



## Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

P.O. Box 2086  
Williamsburg, VA 23187  
<http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

**November 16, 2020**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday,

Social Time: 9:50-10:00 am

Business Meeting: 10:00 am

**ZOOM MEETING!**

***Program: Unusual looms***



# WSWG Minutes

**Meeting Date:** October 19, 2020/ 10:00 am / ZOOM video call conducted by Cindy. Special Thanks to MAFA for making the ZOOM program available to its member guilds.

## Attendees:

Rosemary, Ingrid, Dave B, Cindy, Lisa, Kris, Liz, Janet, Claudia, Dee, Kathy K., Goodie, Elizabeth H., Tina, Linda C., Sandi

Guests: Beth

## Agenda:

**Guests:** Beth introduced herself as a knitter who is interested in what “we” do.

**Correspondence:** Cindy has heard on Facebook of a couple of folks interested in joining.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Motion was made by Liz, seconded by Claudia to approve the minutes from the September meeting, as published in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting; \$ 3908.80.

## Committee Reports:

Membership: Two more have joined, Pam and Denise. Ingrid will update the Roster.

Website: Being updated. The look and feel have been improved, and now we must update the content. Kathy will photograph the banner for use on the home page. In January our program will be a brainstorming session on improving the Website. We need a list of things that need to be done, and the list needs to be circulated.

Newsletter: Janet requested more photos to add to the newsletter. You have read that before, because Janet pleads each month. Until we can meet in person again, the photos in the newsletter are the only way to show our work. Snap a photo of your WIP and email it to Janet right from the photo app on your phone. Janet will say the nicest things about you!

Historian: No report

HGA: Spin and Weave week is over but some of the video workshops are still available on Facebook. Membership is not required, but Sandi urges us to join individually, helping keep the handwork movement going. The website for Handweavers Guild of America (HGA) is [www.weavespindye.org](http://www.weavespindye.org).

MAFA: is using distance learning methods to open new opportunities. Be sure to check out the MAFA website for classes and tours. Our Guild membership charge has been reduced due to the size of the Guild at under 50 members.

Facebook: No report from Jessica, but she has forwarded requests for membership which have been presented.

## Workshops and Programs:

Cindy presented several ideas for future presentations.

1. Meetings will continue to be by Zoom for the foreseeable future. If you need a link for the monthly meetings or help signing up, please contact Dave or Cindy. The meeting number and password are always the same.
2. Don't forget the Sip and Chat, the last Wednesday of the month. No program, no structured meeting. Bring your project and enjoy some social interaction while crafting. Contact Cindy to get the meeting ID and password.
3. 3 programs are ready to go live when we go live: backstrap weaving, wet felting, and finishing techniques.
4. Sandi has found a very good YouTube video on card weaving. Can we incorporate a YouTube video into our Zoom meetings? Card weaving would also be a good live program.
5. Other ideas: "spin in," Inkle woven scarf, Sprang, Andean Pebble Weave, exploring color, a weave-along towel.

### Old Business:

1. Kris delivered six large bags of donated yarn to the Williamsburg Regional Library, perhaps more than they expected. Kris will keep us posted on when they need a refill.
2. Spindles from CW went to Liz, who may return some of them back to CW. What goes around comes around.
3. REMINDERS: Send towels for exchange to Sandi by the November 16 guild meeting. (You might get Ingrid's towel, woven from Sugar 'n Cream.) Challenge for December is anything felted.

### New Business:

Election will be held for officers at the November meeting. Thanks to the efforts of our self-appointed committee, (three cheers for Claudia!), we have a slate of nominees. They are:

Dave B as President, Cindy as VP (director of programs), Liz as Secretary, and Kathy as Treasurer (director of funds).

Members will be sent ballots by the method used for delivering the newsletter, so that all have an opportunity to vote, even if they cannot attend the meeting. Your option will be to vote for the slate above, or to vote for whoever you want for each position separately. The new officers will be installed at the December meeting.

### Show and Tell:

**Sandi** showed a handspun Alpaca, Merino, Silk throw and a log cabin chenille & cotton vest with check pockets. She also had woven 2 baby blankets from acrylic yarns, and showed her take from the HGA towel exchange. She also showed towel kits now for sale at Tavern Guild: all cotton, sufficient for minimum 3 towels each kit, \$45.00. Contact Sandi directly to arrange delivery or pickup.

**Cindy** had sewn two toys, a teddy and a rabbit, using McCall's pattern 6188, stacked button eyes and handwoven cloth. And she had finished her band on her Sunna heddle with 7 spaces, and has therefore ordered a 13-space heddle.

**Rosemary** showed us her loom.

**Ingrid** told us of her newest loom, an 8 harness Macomber. She may be suffering Excess Loom Acquisition Syndrome, so please keep watch. This is a contagious condition....

**Janet** had constructed a simple woven Bogg jacket from paper. Cozy!

**Claudia** finished her dog leash woven on her rigid heddle loom, and had put together a few Christmas trees - simple squares folded, mounted on sticks for trunks.

**Debbie** showed some cotton yarn mixed with metallic yarns, which she intends to use for Christmas trees.

**Beth**, our guest, showed us a piece of weaving she had done long ago in a class.

**Dee** had spun various yarns and is using her work to make a tapestry on her cardboard loom.

**Goodie** finished another cardboard loom project woven from plarn, and had felted another bunch of pumpkins so she could practice sculpting faces.

**Liz** showed off a very long scarf woven in overshot of fingering weight yarn. If you have any ideas of something that can be made from 120 inches of 10-inch width fabric, let Liz know.

**Tina** made a dress, but will add sleeves. She made a new hat, and needle felted a pumpkin onto some driftwood. She showed us a capelet that had been edged in hand spun art yarn incorporating feathers and locks as a teaser for the days program.

**Debbie** showed a picture of her mom wearing a shawl that Debbie had woven when she was 15, a couple of years ago, made from acrylic yarn (the gateway drug.) Like many projects produced early, it has edges that are occasionally unrestrained and its color is appropriate for its time, but these visible-to-the-picky idiosyncrasies did not prevent the garment from providing warmth and symbolizing fondness as only hand-made objects can do.

## **PROGRAM:**

Tina showed us how to include feathers and locks into yarn by spinning the “stems” of clean feathers of any size directly into the loose fiber and then securing them by wrapping the stems or locks when plying. This requires careful coordination of the plying yarns and is not the peaceful easy spin of most plying, as it includes a bit of backward travel and wrapping while twisting. A large orifice is required as well as a double scoop of patience. The resulting yarn makes a splashy finish when crocheted onto the edge of a knit, crocheted or even woven piece. Not a project for beginning spinners, but a bit of inspiration. FUN!







Industrious Goodie working on plarn bag and sculpted felt!



Amazing Cindy crafting little ones and Sammi bands with her Sunna heddles!

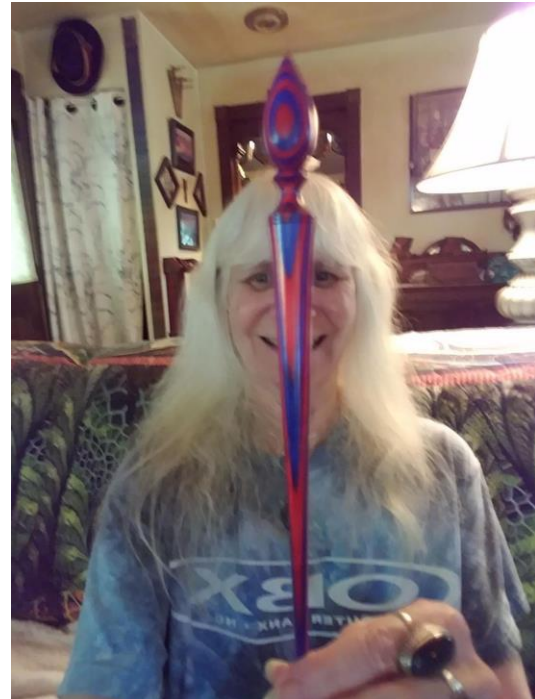


Diligent Sandi showing a hand-made vest and Oh-so-soft hand-spun alpaca wrap.





HGA sponsored a towel exchange and Sandi was the lucky one to participate! She also supported the Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild by showing a new package kit!



Active Debbie expecting fun things!



Janet planning bogg jacket colors!



Bustling Tina spinning her way to Key West FL!

*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 our 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

**Check out many more great photos of  
the from our web page!**

**On our website: <http://williamsburgspinweave.org>**

**And be sure to check out our Facebook page! Williamsburg Spinners and  
Weavers Guild.**

