



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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November, 2019

Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 18
Social Time: 9:30-10:00 am
Business Meeting: 10:00 am
Program to follow

James City County Recreation Center
5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg

Program

“Sampling Southeast Asian Textiles
Culturally & Historically”
Ruurdje Laarhoven

Snacks

Sweet – Linda C
Savory - Liz

WSWG Minutes

Meeting Date: October 21, 2019 / 10:00 am / WJCC Rec. Center

Attendees

Ingrid, Kris, Linda C., Cindy, Selma, Debbie, Ann H. , Izabela, Linda A., Claudia, Ellen, Judy, Goodie, Catherine B., Liz, Nancy, Kathy K., Ann B.

Guests: Peter, Georgette, Barbara H.

Agenda

Sunshine: None

Correspondence: We received a letter Kathy Sterling expressing thanks for her continued receipt of the newsletter, her opinion of the library display based on photos in the newsletter (highly favorable) AND extending her hospitality to anyone who might find themselves in Colorado, where she belongs to a Guild. .

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

Treasurer's Report: Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3442.12. This reflects payment for reprinting flyers, renewal of subscription to Handwoven, and renewal of membership in HGA.

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report

Website: no report.

Newsletter: No report

Historian: (Judy) No report.

HGA: No report

MAFA: No report. Facebook: No report.

Workshops and Programs: Next Steps in Weaving program in November: Workshop to be held at the Ford's Colony Craft Club location, just inside the back gate which will be accessible on Saturday. On Sunday we will all have to enter via the front gate. Kathy will provide directions. If you have signed up, bring your loom warped with at least 3 yards of warp and an appropriate width for creating your assigned weave structure. Each participant will weave each structure. On Sunday, we will cut the weavings into samples, serge each sample (THANKS, KATHY!) and pack up the looms. Bring your own lunch, and note that there is not a refrigerator, but there will be a cooler.

NOVEMBER program: Ruurdje will present Asian cultural fabrics for study, including touching.

DECEMBER program: Presentation of challenge. 4 colors done anyway you want. Potluck luncheon after the meeting. Claudia pointed out that in reality the challenge is to take one ugly color and hide it in three others, using whatever method works.

New Business:

1. Linda A., Claudia and Debbie will constitute a nominating committee. If you receive a call from one of these fine people asking if you would please consider a position as an officer, PLEASE be polite. In fact, be kind. Positive answers are not required, and none of these ladies can force you to do what you don't want to do. BUT, they do have a job to do, and have accepted it graciously. If you want to nominate someone, contact one of this committee.
2. Ballots for the motion to amend the bylaws to delete the term limits for officers have been distributed, and will be counted at the November meeting. You may return the ballots by email to the President and

the Secretary, or you may present your ballot in person at the November meeting. Passage of the amendment requires a positive vote by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the membership, so total number of votes is important. Unmarked ballots will be provided at the November meeting.

3. Peace Hill Fiber Fest is November 1 (Saturday) in Charles City County. If you can help demonstrate any aspect of spinning or weaving, come out and be set up before 10:00 am. At that time all autos will have to be parked in the parking lot and will not be allowed in the festival area. You may sell any of your wares at this festival.

Old Business

1. The Williamsburg Regional Library display must be dismantled on October 31. We will start at 10:00 when the library opens. If you cannot get to the library to retrieve your display, please contact another member or any of the officers with instructions. Kathy will bring unclaimed items to the November meeting.
2. The Montpelier fiber fest was successful and a good bit of fun. Judy reports that there may be some changes, as the Skein and Garment competition seems to be dominated by the sponsoring guild. This puts a strain on members of the smaller guilds who feel obligated to provide a good show at Skein and Garment, along with all of the other obligations of putting on the festival. Nevertheless, the works submitted were first class. The judging had been changed to a grading system, so that each submission received points for creativity and execution. Those who earned sufficient points got an "A", shown

as a blue ribbon. Fewer points earned garnered "B" or red ribbons, etc. The quality of submissions was such that most got blue. It was an impressive show.

SHOW & TELL:

Guests

Peter: a recent retiree and transplant from Patterson New Jersey, where he owned textile factories, gave us a brief history of textile production in Patterson, focusing on the role of the dyer. Peter is very interested in natural dyes and would like to provide workshop information on finding plants, creating dyes and using them. He has contacts who sell 4 ply weaving yarn at good prices.... Just saying....

Georgette, another recent arrival to the Williamsburg area, had been a member of the Boston guild, but prefers our smaller, friendlier atmosphere. She has woven on and off for many years, interrupted by work and other life events. She works now on a computer controlled loom and would be interested in providing information about the computer programs available to weavers. Georgette did have a scarf to display that she had woven using the program "Fiberworks." It was a Strickler pattern but she couldn't recall the number.

Barbara H came because the Farmer's Market display caught her attention. Her family lives in the area and are noted for creative endeavors (her sister is a flautist). She is looking for a way to unwind from the debits and credits of an accounting practice.

Members:

Ingrid rolled out yards and yards of cottolin towelling woven in monk's belt with various color combinations, AND showed a skein of yarn plied on her micro spinner.

Debbie showed off a necklace made of a spiral chain woven of Delica beads with a purchased amulet. She also showed off a purchased 100% Alpaca sweater - very cozy!

Iza brought in her first major knitting project, a sweater still in pieces. She also circulated her phone to show us a photo of a recycled cotton rug.

Linda A brought a pamphlet to remind us that we are registered with Halcyon, so 5% of any purchases through Halcyon are contributed to the guild. She enjoyed her visit to Maine and the store.

Kathy K. brought a completed, but not yet waxed, pine needle basket featuring fugitive bark sample as a base, and another of the same under construction.

Judy displayed the shawl she submitted to the Montpelier fiber fest. It was not hand dyed by her, but hand spun and knitted in a very lacy pattern. Judy called it a "garden shawl" as it looked like a garden in color, and was light so would likely be worn in spring.

Goodie brought her own entry from the Montpelier show, an extremely lifelike needlefelted sculpture of her mother in a rocking chair, holding a cardinal bird on her hand. Goodie also showed us her go-green plarn bag.

Marsha's woven shirt entry from Montpelier was brought in by Kathy K .

Catherine B. showed a bag she had purchased in Richmond at the 43rd Street Festival of the Arts. Check out the website www.43rdstgallery.com for information about the gallery. Catherine also was wearing several beaded necklaces that she had woven .

PROGRAM

We were treated to an explication of the apprenticeship program at Colonial Williamsburg by a graduate of the program. She took us from her first days as an apprentice weaver through the completion of her apprenticeship by the submission of her journeyman project, which consisted of making a blanket out of an exact copy of a scrap of fabric found in Well A at Wetherburn's Tavern in 1965. This required that she figure out the grist of the yarn and then weave it to the proper thickness, that she match the colors based on the dyes available in 1765, and that she determine the weave structure for the striping. By the time she began her journeyman project she had had five years of instruction and working on all of the skills: sorting and grading fibers, making and applying dye, spinning yarn from various fibers and plying (or not), determining weave structure and calculating warp and weft. Her presentation was fascinating, and the samples she passed around were nothing short of amazing.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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Show & Tell October 2019



Iza's 1st major
knitted sweater
(unassembled)

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Iza's
handwoven
rag rug

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"Lottie"
Goodie's
entry in Fall
Fiber
Festival,
A homage
to her
mother

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Goodie's plarn cardboard loom bag ^

Marsha's entry in the Fall Fiber Festival

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Judie's
entry in
the Fall
Fiber
Festival –
Handspun
& knitted

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Kathy's latest pine
needle baskets

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Kathy's hand
painted silk scarf

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Catherine's
beaded
necklaces

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Georgette's handwoven scarf ^
And bag

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Ingrid's mammoth monk's belt towel warp



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From Ingrid's micro spinner



Debbie's ^
Beaded necklace

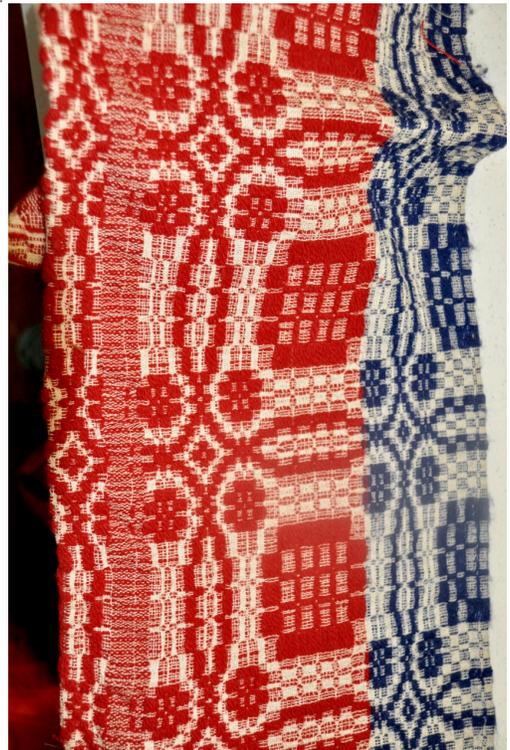


One of the monk's belt towels



From
Colonial
Williamsburg's
Weaver
Apprentice
Program
Presentation

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Calendar**

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Dec. 16:

**Monthly Meeting:
At JCC Rec Center**

Results of 2019
Challenge & Holiday
Pot Luck

2019 Challenge:

Pick 4 colors of fiber &
show how they interact

Results due at
December meeting

Please Note:

November 18 Monthly Meeting:
**-Vote of amendment to bylaws
(ballot attached)
-Vote of proposed slate of officers for 2020**

2019 Officers

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

**Check out many more great photos of
the October meeting
On our website: <http://williamsburgspinweave.org>**

And be sure to check out our Facebook page!



Peace Hill Farm Fiber & Craft Festival