



## **Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild**

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### **May, 2019**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday, May 20  
Business Meeting: 10:00 am  
Program to follow

**James City Recreation Center**  
5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg

#### **Program**

“Saori Mind Set...or Sett”  
with Sandi Petty

#### **Snacks**

Sweet - Debbie;  
Savory - Claudia



# WSWG Minutes

**Meeting Date:** APRIL 15, 2019 / 10:00 am  
/ WJCC REC CENTER

## Attendees:

Liz, Selma, Micki D., Ellen, Goodie, Barbara, Dee, Maureen, Judy, Sandi, Marsha, Natalie, Ingrid, Cindy, Ann H. , Izabela, Ginger, Linda, Kris.

## Agenda

### Circulate Sign-ups:

1. Sign up forms were circulated for Bashes, the High Fiber Festival and the Maker's Workshop.

**Sunshine :** none

### Correspondence -

Marsha has had correspondence from MAFA, which invites all to the Virginia Guilds Meeting at MAFA Conference..

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3974.70  
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 emailed (or snail mailed if requested by a member) and is published on the Website a week or two after the meeting. PLEASE read it, so corrections can be made timely.

Historian (Judy): Nothing new, but Judy has organized most of our historical items.

Workshops: Discussion of a Next Steps in Weaving workshop, possibly in August or the fall. Sandi will ask Kathy about some dates.

HGA: At the time of the meeting, Kris had not heard back from the other guilds

about the estimated costs of the HGA display "Small Works."

MAFA: No report

Facebook: No report

Workshops and programs: May program will be "Saori mind set," or possibly "Saori mind sett." The punny one may be too laden with regularities, though, as Saori requires freedom from rules.

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 shop at the Reedville Tavern Guild. Money is accepted as are items that could be purchased by children to give to their friends and family.

## New Business:

The Powhatan Fiber Fest is April 27.

## Old Business:

1. We will demonstrate at the Go-Green Expo in Newport News. The Expo will be held at Brittingham-Midtown Aquatic Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive. We will need to provide tables (Kathy has guild tables in her garage and will bring them), and demonstrate some aspect of our craft that advances the Go-Green ethic. Quick and easy ideas mentioned: use of plarn (spinners can show it being plied or compacted, weavers can show or show off fabric or projects made or being made with plarn); weaving with VCR or cassette tape; CD coasters. All of these demonstrate "reuse" or "recycling."
2. We will teach at the Library's "Maker's Workshop" on Sunday May 5 from 1-2:30 and from 2:30-4. Classes have been advertised for ages 10 through grown-up, and each class is expected to be about 20 students.

3. MAFA goodie bags: will be delivered to Maryland Sheep and Wool for pick-up by MAFA.

4. Farmer's Market presentations for April 13 was cancelled due to rain.

5. We will demonstrate at the High Fiber Fest on May 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Fest is held on the grounds of Hickory Neck Church on Richmond Road in Toano. We will be demonstrating inside the Parish House. Please plan on coming and bringing something to work on and show off. You do not need to stay the whole time. We will need someone visible at the beginning and someone at the end; we can deal with flexible.

## Show and Tell:

Three announcements for "Tell" -

Ø Natalie noted that Lion Brand was having a deep sale on its website, which included more than yarn. Type in 40%. We should see Natalie's new rigid heddle loom very soon.

Ø WEBS has 30% off linen, just in time for summer weaving

Ø Saturday, April 20, is the Heathville Birthday celebration. A good day to visit the Tavern guild!

For "SHOW":

Liz brought her pine needle basket, and a shrug knitted of her own handspun Leicester Longwool, with some "emergency" handspun from a friend. Liz unplied the donated skein to match the yarn grist, and the result was a lovely pair of sleeves, perfect for spring. Liz also brought a piece of fabric from Colonial Williamsburg, woven from Linsey Woolsey (linen warp, wool weft) and dyed with madder root.

Micki D. showed several small squares woven on various cardboard looms and a corkboard square with pins.

Goodie brought her pine needle basket, with lid.

Dee and Barbara are both working the same shawl pattern. Dee's is in hand spun worsted by Shanzi Pruitt ("The Wren's Daughter".) Barbara is knitting hers in lace weight. Both were lovely and the side by side comparison made picking one impossible.

New member Maureen brought a dish towel in 3 colors, only one away from the challenge! She also had a shawl woven with a mixed warp including ribbon.

Judy showed a handspun skein of merino and silk laceweight. She also has finished a shawl, woven in two yarns: one woolen spun and one worsted spun, both merino.

Sandi displayed a 10/2 cotton gamp she had made at a workshop in Savannah. She also brought along a bag that had been woven on a cardboard loom, that shrunk horizontally but not vertically. It became an ideal spindle bag - long and thin.

Cindy displayed her proclivity to go overboard by showing FOUR completed pine needle baskets, done in various finishes. All admired her skill and perseverance, and no one interpreted her display as a cry for help. Isabella brought bags of yarn and knitting needles to give away.

## PROGRAM:

Everyone pitched in to complete the construction and warping of fifty cardboard looms, each packed with fifteen 2 yard strands of weft yarn.

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Maureen's shawl &  
dish towel



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Goodie's pine  
needle basket  
with lid



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Sandi's cardboard loom  
spindle bag

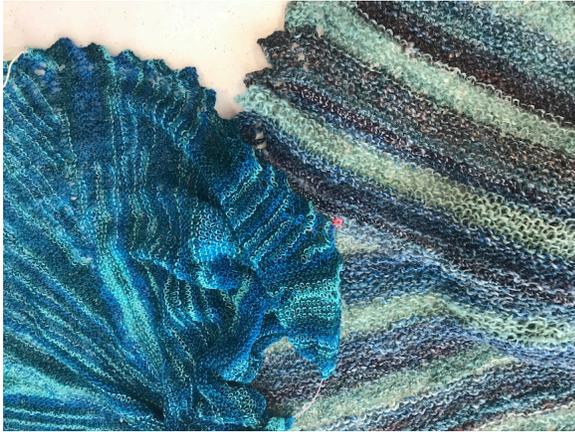


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Liz's knitted shrug &  
linsey woolsey  
yardage



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Ingrid's pine  
needle basket

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Barb & Dee's in-progress shawls -  
Same shawl, different yarns



Cindy's pine needle baskets!



Sandi's twill gamp ^

Sandi's towels  
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Micki D's tiny tapestries ^

**WSWG  
Calendar**

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

June 17, 10am  
**Monthly Meeting**  
Meeting location: TBA  
"Dorset Button  
Making" with Penelope  
Mace  
(\$2 kit fee)  
Snacks: Sweet – Ellen;  
Savory – Tina

July 15, 10am  
**Monthly Meeting**  
At James City Co.  
Library  
Program: TBA  
Snacks: Sweet –  
Goodie; Savory - Kathy

**2019 Challenge:**

Pick 4 colors of fiber &  
show how they interact

Results due at  
December meeting

**Upcoming Fiber Events:**

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!

**May 18, 10am-3pm (rain or shine)**  
**High Fiber Festival**  
Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, 8300 Richmond Rd, Toano  
More info at: <http://highfiberfestival.com>  
We need volunteers for all or part of the day! Contact Marsha if  
you are interested and haven't already signed up.

September- October  
**WSWG Library Exhibit**  
Williamsburg Public Library  
Start planning on what you want to exhibit!  
Set up date: TBA

**2019 Officers**

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

