



## Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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**October 19, 2020**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday,

Social Time: 9:50-10:00 am

Business Meeting: 10:00 am

**ZOOM MEETING!**

**Program**

***Spinning Art Yarn!***

## **WSWG Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** September 21, 2020/ 10:00 am / ZOOM video call conducted by Dave B. Special Thanks to MAFA for making the ZOOM program available to its member guilds.

## Attendees

Kris, Rosemary, Dave B., Cindy., Sandi, Janet, Lisa, Claudia, Elizabeth H., Linda A., Goodie, Liz, Ingrid, Marsha, Debbie, Linda C., and Kathy K.

Guests: None

## Agenda

**Correspondence:** Kathy received a thank-you note from HGA. See below for more info.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Motion was made by Sandi, seconded by Janet to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3962.30.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** the 4 recent joiners have been added to the roster. Membership is under 50 but just barely.

**Website:** Sandi requested that some outdated info be updated; Dave will correct those. SPECIAL NOTE: There is now a link to WSWG videos on the web site. It is labeled Videos and so far, it holds only one video: Cindy's presentation about inkle looms. It is well worth watching as you get started.

Newsletter: Janet requested more photos to add to the newsletter.

Historian: No report

**HGA:** Sent us a thank you for our contribution. Sandi encouraged members of WSWG to join HGA, which produces Shuttle, Spindle and Dye pot magazine quarterly, as well as sponsoring workshops and (usually) a large annual conference called Convergence. The magazine is beautifully produced and the artwork in it is stunning. The website for Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) is [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org).

**MAFA:** Has announced that its gathering in 2021 will be held online only. This decision applies to the 2021 program only; MAFA will continue to plan its future conferences to be held in person.

MAFA is sponsoring a series of meetings on the attempts to diversify guild membership. Challenges include access to time for different prospective members. Sandi will be attending this meeting as Dave is committed to other meetings at the time.

MAFA has also been working on various programs that can be accessed online. Currently, the offering is a tour of the Canadian Textile Museum.

Facebook: No report from Jessica, but the page is active.

## **Workshops and Programs:**

Cindy presented several future programs:

Inkle; finishing an Inkle weaving. Members requested a complete Inkle demo from warping to finishing.

1. October: Tina will show spinning art yarn with feathers.
2. November: Unusual looms. Sandi has several different loom forms to show us. Kathy volunteered to warp up a triangle loom.
3. December: show off the completion of your challenge - anything felted.
4. FUTURE: We will have a backstrap weaving demo someday, when Covid is gone, Cindy wants to demonstrate Andean pebble weave on an inkle loom, Tina will happily show us her dye pots and do a Nuno felting program someday, when Covid is gone, and various methods of showing off card weaving were discussed. Amazing how much there is to learn about one thread going over and under another...

## **New Business:**

1. The Williamsburg Regional Library has asked us to partner with them in a program to provide looms for check out. They need our help in providing yarn. Members in attendance agreed to provide assistance in whatever way we can. The looms are not large and would therefore likely be able to use knitting yarn for warp as well as weft, which gives lots of opportunity for emptying overfilled stash containers. More info will be provided as the details of the program are filled in. I can see those looms going to kids who are getting their alternative educations at home until Covid clears out.

## **Old Business:**

1. Kris has possession of several donated spindles which should be circulated. She will send pictures to Liz, Lisa and Linda A. Contact her if you might like to adopt a spindle.
2. We need officers! Two of our stalwarts have agreed to break the bylaws and stay on: Cindy as VP (director of programs) and Kathy as Treasurer (director of funds). Two positions are open: President (herder of cats/conductor of meetings) and Secretary (taker of notes). If you are interested, please speak up. Or, if you think you know someone who is willing to help out but is too shy to say so, please speak up. Information will be forthcoming on how we will vote, and when, given the restrictions imposed by, well, you know....

## Show and Tell:

**Marsha:** Sandy Neck Beach, near her home, has lots of rocks. She has collected a few, and woven, or twined, covers for them, including one wrapped in fiber she has dyed. Simple, beautiful decorations. She is still working on her huck curtains, and showed off some placemats she had completed.

**Goodie** presented her rigid heddle scarf, and some needle-felted jack-o-lanterns based on photos from the internet of "old people." The faces are remarkable!

**Kathy** had finished another felted bag, and had started a needle felted picture at a class conducted by Goodie. She wants to add a bit more drama to the sunset, but it already looks good.

**Lisa** finally finished knitting the wool she got at Rhinebeck in 2019. The resulting sweater, with a glorious yoke, was meant to be worn to Rhinebeck 2020, which of course was cancelled due to (sigh) Covid. Nevertheless, the sweater will get some use now that the weather is cooler. Her mittens, however, may not get much use yet. Lisa spun the unknown source wool, and likes to make mittens. And does a good job of it.

**Sandi** showed us the towels which were intended for a towel exchange. All from one warp, with several different weft colors making up different checks. She also had a pile of baby booties which use up small quantities of fabric, a couple of toys, and 5&½ YARDS of Sami weaving strapping to be used as Christmas-tree garland.

**Claudia's** inkle band was still on the loom, but her progress report gets her an A for effort so far. Don't give up now, the band will be wonderful!

## PROGRAM:

Cindy showed us how to use an Inkle loom to do Norwegian or Baltic style band weaving, and Ingrid showed how the same weaving could be accomplished using a Sunna heddle mounted on an inkle loom. The heddles are available through [www.bandweaving.com](http://www.bandweaving.com). Cindy had provided pattern info in advance; if you did not receive a copy please send her an email.

Here is a list of books that are currently in our library that focus on inkle weaving: If you would like to check out one of these books, please contact Goodie to arrange for pickup and delivery.

The Weaver's Inkle Pattern Directory by Anne Dixon (400 warp-faced weaves)

Inkle Loom Weaving by Nina Holland (instructions on how to build an Inkle loom, techniques and projects)

Inkle Weaving by Helene Bress (instructions on how to build an Inkle loom, techniques and projects)

Byways in Handweaving - An Illustrated Guide to Rare Weaving Techniques by Mary Meigs Atwater (information on card-weaving, inkle weaving, twined weaving, braiding and knotting, and projects)

Weaving Inkle Bands (pb) by Harriet Tidball (information on board loom for inkle weaving and inkle looms with some techniques and a few projects)

REMINDERS: Send towels for exchange to Sandi by the November 16 guild meeting. Challenge for December is anything felted.

## Show and Tell:



Marsha is enjoying  
Her new home! She also  
Has said that she loves  
Her Big Bertha Rock!



Goodie

has been planning ahead!



Sandi has wowed us with her terrific towel work! Not to mention the adorable booties!



That is all the photos sent in this month...So here's a few from our last few meeting! Do you know the stories behind the photos?



**But Wait! There's more! Tina is dying with herbal indigo and woad!**



**And Cindy has news of our coming attractions!**

*October Program: Spinning Art Yarn with Tina. Tina is going to show us how she spins some marvelous art yarn with wool, locks and feathers. Yes, feathers! If you'd like to try this have some wool, locks and feathers ready for our Zoom meeting. Your spinning wheel will need to have a large orifice used for spinning novelty yarns.*

*November Program: Unusual Looms. Presented by Sandi, Judy and Kathy. We'll check out a Zoom show of a Pioneer Loom which is a topless loom, a warp weighted loom and a triangle loom. Also, if you're participating in the towel exchange, please have it to Sandi by the November meeting.*

*December program: join us for our Zoom style potluck - which will be a recipe exchange. Think of something fun that you plan on bringing to out next (sometime in the future) potluck. And share the recipe with us. We'll figure out a way to get all the recipes together, stay posted... Reveal your felted challenge! And reveal your 2 harness plain weave towels from the towel exchange.*

### **2020 Officers**

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

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the from our web page!**

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