



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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July, 2019

Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 15

Business Meeting: 10:00 am

Program to follow

Williamsburg Public Library

515 Scotland St, Williamsburg

Program

Spin-in

&

Warping a rigid heddle loom

Snacks

Sweet - Goodie

Savory - Kathy



WSWG Minutes

Meeting Date: June 17, 2019 / 10:00 am / Williamsburg Regional Library

GUESTS

Nancy K

Attendees

Jessica, Cindy, Maureen, Ellen, Kathy K., Ginger, Tina, Marsha, Linda A., Janet, Ingrid, Claudia, Elizabeth, Nancy, Debbie, Kris, Linda C. , Catherine

Agenda

Circulate Sign-ups:

1. Sign up forms were circulated for attendance and show and tell.

Sunshine: none

Correspondence: none

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

Treasurer's Report: Balance at beginning of meeting \$3,789.70.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Sandi) No report, but the membership roster has been updated and mailed. Please notify Sandi if you find any errors or omissions.

Website: no report.

Newsletter: (Marsha) Marsha had no report but did recognize Barbara for

her invaluable service in proofreading the newsletter each month and assuring it is accurate, grammatical and free of widows and orphans. Well done and THANKS to Barbara!

Historian : no report.

HGA: No report, although there was some discussion of what organizations might be interested in sponsoring the HGA exhibit. Specifically, Peninsula Fine Arts Center and MOMA in Norfolk were suggested.

MAFA: The conference this year is well subscribed and will include a state grouped luncheon, so that all the guilds from Virginia can get together and plot and scheme. This could lead to co-operation and sharing such that several local guilds could share the costs associated with (for example) a presentation by a well-known, well-subscribed presenter.

Facebook: Jessica reports that the Facebook page is open for subscription. Search "Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild" all spelled out, and sign up. The group will be closed after a certain amount of time to help assure it stays on track.

Workshops and Programs:

July program will be Spin-in, for spinners and those that want to learn that

magic, and Rigid Heddle Warping for spinning muggles.

August: Liz will present “A Wool Study” about different fibers and different sheep breeds.

September: “how to join a square,” where we can learn what to do with all those little bits of weaving that come off of pin loom.

October: a presentation from Colonial Williamsburg.

November: Next Steps in Weaving. And Southeastern Asia Fabric.

New Business:

Possible January program on Peru and Ecuador and the spinning and weaving styles of those countries.

Old Business:

1. The Library Art Gallery set up date is Tuesday, September 3. Please bring anything you have that would be interesting to show off. We will begin hanging items at 10:00 when the library opens on that day and work until we are done. If you have something to add to the show but can't make it to the library that day, please contact Kris, Linda C., Kathy or Marsha and we will find a way to get your projects transported. We have all of the wall space in the gallery to fill, PLUS

two glass cabinets that can be locked to display small items, tools, etc.

The library does NOT have an anti-sale policy. The library staff will NOT sell any items but if you wish to note that your displayed project is for sale, please mark it with information that will allow customers to reach you.

We are also encouraged by the library to demonstrate our craft. If you would be willing to bring a loom to the library and weave, or sit and spin, please let one of the officers know and we can develop a calendar. You can expect to spend as much time interacting with the interested public as crafting, and will have immense fun.

2. Festival of Local Makers was looking for a display, and a hands on activity. The date is Saturday September 21 between noon and 4:00 pm. Unfortunately the publication date for getting information into the Library's newsletter was the same date that they contacted us. Consensus was that we will be demonstrating at the library during September anyway and may be a bit burned out. Marsha will enquire whether the Library will sponsor another Cardboard Loom class in October

3. September 7 is the Go Green exposition at Brittingham Midtown Center. Kathy will bring the tables. Cardboard looms are good projects for this display, as are any using plarn.

4. Knit in public day: one member participated, and one participated in the James River Yarn Crawl.

Show and Tell

For "SHOW":

Catherine told about visiting Fort Necessity.

Cindy showed off a pin keep given to her by a friend, and displayed her pine needle sewing basket with lid.

Kathy brought in several baskets, pine-needle and other materials.

Marsha, bathed in a surfeit of cardboard, showed off bags made from the weavings pulled from her cardboard looms.

Ingrid had been shopping at Ikea and found some ideal little project bags.

Nancy brought in her hand knitted socks which are intended to be worn with a kilt.

All enjoyed snacks brought by Ellen and Tina, and moved on to the program. Penelope Mace from the Northern Neck area presented a program on the history and making of Dorset buttons - a cottage industry from 1622-1850. She brought a display of antique buttons, shared some research on the history, shared some lovely examples of antique Dorset buttons and an amazing antique dress form decorated with hand stitching and buttons. She showed us the basic steps and helped us make a crosswheel button.

Penny organizes an annual Christmas Shoppe event at the Tavern in Heathsville. This event has grown to a 365-day-a-year job for the community. The Shoppe allows children - prior to Christmas - to purchase up to ten gifts for their families with each gift being a dollar. The group then wraps and labels the presents - ready to put under the tree. Keep the Shoppe in mind when you are Kondoizing your closets. You get tidy closets, the children learn the pleasures of giving, the Tavern makes a penny or two. What's not to like?

Next Meeting Agenda

Spin-in, and Rigid Heddle Warping.

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Maureen showed her dorset bag & earrings - from Dorset, England

Cindy's pine needle sewing basket
With lid and pin cushion

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Marsha's cardboard loom bags v



Nancy's knitted kilt sock v



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Kathy's baskets



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Penny Mace
(Dorsett button
program presenter)
with some of her antique
buttons & her button
decorated dress form

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Cindy's handwoven portable sewing kit

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WSWG Calendar

July 15, 10 am
Monthly Meeting
At Williamsburg Public Library

Program:
Spin-in
&
Warping a rigid heddle loom
Snacks: Sweet –
Goodie; Savory - Kathy

August 19, 10 am
Monthly Meeting
At Williamsburg Public Library

Program:
“Fiber & Sheep breeds:
a wool study” with Liz
Snacks: Sweet – Linda
A; Savory - Ingrid

September 16:
Monthly Meeting
At JCC Rec Center

Program:
“Joining pin-loom
squares”
Snacks: Sweet – Bunny;
Savory – Janet

2019 Challenge:

Pick 4 colors of fiber &
show how they interact

Results due at
December meeting

Upcoming Fiber Events:

September- October

WSWG Library Exhibit

Williamsburg Public Library
Start planning on what you want to exhibit!
Set up date: TBA

Saturday, September 7, 10 am – 3 p

Go Green Expo

Brittingham Midtown Community Cen
570 McLawhorne Dr, Newport News
Consider helping the WSWG to demonstrate “green” fiber arts”!
For more info on the Expo:

<https://www.nngogreenexpo.org/the-event>

for more info on helping out, contact Masha

Saturday, September 14, 7:30 am – 11:30 am

WSWG fiber demos at Williamsburg Farmers Market

Merchant Square, Williamsburg
For more info, contact Kathy

Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6

Fall Fiber Festival

11395 Constitution Highway, Montpelier Station, VA 22957
for more info: <https://fallfiberfestival.org>

Saturday, November 2, 10 am – 4 pm

Peace Hill Farm Fiber & Craft Festival

18401 The Glebe Lane, Charles City
The WSWG will be demonstrating fiber arts (& selling our handmades)
For more info on the festival: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peace-hill-farm-fiber-and-craft-festival-tickets-47434002378>

For more info on participating with the guild, contact Marsha

2019 Officers

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