



## **Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild**

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<http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

## **September, 2015**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday, September 21, 2015

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Social Time 9:30-10 am)

**James City County Recreation Center, Room C**

### **Program**

Spin-in

(Non-spinners, bring a portable project to work on)

### **Hospitality September Meeting**

Kathy- sweet; Marsha- savory

### **Rusted Fabric Challenge**

Design a rusted silk scarf

(see Instructions at end of this newsletter)

Scarf can be purchased at the September meeting for \$4

Results will be displayed at the October meeting.

**Williamsburg  
Spinners & Weavers Guild**

**Minutes  
August 17, 2015**

**James City County Library, Croaker Road**

Meeting called to order by Marsha at 10 am.

**Guests recognized:**

Visitors included Deborah Harlamert (Kathy's sister) and Jenn Haynes.

**Minutes** were approved with the amendment that Cindy's pattern is for a *sewing kit*.

**Treasurer's Report:** We printed 200 brochures about the guild; paid \$10 for rental of the library meeting room. Bank balance is \$2740.33.

**Committee Reports**

- **Librarian:** the Doubleweave CD with Jennifer Moore is still missing.
- **Newsletter:** No report.
- **Website:** Dave requested photographs for site; Debbie will send some. Paper copies of the web pages were circulated for members to edit/amend.
- **Membership:** Sandi reported we now have 31 members.
- **Historian:** No report.
- **Sunshine:** Cindy is still recuperating from foot surgery; Selma has been very busy (not ill).
- **Programs:** Spin-in for September. If you don't spin, bring handwork. For October we will be using Dynaflo (fabric paint) on silk scarves at Marsha's or the Rec Center (location TBA at September meeting). Scarves will be available for \$4.00 apiece at the September meeting.
- **Mini-Challenge:** "Rust on silk"—and need some rusty items to use for that. Results will be displayed at the October meeting.

- The challenge for the December meeting (also the annual potluck) will be to make "something from sock yarn".
- **Hospitality:** September treats—Kathy will bring sweet and Marsha will bring savory.

**Correspondence**

Thank you received from Hospice House for the coasters we gave them.

**Old Business**

We will be having an exhibit of spinning and weaving at the Williamsburg Public Library from September 9-October 4. Set-up for the exhibit will begin at 9 am on September 8<sup>th</sup>—we will be allowed in at the theater entrance door (before 10 am opening time). Take-down for the display will be on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marsha to arrange to bring items for display. Marsha will make standard labels for all exhibit items—send your information to her. Our next demonstration at **the Farmer's Market** in Merchant's Square, Williamsburg, will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 11:30 am.

**Next meeting**

James City County Recreation Center, Room C, on September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Bashes**

No one has offered to host one for the remaining months of 2015—think about 2016!

**New Business**

The sale of items at the Library and in general through the Guild was mentioned in this part of the meeting and decision put off until the September meeting.

**Show & Tell**

Marsha brought a rug and purse  
Sandi brought a shirt, towel and challenge fabric  
Judy brought a lace shawl, a skein of yarn she spun and various things from MAFA  
Natalie brought towels she wove  
Debbie brought "funky" fabric  
Barbara brought a knitted lace cardigan  
Kathy brought hand painted warp scarves and a little bag

Janet brought artwork for the library display  
Kris brought a shawl  
Linda A. brought books to give away

### Program

Claudia presented a program on use of the rigid heddle loom.

### Members present

Dave & Virginia, Marsha, Sandi, Judy, Natalie, Barbara, Claudia, Micki P, Kathy, Deborah, Janet, Kris, Ellen, Jane, Mary Lou, Linda A, Linda C



Sandi's inkle loom  
Windsock

## Check out the Updates on Our website!

### Did you know you can find:

The Guild's  
Governing Documents

The complete listing of the Guild's  
Library holdings

The listing of all magazines owned  
by the Guild

Great photos!

Lots of Weaving drafts



### Barbara's lace cardigan



WSWG August Meeting  
Show and Tell



Sandi's towel warp was so beautiful it became a blouse



Kris's shawl with "Kismet" yarn



Sandi's "sock yarn challenge" yardage



Kathy's cardboard loom bag



Judy's handspun lace weight skein



Judy's 3D printer Turkish spindle

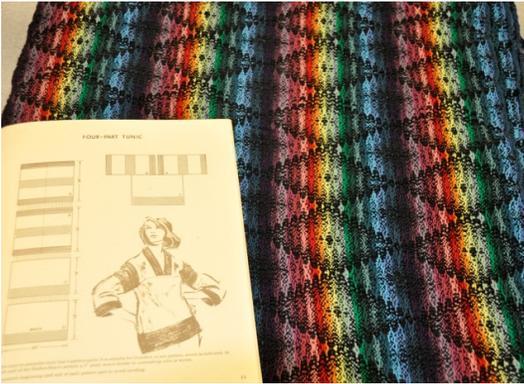


Marsha's chenille bathmat & pin loom bag



Judy's MAFA workshop sampler

**WSWG  
August Meeting  
More Show & Tell**



Debbie's cotton yardage for a tunic



Natalie's cotton "Mission Style" towels



Judy's cashmere/silk lace shawl



Kathy's hand painted warp shawls



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Judy's hand made copper  
tapestry loom

Janet's needle felted tapestry  
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## WSWG 2015 Calendar

### September 21:

Monthly Meeting  
JCC Rec Center  
Program: Spin-in  
Snacks: Kathy-sweet;  
Marsha-savory

### October 21:

Monthly Meeting:  
Location: TBA  
Program: Silk scarf  
painting & results of  
rusted silk challenge  
Snacks: Ingrid-sweet;  
Natalie-savory

### November 16:

Monthly Meeting:  
JCC Rec Center  
Program: Tools of the  
trades (tentatively)  
Snacks: Cindy-sweet;  
Ellen-savory

### December 21:

Monthly Meeting:  
JCC Rec Center  
Program: Pot Luck &  
Results of Sock Yarn  
Challenge

### 2015 Guild Challenge:

Create something  
from unraveled  
sock yarn blank  
(or any sock yarn)  
Need ideas?  
See Handwoven  
May/June 2010  
  
Results due at  
December meeting.

## Upcoming Fiber Events & Meetings

September 9 - October 4

**WSWG Exhibit at Williamsburg Public Library**  
515 Scotland St, Williamsburg

September 11 & 12, 9am-5pm

**Mathews Market Days**

For more info: <http://mathewsmarketdays.com>

September 19

**Entries due for the Adult Skein, Garment & Fiber Arts  
Competition** at the Fall Fiber Festival. For more info:  
<http://fallfiberfestival.org>

October 3 & 4

**Fall Fiber Festival**

11407 Constitution Highway, Montpelier Station, VA 22957  
For more info: <http://fallfiberfestival.org>

To volunteer at the Fall Fiber Festival contact Margaret at  
[craftdemos@fallfiberfestival.org](mailto:craftdemos@fallfiberfestival.org)

Saturday, October 10, 7:30-11:30

**WSWG at Williamsburg Farmers Market**

Merchants Square, Williamsburg  
Contact Kathy for more information

Saturday October 17 and Saturday October 24, 1-4pm

**Beginning Spinning with a drop spindle**

Hughlett's Tavern, Heathsville, VA

For more info: <http://rhhtfoundationinc.org/heritage-art-classes>

### WSWG 2015 Officers

President	Marsha Rehkamp
Vice-President	Ingrid Kross
Treasurer	Sandi Petty
Secretary	Virginia Banks

**WSWG August 2015 Program:  
“How to Use a Rigid Heddle Loom” with Claudia**



**Claudia’s Rigid Heddle Loom Bibliography:**

Gipson, Liz. *Weaving made easy: 17 projects using a simple loom.*

Gipson, Liz. *Life after warping: weaving well on your rigid-heddle loom. (DVD)*

Gipson, Liz. *Slots and holes: three ways to warp a rigid-heddle loom (DVD)*

This is Claudia’s favorite how-to-use a rigid heddle loom resource

Hart, Rowena. *The Ashford Book of Rigid Heddle Weaving: techniques and projects.*

Patrick, Jane. *The Weaver’s Idea Book: creative cloth on a rigid heddle loom.*

Patrick, Jane. *Weaving on a rigid heddle loom: how to get set up in a hurry and weave just about anything you can think of. (DVD)*

## **Rusting Fabric**

Courtesy of Anita Luvera Mayer

### **Prewash Your Silk (Dharma Trading Co. recommendation):**

Pre-wash your silk by hand or in the washing machine on a gentle cycle with warm water and [Synthrapol](#). Rinse, dry and, when still slightly damp, press with an iron set to the silk setting.

### **Materials:**

- Natural fabric (silk, cotton or linen)
- White vinegar
- Rusted objects
- Plastic wrap
- Water
- Salt

### **Procedure:**

1. Wet the fabric with white vinegar and then wring it out so it is not dripping.
2. Wrap rusty objects in your fabric, drape the wet fabric over a rusty object or arrange rusty objects on top of your fabric. (In the workshop, we arranged objects down half the length of the scarf, then folded the empty half over the objects – sandwiching the rusty objects between two halves of the scarf). You want to ensure close contact between the fabric and rusty object(s).
3. Wrap in plastic wrap to keep the fabric moist. Typically, the longer the fabric stays damp, the richer the color and the more distinct the images will be. (Let it sit overnight.)
4. Rinse and then soak the fabric in a gallon of water with 1 tablespoon of salt for several hours.
5. Wash it in hot water using regular laundry detergent. It can be ironed dry or run through the dryer.

Anita credits Claire Waguespack Fenton's article in August/September 2008 Quilting Arts magazine for her information.