



## **Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild**

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<http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

**June, 2019**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday, June 17  
Business Meeting: 10:00 am  
Program to follow

**Williamsburg Public Library**  
**515 Scotland St, Williamsburg**

### **Program**

“Dorset Button”  
with Penelope Mace

Bring a tapestry needle with an eye big enough for #5 perle cotton  
and thread scissors

**Kit fee \$2.00**

**(or a small donation to the Tavern Christmas Shoppe for Kids)**

### **Snacks**

Sweet - Ellen  
Savory - Tina

## WSWG Minutes

**Meeting Date: May 20, 2019**

10:00 am

WJCC REC CENTER

### GUESTS

Rosalie

### Attendees

Catherine, Sandi, Liz, Marsha, Janet, Selma, Goodie, Jane, Linda A. Cie, Tina, Barbara, Dee, Debbie, Claudia, Cindy, Jessica, Linda C.

### Agenda

#### Circulate Sign-ups:

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

**Sunshine: none**

#### Correspondence:

We received a CD or DVD addressed to James Bond at our P. O. Box. The envelope was a folded and taped piece of typing paper, and had a cancellation stamp from Cincinnati, Ohio. There was no return address. Your secretary has forwarded the package to the postmaster for official handling.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting \$3,839.70.

#### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** (Sandi) At the beginning of the meeting we had 40 members.

**Website:** no report.

**Newsletter:** (Marsha) Marsha reminded that the Newsletter is published on the Website a week or two after the meeting. PLEASE read it, so corrections can be made timely.

**Historian:** no report.

**HGA:** The Guild leadership determined that the HGA travelling art show was beyond our grasp, due to shipping costs and insurance and security requirements. It was suggested that the information regarding the display be forwarded to various arts organizations who might be interested in producing the show

**MAFA:** Marsha reports that all classes at MAFA are filled, and there are a good number of vendors for those willing to travel for a day of shopping. MAFA conference is June 27 through June 30.

**Facebook:** Jessica, having finished her exams, (you GO, girl!) has established a Facebook page which will be open for a limited time for sign ups, and then closed again for privacy. Barbara pointed out that some would not join at all, which was recognized. For those who find Facebook useful...

**Workshops and programs:** June program will be Dorset buttons. There will be a \$2.00 materials fee, and each participant is invited to contribute to the children's Christmas shop at the Rice's Hotel Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville. Money is accepted as are items that could be purchased by children to give to their friends and family.

The Next Steps in Weaving workshop is coming together and will MOST LIKELY be

held November 9 and 10 at Ford's Colony Clubhouse. This date must be confirmed with Ford's Colony and so remains in pencil at this time.

### **New Business:**

1. September program will be pin loom square joining instruction. Cindy and Dee will demonstrate joining by knitting; Linda and Tina will demonstrate joining by crochet. Please speak up if you can help demonstrate any other method of joining.

2. The Tour de Fleece will start the first week of June. A month long pun, spinners twirl strands of fiber while cyclists spin wheels in the Tour de France race. Search "Tour de Fleece" on Facebook, Ravelry and any browser to find fiber, games, challenges and causes. This year people are spinning for Shave 'Em to Save 'Em, to encourage the use of fibers from rare or endangered sheep breeds.

3. Knit in Public day is June 8.

### **Old Business**

1. We taught Cardboard Loom weaving at the Library's "Maker's Workshop" on Sunday May 5 from 1-2:30 and from 2:30-4. 16 students showed up for the early class and approximately 9 for the second class. Ages were very mixed and all students seemed to enjoy themselves.
2. Members demonstrated at the High Fiber Festival on May 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Festival is held on the grounds of Hickory Neck Church on Richmond Road in Toano. Our location was inside the Parish House

so we had climate control and seating. The mix of vendors was small but varied and people seemed genuinely interested in the various aspects of our many crafts. Consensus of the membership was that this was a good program worthy of continued participation. It is anticipated that the festival will take place on the first Saturday of May next year and membership agreed that we should put that event on the calendar.

### **Show and Tell**

For "SHOW":

Catherine brought several pieces of cloth from her trip to Japan, slightly narrower than a standard dishcloth, printed in a resist method. The cloths are traditional Japanese Tenugui, carried everywhere and used as towels, napkins, hot plates etc. Catherine also passed around a book about Furoshiki, which are squares easily folded into containers for groceries, head scarves, neckerchiefs.

Sandi showed off a shirt made of different weaves using similar (some identical) colors. None of the pieces was large enough alone to make anything, but our clever "reuser" fused sewed them together to make an extremely attractive garment.

Marsha brought in her finished, at last, pine needle basket with a floss woven round bottom piece. She also provided a couple of examples of the finished cardboard loom weaving from the Maker's class, demonstrating how different yarns felt in radically different ways. Finally, she had a tapestry.

Linda A. brought in two pine needle baskets, showing off the variety of shapes these vessels can take.

Dee modeled a poncho that started as the shawl she displayed last month. She joined the edges. She is also working up a significant quantity of a blue/purple gradient handspun, enough to put her in contention for a stage win at the Tour.

Barbara also brought handspun which she will knit into a scarf.

Debbie also brought in pine needle baskets, AND an entire flock of (toy) sheep, which she donated to the children's Christmas shop at the Rice's Hotel Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville.

Cindy displayed her studies in Summer and Winter. Everyone agreed that the mixed border and stripe sample looked like Frank Lloyd Wright meets loom.

Janet reminded everyone of the upcoming Gloucester Arts Festival, featuring plein air painting the first week of June, displays of those paintings the rest of the month along with other art (including fiber art produced by Janet) at the Arts on Main gallery, a symphony performance, a new mural....

There is enough happening in Gloucester in June to constitute a vacation. Check out [gloucesterartsfestival.com](http://gloucesterartsfestival.com)

#### PROGRAM

Cindy, Sandy and Liz brought looms ready-warped for Saori weaving, which requires that one calm the monkey mind of perfection and weave the banana peels right into the fabric. The warps were lovely, with bits of yarn "too soft" or "too bright" or crossed

or not threaded through heddles, "errors" which lead to uneven selvages, vibrant colors and energetic structures. Sandi had brought many examples of Saori which were intended to be "weaving" as practiced by children who visited the Tavern Guild looms. The examples were so exuberant that your Secretary renewed her plans for a tapestry on 4 shafts. As soon as she figures out how cards can tell the future.

#### Next Meeting Agenda

**Dorset Buttons! Presented by Penny Mace. Bring Tapestry Needle and scissors, plus \$2.00 material fee, and any contributions to the children's Christmas shop at the Rice's Hotel Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville**

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**Tapestries are Perfectly Modern Wall Hangings- Here's Proof  
(Thanks to Anne for finding this)**

<https://www.domino.com/content/modern-wall-hanging/?param4=dom-us-email>

**Two Great Saori links  
From Sandi:**

<https://handmadesaori.com/saori-sewing-and-clothing/>

<https://schachtspindle.com/freeform-saori-inspired-weaving-on-the-cricket-loom/>

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Cindy's studies in Summer & Winter



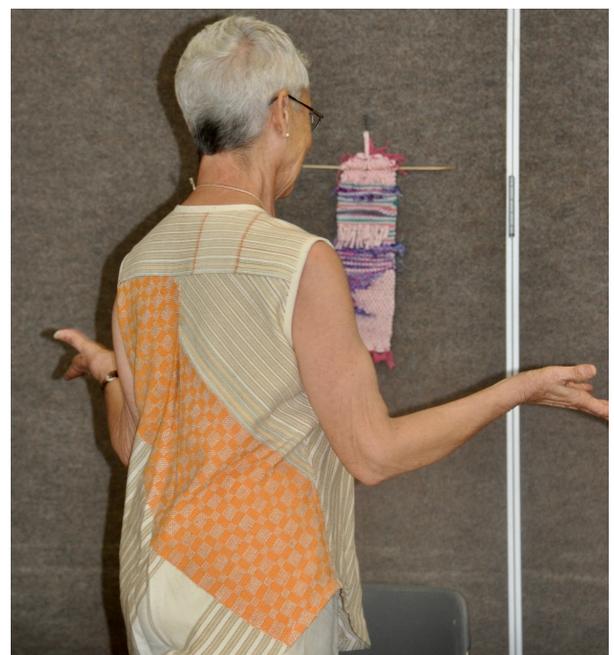
Linda A's pine needle baskets



Textiles and book  
from Katherine's  
trip to Japan



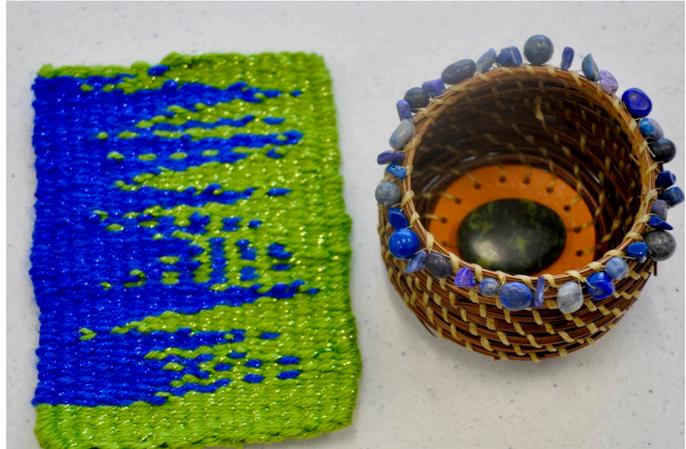
Sandi's  
Handmade  
top  
From many  
small  
Woven bits



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Marsha's pine needle basket

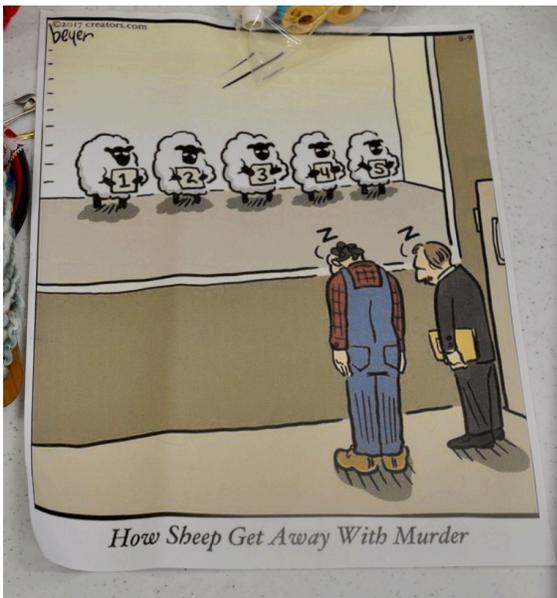


^^ Debbie's pine needle basket  
& Clasped weft



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Dee's handspun

Janet's raffle prize at  
knitting retreat  
(which is Dee's handwork!)  
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From the  
Library  
Cardboard  
loom  
Workshop  
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Marsha's  
Canvas loom  
tapestry

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Dee's handspun hand knitted  
Shawl that became a Cape

Scenes from the High Fiber Festival  
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WSWG  
Saori Program



Saori scarves



Looms set up for saori weaving ^



Saori on a rigid heddle loom

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(bottom pics)  
finished saori weavings, including  
Sandi's shower curtain

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## WSWG Calendar

June 17, 10 am

### Monthly Meeting

Meeting location:

**Williamsburg Public  
Library**

“Dorset Button

Making” with Penelope  
Mace

(\$2 kit fee)

Snacks: Sweet – Ellen;

Savory – Tina

July 15, 10 am

### Monthly Meeting

**At Williamsburg Public  
Library**

Program: TBA

(Spinning)

Snacks: Sweet –

Goodie; Savory - Kathy

August 19, 10 am

### Monthly Meeting

**At Williamsburg Public  
Library**

Program: TBA

(Spinning)

Snacks: Sweet – Linda

A; Savory - Ingrid

### 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 pm

### Go Green Expo

Brittingham Midtown Community Center

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 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