



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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<http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

September, 2019

Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 16
Business Meeting: 10:00 am
Program to follow

James City County Recreation Center
5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg

Program

“Joining pin loom squares by various methods”
with various Guild members

Snacks

Sweet - Bunny
Savory - Janet



WSWG Minutes

Meeting Date: August 19, 2019 / 10:00 am /
Williamsburg Regional Library

Attendees

Kathy K, Sandi, Ingrid, Marsha R., Janet, Barbara, Dee, Mandy, Ann B., Celeste, Erika, Cindy, Ellen, Ginger, Goodie, Catherine B., Liz V., Buzz, Ann H.

Agenda

Sunshine : none

Correspondence - none

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as published in the Newsletter. Special thanks to Claudia for reporting.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3770.70.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Sandi) At the beginning of the meeting we had 40 members.

Website: no report.

Newsletter (Marsha): Nothing new to report. Membership spontaneously offered kudos to Marsha for producing the newsletter and to Barb for the editing,

Historian (Judy): No report.

HGA: No report. Convergence will be July 24-30, 2020 in Knoxville.

MAFA: No report.

Facebook: No report.

Workshops and Programs: Please see Old Business for information about September. It is as densely packed as a Christmas fruitcake!

OCTOBER program: Speakers from Colonial Williamsburg.

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

DECEMBER: Presentation of challenge. 4 colors done anyway you want.

New Business:

1. Motion made to move start time to 10:30 am. Pros: Summer schedule at the library does not allow for social time prior to meeting. Social time happens anyway, so meetings don't actually start on time. Cons: Later starts mean later endings. Social time happens at snack break anyway; some spaces may rent by blocks of time .

MOTION TABLED. The next 4 meetings are already booked, so no change is necessary at this time. Kathy K will research the impact on meeting spaces.

2. Classes: Marsha announced that arrangements have been made with the library for another Cardboard Loom class, to be held Saturday, February 22 at 1 pm in the Striker building. The class is intended for about 15 students and will include making the looms. Marsha estimates 7 volunteers will be needed and will ask for them in January.

MOTION made to authorize expenditure from the treasury to purchase sufficient painter's tape and galvanized nails for the class. MOTION APPROVED.

3. History Camp: Marsha indicated that the presentation by Liz, Ingrid and herself was quite successful , the setting was appropriate and comfortable and she has suggested to the county that we would be willing to do it again.

4. Fall Fibre Fest is October 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday) in Montpelier, Virginia. Sandi urged everyone to enter the Skein, Garment and Fibre Arts competition. There are many categories; entrance fee is \$5.00, and there are prizes! Contact Sandi for more information. A complete schedule will be published in September at: <https://fallfiberfestival.org>.

Old Business

1. September, in order, starts on September 3 at 10:00 am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, when we set up our 6 week art show. Please contact Linda C. with information about any project you intend to display. Include any technical information about the project (plain weave on 4 shafts with clasped weft; cable knit wool yarn spun on wheel, etc.) and whether or not the object is for sale. If it is, your label may include the price if you like, but should include contact info so customers can arrange with you directly for purchase. The library staff will NOT administer sales and are not docents.
2. September 5 is the first Thursday our display will be up, and we are invited to demonstrate on that and every Thursday while our display is up. Please check with Kris to determine what dates you have signed up for.
3. September 7, Saturday, is the Go Green Expo at the Midtown Aquatics Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News, VA. Bring a chair! Set up is from 9 to 9:30. We should demonstrate environmentally friendly aspects of spinning and weaving: plarn projects, cardboard looms, CD coasters, etc. Go as a visitor just for fun if you can't stay until 3:00 pm.
4. September 14 we have a booth at the Williamsburg Farmers Market. If it rains, our presentation is cancelled. Parking is available for free in the paid lot, but you must get a ticket in order to work the gate. Parking in the free lot is also usually available because we must be set up by 8:00 am. Bring whatever you are working on that is portable. Our booth is always a crowd favorite. We have signed up at least one observer as a member. Ask Your Secretary how she knows.....
5. September 16 is our monthly meeting. The meeting will be at the WJC Recreation Center on Longhill Road. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. The building is open at 9:00 so feel free to come early to socialize if you wish. **All meetings for the rest of the calendar year are scheduled at this location.**

Show and Tell

Kathy brought 2 pine needle baskets. One she had shown previously with a "coral" base turned out to have some ocean waste material as a base, either plastic or petroleum, and it was falling apart. So she made another with a real piece of coral as a base.

Sandi modeled her tunic made from her long clasped-warp (yes, *clasped warp*) Saori fabric. The pattern was based on the rectangle width of the weaving and involved very little sewing. Sandi also had a long table runner done in rep weave with 2 colors and 2 textures put together. And finally she showed a baby blanket woven with 8/4 background and two colors of 8/2 stripes.

Ingrid piled up many skeins of wool she had died with KoolAid. The colors were bright, mostly primary, and thoroughly saturated. Ingrid reports that there is sufficient citric acid in KoolAid that it doesn't need any additional mordant. All of her skeins were wet finished. She reported that these

batches were a second effort, the first being her attempt to dye what she thought was rug wool, but which turned out to be synthetic. Nice to know that even the most experienced among us make mistakes. Finally, Ingrid reported that she will, at last, be getting the Norwegian spinning wheel she had ordered. When it appeared that it would never materialize, she purchased an antique wheel. Now she will be able to spin from the past all the way to the present.

Marsha showed off various combinations of plastic rings woven into earrings and pendants, including some woven using the Dorset Button methods we learned in June. Marsha will teach these techniques at Arts Alive at the West Point YMCA. Cost for the classes are \$15.00, plus \$10.00 materials. Marsha will teach Friday March 6, 2020. Check out <http://artsaliveinc.org/art-workshops>.

Janet brought her Saori woven shawl. We all got to stick our fingers in it. Yes, carry-around coziness.

Dee demonstrated her new, tiny, 3-D printed electric spinner with its cigar box case. It was merrily making fine yarn, powered by USB cord and battery or regular socketed electricity. She reported that initially the bobbins were too slippery, but she sanded them down and now take up is smooth and even.

Cindy displayed her needle case which folds into a heart shape, and closes with a teeny tiny dorset button that could hardly be seen, much less worked by hand!

Ann brought washcloths knitted by Iza, intended to be donated to a church.

Goodie showed off a purchased pine needle basket, and her own felted pins made with cookie cutters. Goodie also will be teaching at ArtsAlive - see the website mentioned above.

Finally, Liz modeled her knitted sun hat, made from a kit. Completely knitted, collapsible and lacy for ventilation.

PROGRAM

Liz demonstrated her methods for studying the yarn made from the wool of various breeds of sheep. Liz, as we know, is a re-enactor of the colonial period. Her subject and its presentation was done in modern clothes, but she could have dressed as George Washington or Thomas Jefferson, both noted for their detailed farm records. No Power Point slides for Liz: her studies are about training one's fingertips to recognize the benefits and shortcomings of various wools.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Links to interesting stuff:

Arts Alive workshops in West Point (great programs in many areas of art!)

<http://artsaliveinc.org/art-workshops/>

Fall Fiber Festival & Montpelier Sheepdog trials- Skein, Garment & Fiber Arts Competition (Lots of info about the competition, as well as entry forms. Last day to enter is Sept 21!)

<https://fallfiberfestival.org/skein-garment-fiber-arts-competition/>

from the Schacht Spindle Company's August e-newsletter: "Jane Patrick's top 10 weaving tips"

<https://schachtspindle.com/jane-patricks-top-10-weaving-tips/>

**WSWG
August 2019 Meeting
Show & Tell**



Sandi's clasped
warp Saori weave
(!) tunic
& rep weave table
runner
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Sandi's baby
Blanket
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Liz's Knitted, collapsible sun hat ^



Marsha's plastic disk
woven pendants
& earrings ^

Goodie's felted
pins & purchased
pine needle basket
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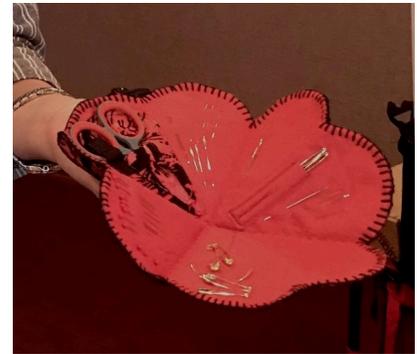


Catherine's kumihimo
beaded necklace

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Dee's 3D printed
electric spinner with
its cigar box

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Cindy's sewing kit with dorset button ^
(she will share instructions & pattern!)



Ingrid's Kool-Aid dyed wool skeins ^



Janet's saori wrap ^
(with dorset buttons!)

WSWG Calendar

September 16:
Monthly Meeting
At JCC Rec Center

Program:
"Joining pin-loom
squares"
Snacks: Sweet – Bunny;
Savory – Janet

October 21:
Monthly Meeting
At JCC Rec Center

Program: Colonial
Williamsburg
Presentation
Snacks: Sweet – Kathy;
Savory - Natalie

Nov 18
Monthly Meeting
At JCC Rec Center

Program: "Sampling
Southeastern Asian
textiles culturally &
historically" with
Ruudje Laarhoven
Snacks: Sweet – Linda
C; Savory - Liz

2019 Challenge:

Pick 4 colors of fiber &
show how they interact

Results due at
December meeting

Upcoming Fiber Events:

September- October

WSWG Library Exhibit

Williamsburg Public Library
Bring your exhibit items to the library Tuesday or contact Kris, Kathy,
Linda C or Marsha before that to make arrangements

Set up date: Tuesday, Sep 3, 10am

Saturday, September 7, 10 am – 3 pm

Go Green Expo

Brittingham Midtown Community Center
570 McLawhorne Dr, Newport News
Consider helping the WSWG to demonstrate "green" fiber arts!
For more info on the Expo:

<https://www.nngogreenexpo.org/the-event>

for more info on helping out, contact Masha or Kris

Saturday, September 14, 7:30 am – 11:30 am

WSWG fiber demos at Williamsburg Farmers Market

Merchant Square, Williamsburg
For more info, contact Kathy

September 21:

Deadline for entry Fall Fiber Festival Skein & Garment Competition.

Entry form and more info at
<https://fallfiberfestival.org/skein-garment-fiber-arts-competition/>

Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6

Fall Fiber Festival

11395 Constitution Highway, Montpelier Station, VA 22957
for more info <http://www.fallfiberfestival.org>

2019 Officers

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