## WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD P.O. BOX 2086 WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23187 http://Williamsburgspinweave.org

## November 2006

Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2006, 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Universitist Church, 3051 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185. Please take note of location for this meeting. Directions to the meeting are available at <u>www.wuu.org/mappage.html</u>.

Program: Celia Quinn will share Berta Frey's extensive slide collection. It is the result of her lifelong research of drop spindle use for making yarn. Refreshments will be provided by Birdie (savory) and Peggy C. (sweet).

Bash: Birdie Burton will host the bash on November 6, 2006. Call Birdie if you plan to attend and/or need directions.

Events outside our Guild:

Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival, Nov. 4-5, 2006. <u>www.chesapeake.va.us</u> Stitches East, Baltimore, MD. Nov 2-5, 2006 <u>www.knittinguniverse.com/xrx/events.php</u> Caledon Natural Area Art and Wine Festival, King George, VA. Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. <u>www.main.nc.us/sffa/</u> Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County, MD, May 5-6. 2007. <u>www.sheepandwool.org</u>.

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

Website:

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

November Birthdays: Janet Hart Peggy Nacci Cindy Newcomb Gladys Strong

Officers: President: Julie Colby Vice President: Pam Franck Secretary: Jane Gustafson Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

## Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Minutes for Meeting October 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Colby at 10 a.m. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Ingrid reported a balance on hand of \$3391.66.

Birdie will host the bash on Nov. 6, and Birdie and Peggy C. will provide refreshments for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church at 3051 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg. Judy will provide directions in the November newsletter.

Pam reported that there are still a few spaces available for the Celia Quinn spinning workshop on Nov. 14-15. Celia will return to present the program on drop spindles for the regular meeting on Nov. 20. Pam also reminded us that the Christmas exchange will be handmade bags (of any type or size).

Ingrid said that we have again been invited to demonstrate spinning and weaving at the annual quilt and fiber show at Hampton Roads in February. Members were asked to sign up to participate in the demonstrations.

The guild will compete in the fleece to shawl contest at the Chesapeake Fall Festival on Nov. 5. John agreed to be the weaver on the team. Rosalie, Ingrid, and Judy confirmed their availability for the team. Rosalie will check with Beverly and Nettie to see if one of them is available to complete the team.

The following items were presented for Show and Tell:

- Jerry: two v-shaped shawls with plaids based on Fibonacci series
- Bob: pictures of tartan scarves
- Julie: towels featuring stripes
- Judy: red wool/silk sweater
- Dolly: striped shawls from Yugoslavia
- Pam: scarves with interweave twill
- John: plaid placemats and samples from several plaid fabrics he has woven

The nominating committee presented their slate of officers for 2007:

- President: Judy Mooers
- Vice Presidents: Pam Franck and Bob Hecker
- Secretary: Linda Adamchuk
- Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

The program was presented by Liz Ackerman, a former member of this guild. She discussed approaches to designing striped and plaid fabrics. Members wrapped yarns on cardboard to sample stripes and used colored pencils or markers to evaluate plaids. She provided a substantial handout for future reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Gustafson, Secretary.

Members in attendance:

Julie Colby, Rosalie Brown, Judy Mooers, Jane Gustafson, Birdie Burton, Peggy Counce, Dolly Gaus, Pam Franck, John Janson, Jerry Smith, Bob Hecker, Virginia Banks, Dave Banks, Linda Adamchak, Ingrid Kross.

Guests in attendance: Liz Ackerman, Charleen Perry.

Looms available:

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 Artisat - \$550.00

New demonstration looms

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

16" Schacht tapestry loom with A-frame stand - \$100 (new retail is \$139.95)

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). jbolitho1@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. We are asking \$500 but the price is negotiable.