



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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September 21, 2020

Monthly Meeting

Monday,
ZOOM Business Meeting: 10:00 am
At Your Computer

Program

Norwegian Band Weaving



***Friends** are flowers
in the Garden of Life.*

WSWG Minutes

Meeting Date: August 2020 / 10:00 am / via ZOOM video conference

Attendees

David B., Linda A., Linda C., Cindy, Kris, Sandi, Izabella, Janet, Marsha, Debbie, Kathryn K., Claudia, Liz, Goodie, Priscilla, Ann, Elizabeth H., Ingrid.

Agenda

Guests: Rosemary, from Boykins, VA, which is southwest of Suffolk, but east of Emporia. She has been in quarantine due to the rural nature of Boykins and her own preferences.

Sunshine: Nothing to report, thank goodness.

Correspondence: Congratulations to Ingrid for her 1st Place award from her motorcycling group. A great Covid avoiding activity!

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

Treasurer's Report: Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3,942.30. \$80.00 in dues was deposited and a contribution of \$200.00 was sent to HGA.

Committee Reports:

Membership: The 3 membership forms reported last month were united with checks, and there was one renewal.

Website: no report.

Newsletter: (Janet): Janet requests that Show and Tell participants send her photos, so the Show and Tell projects can be displayed in the Newsletter.

Historian: (Judy) No report.

HGA: Sandi recommends that as many of us as possible join the HGA because they are hurting for funds due to the lack of not hosting Convergence this year. Our dues can help them slide through this rough financial time. You can pay dues here: <https://weavespindy.org> Click on **Join HGA** in the top right corner.

MAFA: Dave reports nothing new, although MAFA is trying to determine whether or not there will be a conference in 2021. Normally, the conference is held at the college in Millersville, but it is unknown whether the college will be open. Meanwhile, there are some online classes of offer.

Program: Cindy will lead us in a study of cardweaving on an Inkle loom, and/or use of Sami heddles in September. October is scheduled to be a presentation of backstrap

weaving. In November we will have a parade of unusual looms. December is usually our social month - perhaps we will do a recipe exchange.

Facebook: No report.

Old Business

1. The High Fiber Festival, originally scheduled for May, had been rescheduled for October, but has now been CANCELLED. This is the festival held at Hickory Neck Church.
2. Peace Hill is still scheduled for November. After some discussion of the need for volunteers, and for those volunteers to be able and willing to engage in close contact with the public (including children who might not be masked), it was decided that we would NOT participate this year.
3. Meetings for the rest of the year will be held by Zoom calls. In addition, we have booked the Second Tuesday at 2:00 pm for Sip and Chat, and the Fourth Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Bring a snack or beverage and a project to your desk and join us for a couple hours of crafting relaxation.
4. Get your Towel Challenge started! Two towels, one to keep and one to trade within the Guild. Woven with 2 shafts in plain weave, 20X28". Send to Sandi by mid-November and she will distribute and send out to all those who participated.

NEW Business

1. MAFA workshops not yet set up, but the Resources page on the MAFA website has a list of classes, including video and on line offerings for individual members. Some classes are available as Zoom classes.
2. Kris rescued a couple of hand spindles and several bobbins from Mary Chapman, daughter of a woman who was a Colonial Williamsburg weaver for years. Let Kris know if you are interested in owning one of these items.
3. Officer election will be held in October, and in September we will have nominations. At the very least we must have a new president, and a new secretary. Please consider helping out your guild by assuming one of these positions. They are easy and fun!

NEXT MONTH'S Meeting: Inkle loom use.

DECEMBER CHALLENGE: Something felted, however you want to felt, whatever you want to felt.

GUILD CHALLENGE: towels. 2 shafts, choose your own pattern. Weave at least 2, one to share.

Show and Tell: Please send pictures to Janet.

Goodie had two more bags woven on cardboard looms.

Cindy has been weaving overshot double weave, and has placemats to prove it. In addition she has produced great lengths of Inkle banding.

Marsha showed her four completed huck napkins, each with a different pattern. One pattern will become curtains in her new home. She has also returned to the simple (and portable) pleasures of the CD coaster.

Sandi sent photos of her baby blankets. She used 14/2 cotton double warp, then had to double the weft to balance the fabric. She also showed cottolin towels, her submission to the HGA towel exchange, along with a shirt woven in contrasting plaids and designed to require as little sewing as possible.

Liz had produced a single strip of doubleweave fabric that was cleverly folded into a bag, held in position by an Inkle weave strap.

Kathy K. had pictures of her completed baby blankets at work covering the latest infant additions to her family. Grandparents of the guild should take note: it would be quicker, easier and cheaper (if you count labor costs) to wrap those new babies in gold leaf. Kathy's blankets are clever, carefully executed, and beautiful. The babies are cute, too.

Ann showed her tapestry of the Grand Canyon at sunset, still under construction. The colors are eye-popping.

Priscilla has been experimenting with her rigid heddle loom and scrap yarn.

Ingrid is using her rigid heddle to help her design some clothing.

Rosemary had different towels, some on 4 shafts from scrap yarn, some on 8 shafts.

Izabella had 2 sizes of weavings from the same yarn and similar patterns. The yarn was left over from an afghan she had completed. She stretched that yarn into a lot of fun!

PROGRAM

We conducted a tour of work spaces. Some had converted unused bedrooms, some had simply taken over available space in other rooms, including kitchens and baths. The favorites had large windows showing lovely greenery; some were stuffed with tools: several looms, shelves of yarn, sewing machines. Nearly all had some space reserved for books, and most were decorated with the products of the tools within. Creativity was the uniting principal.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM: Inkle looms, Sami bands and card weaving. Bridge or poker? Stay tuned....

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

September Guild Program: Norwegian or Baltic Weaving on an Inkle loom. Ingrid will show how a Sami band heddle is used on an Inkle loom to weave a beautiful Norwegian band. Cindy will show how to do the same technique without the heddle, using pick up on the Inkle loom. The pattern set up as well as resources will be provided via email before the program. Anyone else who'd like to show their Sami band weaving, feel free to jump in with us!

*October's meeting will be another advanced weaving techniques on the Inkle loom. We will hold off on Ron Pugh's Backstrap weaving demo - rescheduling once we can safely meet face to face once again. We look forward to that time!
So over our guild Zoom meeting in October, we will do another advanced form of Inkle weaving - still figuring that part out. Will let you know soon!*

**Liz fashions
a Double weave bag!**



Sandy constructs two Baby Blankets!





And a one-of-a-kind cotton top!



Goodie builds rag weave purses with gauzy materials.



Cat Tracks and Snail Trails!

Cindy works steadily on her



Wonderful work! Thanks to all who sent in photos!
{The photos are what I look at first.}

2020 Officers

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

Check out many more great photos
On our website: <http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

And be sure to check out our Facebook page!

Next meeting...



Thanks to Cindy and Ingrid!