



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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Guild Newsletter **February 15, 2021**

Monthly Meeting

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

Program

Color and weave/log cabin





Log Cabin on the edge

. Color and weave effects with plain weave using a rigid heddle loom

One of the coolest color and weave effects is Log Cabin.

The structure underneath the colors is plain weave with the arrangement of lights and darks used to create both vertical and horizontal blocks.

The blocks will switch direction giving the fabric a very complicated look.

Color order in the warp and in the weft create blocks with either light edges or dark edges.

This gives the blocks different looks, so we will

explore the edges of log cabin/ Again, because this is a plain weave structure

we will have a sampler that can be woven on a floor loom set up or a rigid heddle loom.

There is a snazzy easy way to warp a rigid heddle loom for log cabin, Cindy will demo that - used to set up a very simple basic log cabin design. Plus, we'll have a few snazzy drafts to look over and/or try - for either rigid heddle or a multi shaft floor loom.

Please bring any example of Log Cabin weaving you have; we'd love to see them.

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD

FEBRUARY 15, 2021 MONTHLY MEETING

10:00 AM on ZOOM video call. Special Thanks to MAFA for making the ZOOM program available to its member guilds. Meeting brought to order by President (and ZOOM guru) Dave Banks.

Attendees: Dave B, Cindy F, Liz V, Sandi P, Debbie R, Rosemary, Goodie K-B, Kathy K, Linda C., Lisa D, Kris W, Tina C-P, Liz H, Jaime P, Ingrid K., Claudia M, Marsha R, Janet S., Dee S, Judy M

Guest: Welcome to Pam (Pamela) Beatty!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINUTES

: Liz had two corrections to the January 2021 minutes: Add Janet G to attendees, and attribute the lovely 3-D felted Daffodil painting to Janet G. Liz moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded, and carried by vote.

TREASURERS REPORT:

We have \$4,165.42 in the treasury. Remember that several Fiber Supply Shops, like The Woolery, will give our guild a financial bonus if you identify our guild when you order! We got a nice boost this month!

Also, we only have 20 members who paid dues this year. Please remember to mail in your dues 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-December, you are all paid up for 2021.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

: Cindy is hard at work juggling the schedule of programs. The Spin-In is moved, and the next two programs will be Color and Weave. Also, check the end of the minutes for a list of Workshops being offered online by the Central Virginia Fiber arts Guild!

We also scheduled a couple of extra Color & Weave Loom Warping Sessions:

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

April: Designing with Color and Weave; Cindy and Sandi and any volunteers presenting.

July: Show and Tell from MAFA! Discuss classes and contest results and goodies purchased from vendors at MAFA (attend from your very own home!!).

REQUEST: Please let Cindy know how you are using your hand spun yarns, for an upcoming program!

OLD BUSINESS

: During the last meeting, we reviewed our WSWG Website. Dave has been reviewing and consolidating the suggestions. Goodie has updated the list of WSW Guild Books and DVDs on the website. Check it out for anything you might want to borrow!! We have some great resources available to our members.

The MAFA Catalog for their 2021 MAFA Conference (June 24-27) was posted on 2/19/21.

Check it out for many opportunities! Dave reminded us that, unlike previous years, most of the classes are only a few hours, so you can take advantage of many selection. Sandi encouraged us to please consider looking at the website to see what contests you might be interested in entering. I'm sure that our members have many winners among their recent accomplishments! They need entries for the "Fiber Arts" and "Fashion" contests, and I know we have numerous items, even just from the last meeting, that would be appreciated (and very competitive). I don't think you even have to ship them to the organizers - so cool! Check the MAFA website mafafiber.org for details.

Dee held our first online monthly Spin-In on ZOOM. 7 spinners participated, and had great fun chatting about fibery fluff and current projects while spinning! This will be

held every 2nd Wednesday, 1-3:00 pm, check the Schedule of Events below for details.

NEW BUSINESS

: Dave mentioned that he has been experimenting with an inexpensive tripod mount for a cell phone to do panoramas for the website, and thinks this would help us make videos for our own demos or Zoom Meetings.

Cindy alerted us to the virtual Quilt Show that will be online on Feb 24-27, 2021. Very handy, as is the virtual Maryland Sheep & Wool show May 1-2. The Powhatan Festival has been cancelled for this year.

SHOW AND TELL

: (Please remember to send pictures to Janet G before or just after each meeting, so she can post it in the next newsletter, so we can all enjoy the fruits of your labors!)

Janet showed us her 3-D Felted Daffodil painting. Love the 3-D petals and bits, and the lovely play of fiber colors.

Lisa D knitted an intricate Alien Cowl, using the pattern Mulder (like from the X-Files), showing her fun side! She says it was a deceptively easy pattern that took 2-3 days, but looks like intricate color-work.

Rosemary wove a pretty striped scarf with blues, purples and golds. She also had two Blue and White overshot shawls, showing her test of tying on a new warp to an old warp. She said it worked great, especially for the complicated warp setup, but probably wouldn't be worth the time for regular plain warps. It did prevent errors in setting up the second complicated weave.

Kathryn had fun making several sets of "Bernie Gloves" from the patterns available on the internet. Her family even made some "Bernie poses" to show off her efforts. She used pre-felted sweaters, and lined with cashmere sweaters. She even moved the pockets from one sweater to make pockets on one set, for a jogger friend to stash keys & Cindy showed us her (ONLY, EVER!) crocheted item, a Noro Silk Garden Flower Scarf, made from a Japanese pattern. So colorful, with many crocheted flowers nestled together, making a luscious and comforting scarf. (But Note to Self: don't learn a new hobby with Japanese instructions - unless you read Japanese!)

ID. She also makes some from a felted pair of wool pants, and used a sweater ribbing for mitten cuffs. As if that wasn't enough, she showed a woven triangle shawl. It was looser than she wanted, but found that it was just right after hand washing with a color catcher, and a tiny toss in the dryer.

Marsha had joined Jean Stafford's Online Guild (janestaffordtextiles.com) and found it very inspiring. (She recommended them: anyone can join, check it out online, \$78.47 dues for a year, lots of info and inspiration.) She did a towel weave-a-long with them, and produced 12 gorgeous towels, using 6 tie-ups, (and many Marsha changes!). She also wove blue & tan Turned Twill Blocks placemats.

Dee dyed some silk hankies (square stacked layers of multiple stretched silk cocoons) using blue Wilton food dyes. (Everyone wanted to know how! Possible Program in the future? Save your notes, Dee!) She then spun the silk into gossamer thread. Could hardly see it when she pulled out a single thread from her skein.

Tina showed a lovely flowing flared blue felted sleeveless shirt, made with several kinds of silk (and wool?): silk hankies, locks, lap (silk batt), all sorts! She spent 4 days dying 20 pounds of fiber, to make this shirt and an in-progress dress. Check out her modeling of the shirt on our Facebook page. Has to be seen swirling around her to appreciate!

Our new Guest Pam Beatty showed her considerable and varied skills with her first 8-shaft woven pale green and white "Tarragon & Turmeric" pattern napkins. She also showed an intricate Color & Weave wool & alpaca scarf in black and multi-toned golds. Also, she knitted an intricate cabled hat, perfect for our current cold snap.

Sandi showed two dresses that she made with her handwoven cloth, one with a stunning black/grey/white Clasped Weft fabric, and another with a gorgeous pink and greys plaid. So brave to cut these great fabrics, and so worth it!

Jamie has been busy making several woven towels from the book of Favorite

Scandinavian Patterns, using 3/2 cotton, and several of the patterns. And, she made a 4-shaft Color and Weave gamp - great inspiration for those of us about to embark on our own Color & Weave games. (All in between her new Zoom Dog Exercise classes with her big, white, lovable pooch.)

Goodie made two large Plarn (blue & white, and beige) Tote Bags on a large cardboard loom. Also, her needle-felted 3-D white dove, Santa, Beaded Hearts (using heart cookie cutters!), and Gnome were so detailed and cute.

Janet wet felted some amazing bowls with wool and silk. One was like a cylinder, with a needle-felted top edge, and accents of cut slits and feathers. The other was a very large blues/purples pomegranate shape, also with accents of cut curling cross-slits with dark backgrounds peeping out.

Judy showed us two Blue/Gray/White woven towels from Twill and Lace patterns, (Strickland 154), with such pretty patterns on front AND back. They will be for sale at The Tavern soon!

PROGRAM: COLOR AND WEAVE

Cindy and Sandi held a very informative program on Color and Weave, a weaving technique that uses color to simulate intricate woven patterns. It is not a weaving structure. It is color applied to a weaving structure. They reviewed the handouts that they had emailed out, and discussed the making of a "gamp." A gamp is a type of sampler that demonstrates the effects of small changes in the demonstrated technique, like Twill or Color and Weave.

We will be having a 'weave-a-long' to produce a Color and Weave Gamp, over the next month. They recommended that we use thicker threads/yarns, because thinner yarns (like 8/2 cotton) don't show the patterns well enough to distinguish the details.

Suggested yarns are worsted (yes, you can use knitting yarns!) with ~8 dent reed/heddle, rug warp with 12 dent, Anchor Bay, or Maysville 8/4.

If you want to make your own Color and Weave Gamp, you can warp your loom and weave according to the pattern in the handouts. One handout was for floor or table looms, and the other handout was for rigid heddle looms. We decided to have a "warping party" for those who want assistance. The floor/table loom folks will meet on ZOOM on Feb 25, 10:00 for 2 hours. The rigid heddle folks will meet on ZOOM on Feb 26, 10:00 for 2 hours. Attendance is not required, but Sandi or Cindy will be there to help with any questions or problems and suggestions. You are also welcome to attend just to eavesdrop! We always have so much fun!!!

Thanks so much to Cindy and Sandi for putting so much thought and effort and planning into this presentation, and for their generous offer to give assistance in additional sessions! We're so lucky to have such talented, giving people in our guild!

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

: Every Month on the third Monday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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: Color & Weave, Designing Your Pattern

MAY 17, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program:

JUNE 21, 10 AM Monthly Meeting, Program: Best Tips! Save up YOUR favorite tips, tricks, and hacks now to present in June!

EVENING SIP AND CHATS

: Every Month on the last Wednesday, 7:00 PM 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 PM 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

SPIN-IN ZOOM:

Every Month on the second Wednesday, 1:00 PM,

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

Dec 8.

[ZOOM Meeting ID & Password to be announced, look for emails from Dee S]

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS:

MAFA

will be holding its 2021 Conference virtually this year, June 24-27, 2021! Go to their website 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! mafafiber.org. Make sure to identify our guild if you register. (Last year you could register early if a member of MAFA via our guild!)

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

on Feb 24-27, Virtual! Check online for details.

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 Southeast Fiber Forum Festival April 15-18 has been postponed until April 2023.

Check out sefiberforun.org for more details.

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

ONLINE WORKSHOPS:

Central Virginia FiberArts Guild invites us to share this class info with our guild members! Sign ups for several online ZOOM workshops are available. Cindy sent an email on Feb 18 with clickable links to sign up for these classes, or go to the CVFG website. Email programs@cvfg.org for more information. I will list the non-member costs below.

2/27/21 Saturday 1 - 3 pm Combining Warps and Structures for WOW! Yardage with Daryl Lancaster, \$15

**We wish to extend condolences to Jaime Pierce
On the loss of her
mother.**

Cindy's amazing color and weave!



Janet's 3-D daffodil...growing from the house!



Sandy's clasped weft tunic and silk sleeveless blouse!



Goodie has diverse talents with her plairn bags and felted ornaments.



Lisa's knitting magic; Mulder's cowl {X-files}



First towels of the year by Sandy.

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

2021 Officers

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Cindy French - Vice President
Kathy Kuhn - Treasurer
Liz Vonasek - Secretary

