-25, 2007, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA

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

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County, MD, May 5-6, 2007.

www.sheepandwool.org.

Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association Annual Conference, Marywood University campus, Scranton, Pennsylvania July 6-8, 2007, www.mafafiber.org.

Website:

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

December Birthdays:

Birdie Burton

Pam Franck

Melinda Hose

Jean Honeycutt

Beverly Robinson

Jerry Smith

Officers:

President: Julie Colby

Vice President: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild
Minutes for Meeting November 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Ingrid Kross at 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Church. Ingrid greeted the guests in attendance from the Clothos Guild in Richmond., as well as our guest speaker, Celia Quinn, and her husband, Chris Perry. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Because we had several guests and low attendance by members, the business meeting was truncated. The election of officers for 2007 was deferred to the December meeting.

Julie provided information on a spinning wheel and a loom that are for sale. Details of these items will be included in the newsletter.

The following items were presented for show and tell:

- John: the shawl that was completed by our team at the Chesapeake Heritage Festival on Nov. 5.
- Charlotte: an afghan that she knitted from the sample skeins she has prepared in many years of spinning and dyeing workshops.
- Jerry: two rugs he wove using shaft switching and incorporating different techniques for color blending, placemats woven based on a class that he took at the Mannings.
- Judy: notebook with samples from the Celia Quinn workshop.
- Bob: throw in the Kirk of the Hills tartan
- Chris Perry: gansey from yarn that he spun and Celia dyed and knitted

Celia Quinn presented the program on hand-spindles through history. Her presentation included the slides and commentary prepared by Bette Hochberg, as well as a substantial collection of Celia's spindles and distaffs.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Gustafson, Secretary.

Members in attendance:

Judy Mooers, Charlotte Headley, Jerry Smith, Virginia Banks, Lou Ayers, Bob Hecker, Dave Banks, Linda Adamchak, Birdie Burton, Ingrid Kross, Peggy Counce, John Janson, Jane Gustafson, Pam Franck, Selma Moore, Rosalie Brown, Julie Colby.

Guests in attendance:

Bill Counce, Chris Perry, Celia Quinn, Gayle Nielberg, Judith Towers, Becky Blake, Jan Glass, Diane Collins, Johanna Collins.

Equipment available:

Fay Koedel in Deltaville is offering to sell her 20" Structo table loom, with several books and a rather complete set of accessories for \$300. She is also offering an Inkle loom for \$35. She can be reached at 804-776-6168 or fkoedel@oonl.com.

Eleanor Farrington wants to sell her Schacht double treadle spinning wheel for \$300. She can be reached at 757-253-2795.

Bob and Jan Perry at Backcountry Weavers and Things (706-556-6716, theperrys@charter.net) have the following items for sale:

Older Used Looms

45" Leclerc Nilus (older model, front hinge treadles) jack loom, 4 harness, 6 treadles - \$500

45" 4 harness, 6 treadle countermarche loom, custom made and folds, could be expanded to 8 harnesses, 10 treadles - \$300

60" Leclerc Tissart tapestry loom (reed is actually 62") - \$300

22" Leclerc Artisan - \$550.00

New demonstration looms

16" Kromski Harp with stand and carrying case - \$275 (new retail is \$320)

16" Louet Kombo, 4 harness table loom with stand-\$500 (new retail is \$850)

Claudia Bolitha is looking for a new home for her mother's loom. She can be reached at 751 Leonard Lane, Newport News, VA 23601, 757-591-0744 (home), 757-222-6000 (work), 757-592-2334 (cell). jbolithol@cox.net.

She provided the following information on the loom.

The loom is a Six-Harness "Hearthside" Loom by Nellie Sargent Johnson, sold at Sears & Roebuck in the 1940's. It is 45 inches wide and 41 inches tall. It has 6 treadles and 6 harnesses each with 2 heddle bars. Each harness has 150 heddles on the first 4 harnesses for a total of 600 heddles. It can be folded for transport and storage. The price is negotiable.