



## **Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild**

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**March, 2019**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday, March  
Business Meeting: 10:00 am  
Program to follow

**James City County Library**  
**7770 Croaker Rd, Williamsburg**

### **Program**

Presentation

“The history of the Longleaf Pine in Virginia”

with

Billy Apperson & Lisa Deaton

(info on their work at:

<https://ww2.odu.edu/~lmusselm/blackwater/longleaf-pine-restoration-d2-1.pdf>)

### **Snacks**

Sweet - Micki; Savory – Marsha

## WSWG Minutes

**Meeting Date:** February 18, 2019 / 10:00 am / JCC Library, Croaker Road

## Attendees

Linda C., Kris, Cindy, Ellen, Janet, Liz, Virginia, David, Linda A, Ingrid, Selma, Claudia, Kathy K, Goodie, Debbie, Judy, Ginger, Bunny, Natalie, Jessica, Stacy, Tina and guest Celeste.

## Agenda

### Circulate Sign-ups:

Sign up forms were circulated for snacks and for Bashes.

**Sunshine:** None

### Correspondence:

Email from Patty Franz (RIC Weaver's Guild) who wants the two guilds to consider a joint program, and/or share info about any special classes.

Email from Lisa Deaton re: Long Needle Pine Tree presentation

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Motion made and seconded, minutes approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting \$3,659.20. During and after the meeting additional members paid dues and paid fees for Pine Basket Workshop.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** (Sandi) Sandi was absent and did not submit a report.

**Website:** (David) no new activity from the WilliamsburgSpinWeave.org website.

**Newsletter:** (Marsha) Marsha was absent and did not submit a report. Newsletter was published.

**Historian** (Judy): Nothing to report.

**HGA:** No report. Sandi usually deals with this group.

**MAFA:** David reports that 13 of the classes are full. Over 400 people have registered, and there are now 50 member guilds. This growth may necessitate a location change for future years.

Facebook: Jessica agrees to take the task of building and managing a Facebook page for those who use that site.

**Workshops:** Pine Needle Basket Coil Weaving is now full. Payment of \$40.00 is due to Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers. The cost had to be increased due to the expense of glycerin.

We will have a Dorset Button workshop. Other ideas are being fitted into the schedule, including a possible Next Steps in Weaving workshop, and/or a beginning weaving class, for which we may seek a grant to pay rent for a space. This class would be offered to the public.

**Meeting Presentations:** Subject to scheduling. Colonial Williamsburg Weavers will present in October.

## New Business

1. Kathy has communication from 4-H, who asked if we could provide a program at the end of March. Since we are providing for a Maker's Class in the beginning of May on cardboard looms, a similar class seemed possible. Kathy will get information on how many people are expected in the class and how long the class is expected to last.
2. The date for the High Fiber Festival at Hickory Neck Church is May 18th. Information about start/end time will be forthcoming. We will be demonstrating to the public from an indoor location at no cost. The attendees are coming for a fiber festival so most will have some informed curiosity about our activities.
3. We will demonstrate to the public at the Williamsburg Farmer's Market, subject to scheduling. Kathy will ask for April 6 or April 13. This demonstration is outdoors, under a nylon roof. The public comes to the Farmer's Market to buy veggies, walk dogs, see and be seen. We may have interaction with children and with adults who think we are selling our spinning wheels. NO SELLING IS ALLOWED at the Market. You may hand out business cards, but our booth is sponsored by the Market for public education. Sellers pay to rent booths; ours is free.

4. We will demonstrate to the public at the Peace Hill Farm Fiber and Craft Fest on November 2, 2019. This demonstration will be indoors in an unheated, uninsulated farm building that was once a large chicken coop. The attendees will be coming specifically for a fiber fest with other farm-related activities, including an apple pie judging. Yum. More details as it gets closer in time.
5. BASH: A sign -up sheet was passed around. A bash is a social meeting at someone's home, usually on the first Monday of the month. The hostess provides space and guests bring whatever project they want to work on.
6. MAFA goodie bags: Each guild in MAFA is requested to provide something for the goodie bags handed out to attendees to the meeting. Cindy and Ingrid have been weaving tiny sheep on pin looms, attaching them to felt squares to be used as pins. If YOU want to make some, contact Cindy or Ingrid.

### Old Business

- **Teaching a "Makers" class. We will teach cardboard weaving on May 5th at the Stryker Center in downtown Williamsburg, next to the library. The class goes from 1 pm to 4 pm. Cardboard looms are already under construction, and everyone is asked to bring some yarn for warping, and to donate as weft. Please note the correct location and the time.**

### Action Items

#### Show and Tell

Kris showed 2 projects, both kits: a merino scarf, and an alpaca ruana.

Janet displayed two felt paintings: a sunset with all of the colors, and a large, 3D daffodil. If spring will not come to Janet, Janet will bring spring to the guild!

Liz had made a scarf using a wavy shuttle stick and several techniques, including leno. She

also brought several books about the history of fabrics and the work of women in creating the fabric and the history.

Claudia brought store-bought felt to show that it is possible to find high quality felt.

Goodie completed three pieces for an upcoming art show: a small "perspective" weaving, a felted and embroidered landscape, and a remarkable black and white felt "photo" of a cat.

Debbie had found a long finished project which was worthy of the tale: a small tapestry of five different colored stars in a night sky. Of course there was a magic trick: the piece was doubleweave, so on the back it was all colors with five black stars.

Judy was forced to go stash diving as a result of moving from one house to another, but reports that it feels like having a yarn store in her own living room. She repurposed some yarn into a sweater with a knitted swoop, and started a new shawl. She also brought a purchased handwoven project bag that had been made by Sandi with a unique geometric construction.

Ginger had tried her hand at tapestry weaving and had a version of the early days of Genesis to show for it.

Stacy brought a wicker backpack for which she had woven the straps. She told of an auction house in Richmond where she had purchased what was called a portable loom but was actually a Schacht 45 inch wide floor model, and from whence she had retrieved a "decorative box" that was in fact a tape loom. Good hunting!

### PROGRAM

Cindy and Ingrid showed examples of the Good Wood loom, a small tapestry loom with a unique shed mechanism. Other brands of small tapestry looms were also shown, with examples of projects they can make. A handout was provided with stitch guides and diagrams.

### Next Meeting Agenda

Presentation by Billy Apperson and Lisa Deaton on the history of the Longleaf Pine in Virginia. The meeting will be followed by the workshop on Pine Needle Baskets. Anyone planning to attend both should bring a lunch.

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Ginger's "Genesis" tapestry



Kris' alpaca ruana



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Sandi's handwoven  
Project bag  
(purchased &  
shown by Judy)

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Cindy's  
"Good Wood Loom"



Liz's wavy shuttle & leno scarf

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Goodie's  
felted  
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Debbie's  
"Stars"  
Doubleweave



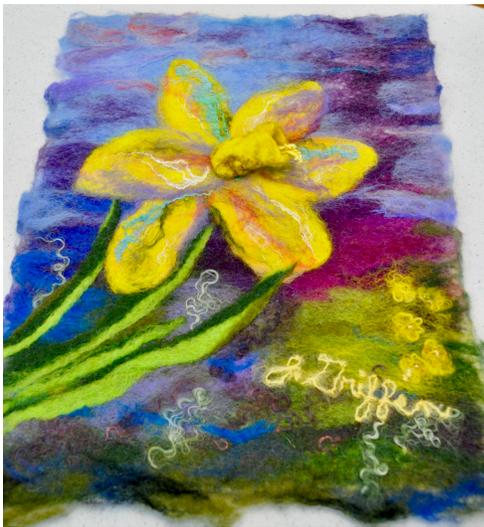
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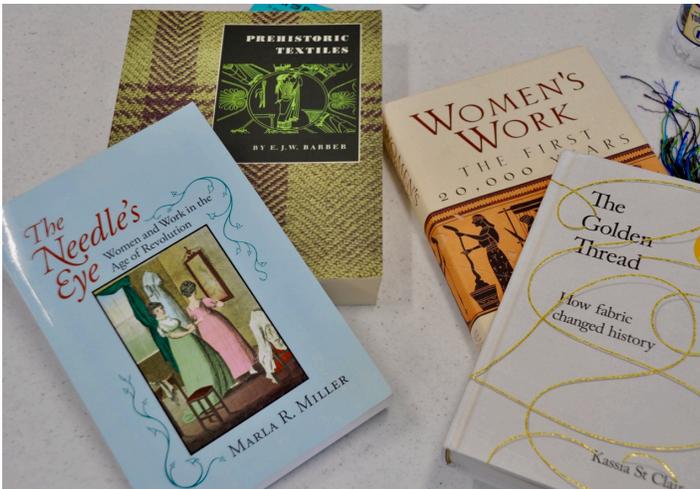
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Merino  
Scarf



Judy's repurposed yarn sweater



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Janet's  
felted  
tapestry



Liz's books on the history of fiber  
& women's fiber work



Janet's felted landscape tapestry

## WSWG Calendar

March 18, 10am  
**Monthly Meeting**  
James City Co. Library  
Program: "History of  
Longleaf Pine in VA"  
Snacks: Sweet – Micki  
P, Savory – Marsha

March 18, 1-3pm  
**Pine needle basket  
workshop**  
James City Co. Library

April 15  
10am  
**Monthly Meeting**  
JCC Rec Center  
Program: Making  
cardboard loom  
weaving "kits"  
Snacks: Sweet – Dee;  
Savory – Barbara

May 20, 10am  
**Monthly Meeting**  
JCC Rec Center  
"Saori Mindset"  
Snacks: Sweet –  
Debbie; Savory –  
Claudia

**2019 Challenge:**  
Pick 4 colors of fiber &  
show how they interact

## Fiber Events:

February 28 – March 3  
**Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival**  
Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA  
For more info: <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

March 18, 1-3 pm  
**WSWG Guild Workshop: Pine Needle Basket making**  
(pre-registration required)  
JCC Public Library

March 30, 11am  
**Cardboard Loom Bag Workshop by WSWG**  
Jamestown 4-H Educational Center  
3751 4-H Club Rd, Williamsburg  
(We need volunteers to help out!)  
contact Kathy K for more details

Saturday, April 27, 10am – 5pm  
**Powhatan's Fiber of Festival**  
3920 Marion Harland Lane, Powhatan, VA  
More info at <http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com>

May 5, 1-4pm  
**Cardboard Loom Weaving Workshops by WSWG**  
Stryker Center (next to Williamsburg Public Library)  
We need volunteers!

## 2019 Officers

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