



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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January Newsletter

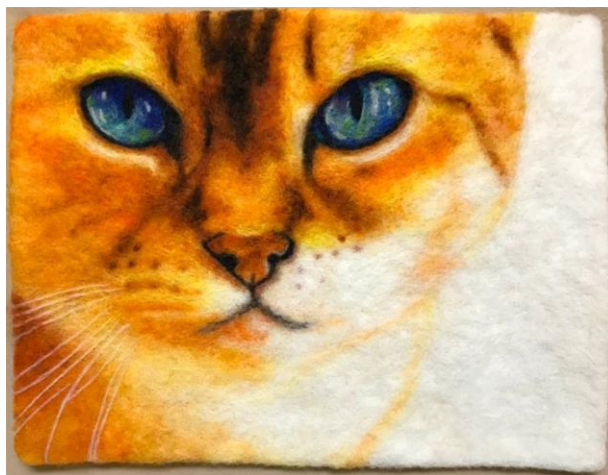
Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2021

Social Time: 9:50-10:00 am

Business Meeting: **10:00**

Program: Color and Weave





Color-and-Weave effects

Remember this beautiful dress that Kris' aunt wove and the scarf Cindy made that goes with it so well?

Coming to the Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild for the February 15th meeting!

We are looking forward to sharing this great weaving knowledge with you. There will be some great ideas and an overview of Color-and-Weave used in a plain weave 2 shaft structure.

In order to give you a hands-on opportunity, we are going to have rigid heddle and floor loom groups. Each group will have zoom weave-along sessions to get you started. You will need a dark and a light thread (from your stash) and a loom. If you have the 1993 March/April Handwoven magazine, pp30-32 and/or the Little Looms Holiday 2020, page 68 you may want to take a look.

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

January 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Meeting at 10:00 AM on Zoom video call conducted by Dave & Cindy. Special thanks to MAFA for making the ZOOM program available to its member guilds.)

Attendees: Dave Banks, Sandi, Liz, F, Rosemary, Ingrid, Debbie

R., Cindy F. Judy, Linda & Adam C., Kathy, Claudia, Lisa, Debbie, Kris, Marsha, Dee
Guests: None

Agenda:

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Correspondence: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Liz to approve December's Meeting Minutes as listed in the December Newsletter, Cindy seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer & Membership Report: Current Balance \$4,021.80; Only 18 members have paid dues so far. **NOTE: Dues for 2021 are now due and payable.** Please mail checks to: Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, PO Box 2086, Williamsburg, VA 23187-2086. (Sorry, we have no PayPal, online or credit card options at this time!) If you joined and paid a year's worth of dues in October, November or December, you are all paid up for 2021.

Website: To be discussed in today's program.

Historian; HGA; MAFA: No Report at this time, except for reminders about 2021 MAFA Conference & 2022 HGA Convergence (info on last page).

Programs & Workshops: Due to the uncertainties of life and lockdowns, our programs are in a state of flux. We have a full year planned, but the lockdown will determine the availability of each presenter and event. Here is a partial list:

February: Color and Weave (Plain Weave) for either floor looms or for rigid heddle weavers); Sandi Petty presenting.

March: Color and Weave, Log Cabin emphasis (still plain weave, so still floor loom or rigid heddle looms); Cindy and any volunteers presenting.

April: Possible Spin In? (planning in progress)

May: Color and Weave 3 - Twill emphasis (4 harness, so geared towards floor looms); Cindy and any other volunteers presenting.

June: Members' Tips and Tricks for any aspect of fiber craft (spinning, weaving knitting, crocheting, or felting. All of us get to share your favorite tip, trick or hack with everyone!

Other programs and workshops are in the works. We would love volunteers, especially for Card Weaving, Andean Pebble Weaving on Inkle loom, and Sprang! Please pass any suggestions or ideas to Cindy French, especially for spinning (like, who would like to teach about adding beads to yarn while spinning)! (Remember, volunteers are very welcome, but you don't have to volunteer to make a suggestion.)

Also, we are concerned that we don't have enough programs and opportunities for spinners. Other fiber guilds have monthly separate Spin-Ins and Weave-Ins, not just at the regular meetings. So, Spinners! Send an email to Dee if you want to participate in a monthly Spin-In on Zoom!

New Business:

Dave was contacted by a person would like someone to spin their Angora Rabbit Fur for the owner. Is anyone interested? Dee might be interested if she can blend it with wool.

2021 Challenge: Discussed ideas for the 2021 Challenge. Claudia suggested "COVID Disasters in Fiber" which might show a particularly bad project we have done [or;) in anger?] during the COVID lockdown. Cindy suggested "Pandemic Represented in Fiber" which might show our feelings about being locked down, or our best efforts during our isolation. Some other ideas:

Blast from the Past;

Weavers Game (Draw 5 idea cards at random, use 3 of them to make an item); (plus Spinners Game? Knitters/Crocheters Game? Felters Game?)

Inspired by Nature;

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (we recently did Plarn);

Off the Page - something inspired by or from a book you love.

Please think about other Challenge ideas to discuss at the next meeting. It would be great if it related to our big life challenge right now!

Show & Tell!

Lisa: Intricate Yoked Sweater with fancy color work, and Purple/Blue hand-spun Cardigan (with 'mystery wool' Lisa spun years ago).

Rosemary: Lovely woven Table Runner, all cotton, using 8/2 and 5/2 cotton.

Marsha: 4 yards of 6-color Rainbow Boxes Doubleweave inspired by a Jennifer Moore book.

Debbie: Felted Daffodil Flower Portrait Wall Hanging, with interesting 3-D effects.

Kathy & Cindy: They both took a class (advertised in Handwoven) with Janet Dawson on weaving Overshot. Kathy showed a Woven Overshot Sampler and 2 blue/white placemat samplers, using a "Spring Loom" (8 pound round metal bar, fastened to top of beater bar of her loom with U-Shaped clamps, to make it easier to beat tight). Cindy showed 2 Overshot samples from class, & Overshot placemats in progress. (Maybe we should set up an Overshot Weaving subgroup for those whose have a 4 shaft loom?)

Cindy: Also showed a Tencel Shadow Weave-a-Long Prayer Shawl. Cindy & Chris did a Weave-a-Long with Sarah Jackson. Check out Facebook Marguerite Davidson group for more info on Shadow Weave.

Dee: Showed beautiful results of some adventures she had in dying silk with blue food dyes.

Sandi: As usual, Sandi showed some impressive woven Silk yardage (17.5" wide). She totaled up her efforts last year: she wove 173 items in 2020!

Ingrid: She is spinning a beautiful wool & silk blend on her Nano e-Spinner. (Brian added a nice stabilizing wooden base to the Nano!)

Judy: Knitted an intricate multiband trapezoid knitted shawl, using 4 treasured yarns from her stash, maybe 50% silk; a very special knitted brioche cowl with yarns dyed by a friend, and 2 woven Doubleweave windows (black and white and 2 color shading) fabrics.

Busy, Busy, everyone!!! We have such talented folks to inspire us!

PROGRAM: Reviewing the Website!

We spent some considerable time discussing possible changes and updates we could make to our WSWG Website to improve our connection to the world, and to help & support our members with our historical information. Lots of great discussion and ideas! Dave will work on consolidating the ideas and make some changes, and create some updated pages for us to review. (As any computer coder knows, all changes inspire requests for more changes!). Here are a few of the ideas that we discussed:

- Change the banner to show picture(s). Maybe have a Header Photo (need a nice High Res picture), and/or maybe scroll through several pictures from our files of our artwork and demos?
- Remove Officers' names from all pages, put into a "Contacts" page
- Make sure pages work & look good on cell phones
- Have a more obvious menu from Home page, adding Monthly Programs and/or Calendar to menu.
- Make Calendar with clickable links to event information?
- Some guilds have a blog, a periodic post of items of interest by a member. This is a TASK that would need someone to take it over. A few have a blog that appear to have an "annual post" and not be seriously undertaken. If not regularly refreshed, might not be a good idea.
- Update libraries (books, magazines, equipment and how to borrow in these times of isolation, since we usually just ask for them to be brought to meetings). Dave to investigate/test Library app that allows easy click-to-borrow, without posting individual emails or phone numbers. (Currently Goody for books, Linda for mags)
- Post list of missing magazines, had several volunteers to fill in gaps if possible. (Claudia, Liz, ...)
- Remove dates from pages that don't need them (e.g., Magazine page header)
- Post more pictures from events and meetings.
- Update Resources page with current info, e.g. Local Yarn Shops; loom, spinning wheels, tools and yarn sellers; other resource sources, National Fiber Guild Associations, Education Programs, magazines (add "Ply Magazine" to our current list of Fiber Artist magazines), change

current Interweave Press references to Long Thread; Add Guild Reward Programs (e.g. Woolery discount, and guild gets monetary donation if you identify your guild.)

- add a page explaining what kind of demos and presentations we can provide to schools, festivals, etc. (via ZOOM or after social restrictions are lifted?).

- Add info about our members who sell their products and services they can provide?

[Would this jeopardize our 501c3 status?]

- Add "Auto-Links" (program auto-forwards to specific emails without listing email on visible page) to officers, members?, for member applications, member requests, event requests, demo requests, etc. This would prevent spambots from stealing our emails.

- Add links to our Facebook page

- Add link to our YouTube channel. (Few other guilds have their own YouTube Channel!

Kudos to Dave!)

- Add a Members Only Section for "private" info, like member lists(?), Newsletters, Officer contact info, member-produced handouts from programs, place to edit/update your own contact info, etc.

- Need volunteers to help, e.g. with reviews, testing, blog, posting pictures, posting newsletters or handouts from programs, update auto-email links, etc.

Lots of great ideas and food for thought! Many thanks to all for your input. Dave will try to consolidate these ideas into sample pages for us to review at the next meeting.

WSWG CALENDAR:

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

ZOOM Meeting ID: 821 7387 9085 Passcode: 445227

FEBRUARY 8, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program: Color & Weave, Plain Weave

MARCH 15, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program: Color & Weave, Log Cabin

APRIL 18, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program:

MAY 17, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program:

JUNE 21, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program: Members Best Tips! Save up YOUR favorite tips, tricks, and hacks now to present in June! We hope all of us present something to share!

JULY 19, AUGUST 16, SEPTEMBER 20, OCTOBER 18, NOVEMBER 15 (to be announced)

DECEMBER 20, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program: Potluck and Challenge presentation

Programs are subject to change, especially in these trying times. Please contact Cindy French with ideas, or to volunteer. We especially need volunteers for Card Weaving, Andean Pebble Weave on Inkle Loom, and *Sprang*!

EVENING SIP AND CHATS: Every Month on the Last Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 850 3868 2137 Passcode: 029615

2021: Feb 24; Mar 31; Apr 28; May 26; Jun 30; Jul 28; Aug 25; Sep 29; Oct 27; Nov 24; Dec 29

AFTERNOON SIP AND CHATS: Every Month on the second Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 810 0687 1327, Passcode: 180174

2021: Feb 9; Mar 9; Apr 13; May 11; Jun 8; Jul 13; Aug 10; Sep 14; Oct 12; Nov 9; Dec 14

SPINNING ZOOM: Every Month, 2nd Wednesday, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, first on Feb 10

[ZOOM Meeting ID & Password to be announced, please email Dee if you are interested!]

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS:

MAFA 2021 Conference, June 24-27

The MidAtlantic Fiber Association will be holding its 2021 Conference virtually this year! Go to their website (at mafafiber.org) for information on the many, many classes, contests, and events they will be having online during this summer event. Looks like it will be great fun! Online classes are a particularly great opportunity for those can't travel!

HGA 2022 Convergence, July 15-21

The Handweavers Guild Association will be holding its 2022 Convergence at the Knoxville Convention Center, Tennessee in the lovely Smoky Mountains. Check out information at weavespindye.org.

SEFF 2021 Festival April 15-18 Postponed

The Southeast Fiber Forum (SEFF) will be postponing their 2021 Conference until April 2023. Check out sefiberforum.org for more details.

LOCAL EVENTS:

Due to the pandemic, other local upcoming festivals, classes and demos are still in planning.

Special Notice:

Central Virginia Fiber Arts Guild (CVFG) invites you to participate in an online (ZOOM) class on "Combining Warps and Structures for WOW! Yardage," with Daryl Lancaster, **Saturday, February 27, 2021, 1-3:00 p.m.** All Skill level weavers welcome, PDF handout will be available for participants to print out, \$10 for CVFG members, \$15 for Non-members. Hopefully there are still spots open. Sign up at:

cvfg.org/calendar/workshops-guild/combining-warps-signup/

Questions: Email: programs@cvfg.org

Description: We start with some basics on weaving yardage, what to weave and how to sett it. The most important part though, is finding out what you've got, and how to make it work for you. Learn how to know what's on the cone, or in the skein, and see how far it will go! The focus here is on 8 shafts.

With 8 shafts you can magically combine structures and different yarns and create some inspiring and truly unique fabrics. Lots of drafts and lots of examples.

About the Artist: Daryl Lancaster, a hand-weaver and fiber artist known for her award-winning hand-woven fabric and garments, has been constructing garments for more than half a century. She gives lectures and workshops to guilds, conferences, and craft centers all over the United States. The former Features Editor for Handwoven Magazine, she has written more than 100 articles and digital content, frequently contributes to various weaving and sewing publications, including Thread Magazine.

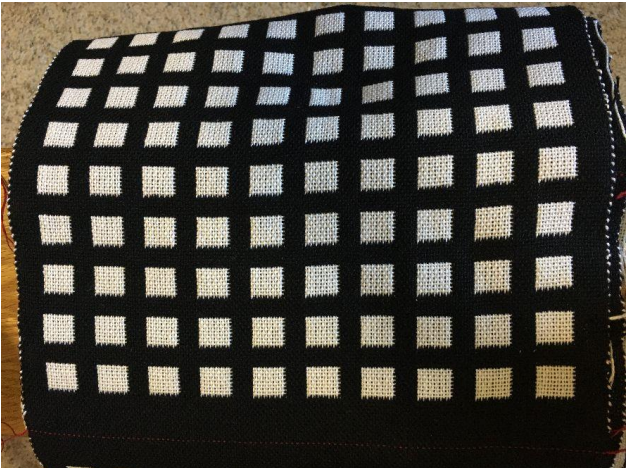
Daryl now has a YouTube channel, "The Weaver Sews" where she share her extensive experience sewing handwoven garments. She now offers a complete line of digital sewing patterns for handweavers at www.weaversew.com/shop/sewing-patterns.html

Daryl maintains a blog at www.weaversew.com/word blog. Find her at www.daryllancaster.com.

Rosemary shared a wonderful Table Runner for her Friend!



Judy wowed us with her brilliant shawl, not to mention her exquisite double weave weavings.





Oh, how we admired the fabulous silk yardage from Sandi, and her inkle band pillow!



Did you fall in love with Marsha's rainbow double weave sampler?

How about that brilliant Lisa and her one-of-a-kind handworks?



Lisa's adorable pattern called "Shapely boyfriend"



Inspirational work from our Cindy!

Marsha shared with us, Daryl Lancaster's website; www.weaversew.com

Her videos are quite informative on how to make wearable clothing from your handwoven fabric. Ask Debbie how she knows this lovely weaver.

Frontpage: In December, Goodie showed us her gorgeous felted cat painting!

2021 Officers

Dave Banks– President
Cindy French – Vice President
Kathy Kuhn – Treasurer
Liz Vonasek– Secretary

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On our web page!**

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

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