

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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April 2011

April Meeting

Monday 4/18/11

10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. social time) to noon
Whitcomb Lodge, Beaverdam Park, Gloucester, VA

Program

In the morning, Michael Cook will present "Moth to Cloth" at our regular meeting. All are welcome.

From 1:00 p.m. until 4 p.m., Michael will begin the workshop "Six Slick Silks."
The workshop will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.
Bring your lunch - a refrigerator and microwave are available.

Directions to Whitcomb Lodge at Beaverdam Park

Coming from the south on Route 17, turn right onto Business 17 just past Danny's Glass (about 12 miles from the Coleman Bridge). Coming from the north, turn left onto Business 17 past Walter Reed Riverside Hospital. Roaring Springs Road is north of the Court House Circle just north of Botetourt Elementary School. Follow the road until you see a stop sign several hundred feet ahead. There is a lane to the left with a small sign for Whitcomb Lodge as well as one for overflow parking. Follow the lane downhill to the parking lot for the lodge.

Refreshments

Savory - Judy Mooers
Sweet - Bernadette Marques

Bash

Judy Mooers will host the bash on Monday, 4/4/2011.
Contact her if you plan to attend.



Minutes 3/21/11

President Beth Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Minutes for the February meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross reports \$4916.25 in the checking account. This does not reflect the cost of the April workshop, which has not been paid for yet.

Membership: New member Kris Wessler was welcomed. She is a Yorktown resident who is a beginning weaver. She is using her mother's Dorset floor loom.

Librarian: Mary Lou Birns was not present. Bernadette Marquez has helped Mary Lou combine the two library bibliographies into one; it has been sent, as a Word document, to Dave Banks. He will update it on the website.

Marsha Rehkamp noted that the Guild has received the latest issues of *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot*, *Spin-off*, *Handwoven* and *Wild Fiber*.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Historian: Bernadette Marquez has scanned the items in the first sample binder; Dave Banks put them on the website for comment. Discussion ensued as to where best to put the information on the website, and whether there was a quorum present to vote on a motion to address the decision. Beth Palmer said that, under the by-laws, there was a quorum present.

A motion was made to create a password-protected members-only page on the Guild website. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to include the membership roster and the pictures and drafts from the sample binders on the members-only page on the Guild website. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was decided to keep the bibliography of the Guild's library on the public side of the Guild website.

A motion was made to add the "spinning & dying samples" binders and the "tips & techniques" binder to the library bibliography. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Rosalie Brown said that she is in the process of identifying the photos in the old Guild papers.

Programming: *April* – NOTE!- the meeting will take place at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester. Directions can be found in this month's newsletter.

Michael Cook will present "Moth to Cloth" at the meeting on Monday morning. His Silk Reeling Workshop will begin after the meeting and continue through Wednesday (April 18-20). The cost is \$125 for Guild members. There will also be a \$35 materials fee, payable to Michael at the workshop. The work-

shop is not full, so it will be opened to non-guild members. Barbara Frey has created a flyer; she will e-mail it to members to distribute.

May - Another spin in day. The Outreach Education Committee report due. More book reports.

June – Potluck Picnic at Rosalie's. Book reports.

July - View and discuss Madelyn Van der Hoogt's DVD "Warping your loom". Book reports.

August - ?

September - Doubleweave workshop, September 19-21. Price and venue have not been set, yet. It will be round-robin.

October - ?

December – Potluck luncheon and an exchange. It was decided that participants will each create one fiber-related three-dimensional object to give away.

Book Reports:

Marsha Rehkamp reported on three books.

From the Guild library: *Finishing Touches for the Handweaver* by Virginia M. West and *Magic in the Water: Wet Finishing Handwovens* by Laura Fry.

From her library: *Colorworks: The Crafter's Guide to Color* by Deb Menz.

Snacks : April: Bernadette, sweet; Judy, savory

Bash: Monday, April 4 at Judy's

Book Reports: April- Frankie Snipes, Cathy Sterling

New Business:

Other Guilds workshops:

Fredericksburg Spinners & Weavers Guild- "Just Our Yarn" second weekend in November. (Judy has details.)

Clotho's Handspinners: Celia Wheeler, Friday Nov. 1. (Judy has details.)

Rosalie reports 6 lambs at the farm. Also, 4 farms in Mathews will be hosting a sustainable farming festival on May 28.

The Second Annual Fancy Fiber Festival in Surry, VA, on April 9. (Barbara Frey has attached a flyer about this in her newsletter e-mail.)

Show & Tell:

(Beth reminded members that this is a very broadly defined show & tell and can be anything of interest.)

Marsha Rehkamp - black and white tencel checked scarf and first use of fringe winder. December issue of *Piecework* to give away.

Beth Palmer - knitted helix scarf; photocopy of article on knitting helix scarves

Sandi Petty - cardboard weaving-in-the-round loom weaving made into stuffed animals

Barbara Frey - Hitchiker (as in *Hitchhiker's Guide to*

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the Galaxy, because it has 42 points) scarf; beaded ornament, bobbin lace scarf; bobbin lace hanging, helix scarf

Bernadette Marquez - doubleweave bobbin holder hanging

Claudia Melgaard - knitted nylon microfiber cowl

Mikki Decker - assorted jewelry; knitted baby blanket

Ingrid Kross - finished a cardboard weaving-in-the-round item as her turn came up for Show & Tell

Birdie Burton - Peggy's hand-dyed scarf

Rosalie Brown - knitted sawtooth scarf

Judy Moore - first weaving from her Gilmore loom - a scarf; handspun and knitted lace cardigan; bobbin lace bookmark

Selma Moore - dresser scarf

Kris Wessler - aunt's handwoven shawl; mother's

handwoven shawl; mother's handwoven fabric and potential patterns to use it with; chenille vest (which everyone would like a pattern for!)

Beverly Levinson - necklace from found materials

Today's program: Yarns in need of inspiration

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Rehkamp

Secretary

Members in attendance: Virginia Banks, Birdie Burton, Rosalie Brown, Helen Cadogan, Jeff Cleveland, Mikki Decker, Barbara Frey, Ingrid Kross, Beverly Levinson, Bernadette Marquez, Claudia Melgaard, Judy Mooers, Selma Moore, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Marsha Rehkamp, Jerry Smith, Kris Wessler

The Three Fates

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moirae>

When they were three, the three Moirae were:

Clotho ("spinner") spun the thread of life from her distaff onto her spindle. Her Roman equivalent was Nona, (the 'Ninth'), who was originally a goddess called upon in the ninth month of pregnancy.

Lachesis ("allotter" or drawer of lots) measured the thread of life allotted to each

person with her measuring rod. Her Roman equivalent was Decima (the 'Tenth').

Atropos ("inexorable" or "inevitable", literally "unturning", sometimes called Aisa) was the cutter of the thread of life. She chose the manner of each person's death; and when their time was come, she cut their life-thread with "her abhorred shears". Her Roman equivalent was Morta ('Death').

Sharon Davis has wool strips for weaving rugs to give away.

I have a box (size of a ream of paper) of pre-cut wool strips for either braiding or weaving. The colors are medium blues and browns and some tweeds. I would love to give them to someone in the guild who will put them to good use. If I can't find a home for them shortly they will go to Goodwill. I got them when I had my floor loom and have no use for them now. The best way to reach me right now is email since I am in the middle of switching phone providers.

Thanks,
Sharon

[I will be bringing them to the April meeting - Barbara Frey]

Websites of Interest

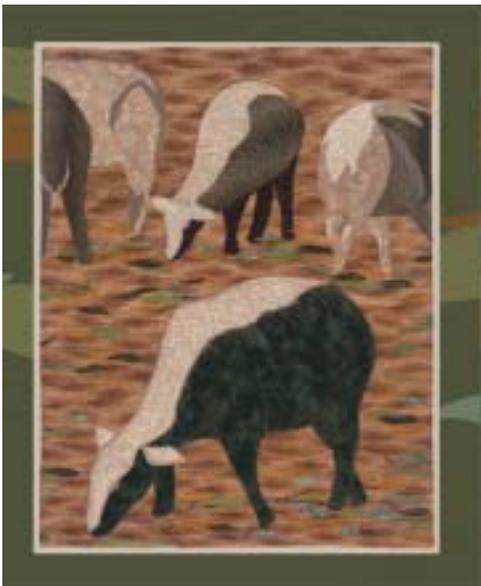
<http://www.stitchuary.com/>

Stitchuary is an exclusive online retailer for knitters (and other yarn users) to find artisan yarn from independent farms and sheep breeders from across the country. We specialize in bringing knitters limited edition high quality yarns fresh from the farms that produce them. Our yarn selection includes sheep, alpaca, goat, rabbit, and llama, as well as plant fibers that include cotton, linen, hemp or silk.

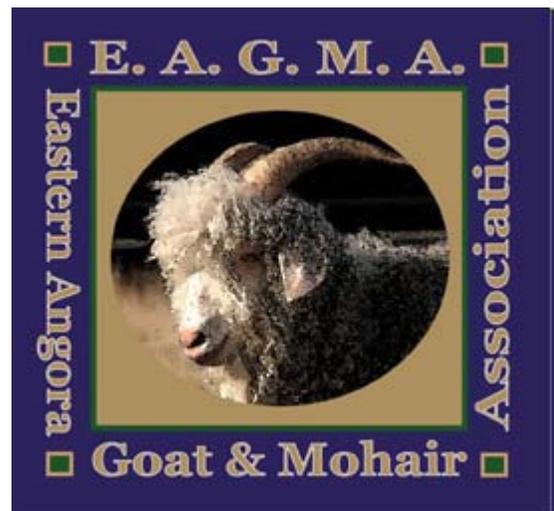
<http://www.weavingtoday.com/How-to-weave/>

It is a free download of a short tutorial on weaving. It has several pieces of information that are handy.

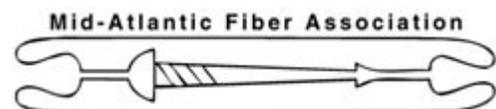
Events Outside the Guild



<http://www.sheepandwool.org/>
The 38th Annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
Saturday May 7, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM &
Sunday May 8, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 2011



<http://www.angoragoats.com/Show%20Page.htm>
EAGMA 20th Annual Show, Memorial Day Weekend
May 28 & 29, 2011 - Frederick Fairgrounds, Maryland



Officers

President	Beth Palmer
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Treasurer	Ingrid Kross
Secretary	Marsha Rehkamp

<http://www.mafafiber.org/conference.html>
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