

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

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April 2008

Meeting: Monday, April 21, 10:00 am (9:30 am social time) to 1:00 pm, in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg.

Program: Ingrid Kross will show us how to weave using a box as our loom. The Guild will supply the boxes and weaving needles. Members are to bring various colors of thick yarn to use as weft, carpet warp (cotton or linen) to use as warp. Also, if you have the January/February 2008 issue of Handwoven with the article about box weaving, bring that along as well. Refreshments by Bernadette Marquez (sweet) and Rosalie Brown (savory).

Bash: The bash on Monday, April 7 will be hosted by Judy Mooers at her home in Heathsville. Contact Judy at 804-580-8289 or jkmooers@kaballero.com if you plan to attend. She will provide directions if needed. The Bash will focus on fiber preparation and spinning. Judy will show three techniques for washing wool and will have wool combs, wool cards, and a drumcarder set up for use by members.

Upcoming Programs:

May 2008: Jerry Smith, Weaving V-shaped Shawls

June 2008: Picnic at Pam Franck's house.

July 2008: Alice Noyes, Using Color in Tapestry Weaving

August 2008: Pam Franck, Using an Inkle Loom

Events outside our Guild:

Alpaca farm outside Windsor, VA; shearing and demonstration on Tuesday, April 15, 9 am til noon

James River Weavers hosting a workshop by Bonnie Inouye, April 25-27.

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD May 3-4, 2008

Convergence, Tampa, FL June 25-28, 2008

Montpelier Fiber Fest, October 4-5

SOAR, The Inn at Pocono Manor, PA, October 5-12

Website: If you would like to add to the guild website <http://williamsburgspinweave.org> please contact Dave Banks at dfbanks@earthlink.net

April Birthdays:

Shawn Clarke

Julie Colby

Officers:

President: Judy Mooers

Vice President: Bob Hecker

Ass't Vice President: Jerry Smith

Secretary: Beth Palmer

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

WSWG Minutes for March 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Judy Mooers. She welcomed back to our midst members Peggy Counce, Dolly Gaus, John Janson, and Frankie Snipes. She also welcomed guests Diane Henry (a spinner), Judy Caro (a former member who now lives in FL), Mary Lavernes, and Sandi Petty. Minutes from our February 18, 2008 meeting were accepted as amended. (The reported bank balance was off by \$2,000.) Our current bank balance is \$3,164.26 Treasurer Ingrid Kross encouraged everyone to pay their 2008 dues now. Dues for the year are \$20. Following their audit of the 2007 books, members Birdie Burton and Rosalie Brown reported that the financial books are in order.

Ingrid Kross said that the Guild received a lovely thank-you letter from Mancuso regarding our demonstration at the Quilt Show. Judy mailed out 44 weaving samples to folks who stopped by our booth at the show. Alice Noyes and Beth Palmer described their demonstration at the King William County Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 15.

Library report -- Shawn Clarke brought several books on spinning plus Sharon Aldernman's new book on weave structures. Sharon will be with us for a workshop in September. Ingrid Kross brought copies of Weaver's Craft.

Sunshine -- Pam Franck announced that Berit is dealing with lingering illness caused by the flu. She also announced that she will be a grandmother soon!

Membership -- Ingrid Kross announced that we have 3 new members.

Program -- Bob Hecker reviewed plans for upcoming programs. In May, Jerry Smith will show us how to make a V-shaped shawl on a multi-shaft loom. In June, we will have our picnic at Pam Franck's home in Mathews. In July, Alice Noyes will do a program on tapestry weaving. In August, Pam Franck will do a program on inkle weaving. Ingrid Kross announced that her shop will order inkle looms from Harrisville for \$66 each for anyone interested in buying them. In September we will host Sharon Alderman for our guild meeting and for a two-day workshop afterward. There will be 16 slots available in the workshop. In October, Jerry Smith will present a program on bound weave. We talked briefly about our gift exchange for December. Judy encouraged us to make something using a technique we have never used before.

Old Business -- Judy sent in our deposit to Sharon Alderman. She will be with us September 15-17 for our guild meeting and a two-day workshop on weave structures afterward. We will not need to have looms for this workshop. We talked about where we would like to hold the workshop but postponed a decision on that issue.

New Business -- We talked about attending the Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival. Judy suggested that we look for other opportunities that are closer to our guild membership area. We also talked about attending the Newport News event but regret that it is the same weekend as the Montpelier Fiber Festival. Several members are already committed to attending the event in Montpelier. We talked about additional demonstrations at the Virginia Living Museum. Ingrid will get in touch with them. Judy will also write the progress report to Interweave Press re our \$500 grant from them. The report is due April 4.

Show and Tell:

Charolotte -- carding alpaca

Jerry -- samples of the Theo Moorman technique; rug shaft switching

Alice -- weaving on a box (preview of our April program)

Frankie -- talked about a class she took in Argentina

Ingrid -- woven, felted bag made from weaving on a box

Jean -- a felted (and knitting!) goat

Diana -- scarves and skeins of handspun, socks, and a bag made from a pattern she has published herself

Pam -- announced she is learning to knit for her expect grandbaby and is looking for baby patterns

Sandi -- placemats with a tiny overshot pattern

Bernadette -- bag made of patchwork squares and a quilt top

Julie -- scarf made from fiber she got from Dolly Gaus, scarf of leno lace

Beth -- cotton towels

Peggy -- small bag made on Good Wood loom; 2 chenille scarves; 3 rag rugs (she recommends ironing the fabric first before weaving)

Judy -- told us about a scarf she made from hand spun cat hair

Rosalie -- told us about her personal "warp from hell"

Rosale Brown and Charlotte Headley presented a program on spinning.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Palmer

Members in Attendance: Linda Adamchak, Virginia Banks, Rosalie Brown, Mary Lou Burns, Birdie Burton, Shawn Clarke, Julie Colby, Peggy Counce, Pam Franck, Dolly Gaus, Jane Gustafson, Charlotte Headley, Bob Hecker, Jean Huneycutt, John Janson, Ingrid Kross, Bernadette Marquez, Judy Mooers, Selma Moore, Peggy Naaci, Alice Noyes, Debra O'Brien, Beth Palmer, Jerry Smith, Frankie Snipes