



## **Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild**

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**April, 2019**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday, April 15  
Business Meeting: 10:00 am  
Program to follow

**James City Recreation Center**  
5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg

### **Program**

Making cardboard loom kits for May 5 Library workshops  
Bring yarn to donate to the cause!  
(preferably wool, worsted weight or heavier)

### **Snacks**

Sweet - Dee; Savory - Barbara



## WSWG Minutes

**Meeting Date:** March 18, 2019 / 10:00 am  
JCC Library, Croaker Road

### Attendees

Liz, Judy, Debbie, Micki P, Ingrid, Mickie D, Linda A, Ginger, Goodie, Ann H, Marsha, Izabela, Virginia, David, Barbara, Dee, Catherine B, Kathy K, Cindy, Sandi, Kris, Claudia

Guests: Celeste, working on spinning and wheels. Celia Herndon or "Cie," former Air Force, has taken a weaving class at CW, has a tabletop 4 shaft and hopes to find instruction. Intimidated by warping. The guild secretary recognizes a secret twin!

### Agenda

#### Circulate Sign-ups:

1. Sign up forms were circulated for Bashes. NOTE that no snacks are needed for the December meeting, as everyone brings pot luck for that meeting.

**Sunshine:** None

#### Correspondence:

Email received about the G0-GREEN EXPO in Newport News. See more info under "New Business."

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** CORRECTION MADE: the minutes as published were corrected to show that the cardboard loom class to be presented to the 4-H conference on March 30 will be held at the Williamsburg Woodlands conference center hotel, and NOT at the 4-H camp. With that correction, the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting \$4,109.20. During and after the meeting additional members paid dues; expenses for the Pine Needle Basket workshop will also be paid.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** (Sandi) At the beginning of the meeting we had 39 members.

**Website:** (David) No new activity from the WilliamsburgSpinWeave.org website. David pointed out that the Newsletter contains much information and it is posted on the website.

**Newsletter:** (Marsha) Marsha reminded that the Newsletter is published a week or two after the meeting. Let her know if you don't receive your copy (sent by email, unless you have made other arrangements). It is also available on the website. PLEASE read it, so corrections can be made timely.

**Historian:** (Judy) Nothing to report new, but Judy mentioned that we have a great deal of historical info that could be digitized and used on the website, including sample books. A brief discussion followed about digitizing, and how best to get it done. No resolution at this time.

**HGA:** (Sandi) HGA has sent a request for proposals to display its "Small Expressions" collection. The guild would have to find a place to put the collection and make sure it was insured, and pack and unpack and cover shipping at the conclusion of the show. Kris will try to find guilds that have done this to see if it is worth pursuing.

**MAFA:** David reports only one class has been cancelled. MAFA has more guilds involved than ever and more participants.

**Facebook:** No report

Workshops: Pine Needle Basket Coil Weaving took place after the meeting. We will have a Saori weaving presentation (May) and a Dorset Button workshop (June).

### Old Business

- **Teaching a “Makers” class. We will teach cardboard weaving on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Stryker Center in downtown Williamsburg, next to the library. There will be 2 sessions: one from 1pm-2:30pm and the second from 2:30pm - 4pm. PLEASE bring yarn to the April meeting to share. We have enough cardboard but need yarn, preferably worsted weight but can use any.**
- Kathy has scheduled the Farmer’s Market presentations for April 13 and September 14. Plan on being there from 7:30 am to noon. If you can’t be there the whole time, that’s okay. Bring whatever you are working on. Crowd favorites are marudai, spinning wheels of all types, and of course, weaving of any kind. Someone will want to try out your drop spindle, so bring your spare or back-up and not your favorite crystal whorl. The surface of DOG Street is not made for spindles.
- MAFA goodie bags are nearly ready. Cindy made gift tags for each pin based on similar tags found in previous year’s swag bags. We should send at least 39 bags; if you wish to help, contact Cindy. So far, our more energetic members have created 60 bags out of the needed 39 - by next meeting we should have twice as many as the minimum requirement. You GO! (and you know who you are!)

### New Business

1. We will demonstrate at the Go-Green Expo in Newport News. The Expo will be held at Brittingham-Midtown Aquatic Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive. We will need to provide tables (Kathy has guild tables in her garage and will bring them), and demonstrate some aspect of our craft that advances the Go-Green ethic. Quick and easy ideas mentioned: use of plarn (spinners can show it being plied or compacted, weavers can show or show off fabric or projects made or being made with plarn); weaving with VCR or cassette tape; CD coasters. All of these demonstrate “reuse” or “recycling.”
2. BASH: a sign -up sheet was passed around. A bash is a social meeting at someone’s home, usually on the the first Monday of the month. The hostess provides space and guests bring whatever project they want to work on. There are currently no bashes designated.
3. Skein, Garment and Fiber competition will be gearing up for the Fall Fiber Festival in Montpelier (Orange County, VA). Our guild helps the Tavern Guild fulfill its assignments in putting on this two day festival. If you want to put in a project for judging, it’s not too early for planning. In addition, there may be spaces open for judges for the competition. Watch this space and for further into.

### Show and Tell

Judy showed a painted silk blank, where the painting was accomplished by drawing on the

silk with Sharpie or other permanent marker, and then dripping rubbing alcohol on the fabric to spread the color through the threads. High- percentage isopropyl works best.

Debbie had brought two frame looms and asked someone, anyone to please give them a new home.

Micki P brought a vessel made of a gourd, with a pine straw border woven around the top.

Linda A brought a pine needle basket which she did NOT make.

Goodie showed off a completed cardboard loom woven bag.

Ann brought her challenge project from 2018, a weaving using plastic strips to create a pictorial hanging, rather than using the strips as elements of a piece of fabric.

Marsha has been experimenting with tapestry weaving and brought two small pieces (with 4 colors; we see what you did there....) that demonstrated particular techniques. She also showed us three samples of fiber dyed with acorns - a silk blank which took up some of the color, and two skeins of different yarn, progressively more intense in color. Go Green!

Barbara also brought a silk blank that had been dyed with Sharpie. Barbara's was more intentional than Judy's and had flowers in leaf bracts as a repeated motif. Barbara also had a work in progress: a knitted shawl in alpaca and silk. The shawl is constructed in wedges.

Catherine had two bead weavings, one done on a marudai, that led to requests for

program. For more information on bead weaving contact Catherine who will direct you to the Beadweavers' meetings, held on the Sunday before our own guild meeting each month.

Cindy showed off a shrug, made with pin loom woven squares.

Sandi wore her recycled jeans vest and teased us with planned garments of "scrap" yarn woven in (a) double weave and (b) a monk's belt pattern.

Dee displayed a shawl knitted using yarn spun by herself from roving she got from Liz at the swap meet a few months back. She reported that she wouldn't wear the shawl, and promptly gave it to Liz to wear at work! It is a lovely lace design. (Some of us have fiber from that swap meet in the form of roving, a long way from yarn and even farther from shawlness...)

## PROGRAM

The Department of Forestry presented a slideshow on Native Longleaf Pines in Virginia. Billy Apperson of Mill Farm in James City County, a retired forester, had worked on a Longleaf Pine project for many years. The presentation described the loss of the Longleaf Pine in Virginia and the attempts to bring back the true native trees.

## **Next Meeting Agenda**

**We will be preparing the Cardboard loom kits for the Maker Class. Please bring yarn to donate.**

**Check out more of Debbie's meeting & workshop photos  
On our website!**

WSWG March 2019 Meeting  
Show & Tell



Sandi's monks  
belt towel



Sandi's recycled  
jeans vest



Sandi's overshot  
towel



Cindy's pin  
loom shrug  
with knitted  
borders >  
&  
her notes on  
weaving  
"Summer &  
Winter  
"structure  
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Judy's silk blank made with Sharpies &  
isopropyl alcohol



Micki P's gourd trimmed with  
woven pine straw border

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Catherine's woven bead necklace



Anne's 2018 plam challenge-  
Interwoven plastic strips  
creating the canvas for her  
painting



Barb's handspun knitted shawl

Barb's Sharpie dyed silk  
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Dee's knitted shawl spun from  
Liz's roving- which she gifted to  
Liz

Marsha's small loom tapestries



WSWG March Meeting  
Program & Workshop following meeting



Liz (in new shawl!) talking to  
Longleaf Pine Program presenters

This column:  
Examples of Maggie Pruitt's  
pine needle baskets

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Pine Needle Basket Workshop



## WSWG Calendar

April 15  
10am

### Monthly Meeting

JCC Rec Center  
Program: Making  
cardboard loom  
weaving "kits"  
Snacks: Sweet – Dee;  
Savory – Barbara

May 20, 10am

### Monthly Meeting

JCC Rec Center  
"Saori Mindset"  
Snacks: Sweet –  
Debbie; Savory –  
Claudia

June 17, 10am

### Monthly Meeting

"Dorset Button  
Making" with Penelope  
Mace  
(\$2 kit fee)  
Snacks: Sweet – Ellen;  
Savory – Tina

### 2019 Challenge:

Pick 4 colors of fiber &  
show how they interact

Just when you thought every plarn use had been  
explored...

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/lifestyle/2019/03/20/wegmans-bags-used-to-make-suit-for-greece-woman/3200301002/>

(Thanks to Kathy's daughter-in-law for finding this.)

## Upcoming Fiber Events:

March 30, 10am – 12pm **(NOTE- New Time & Place!!)**  
**Cardboard Loom Bag Workshop for 4H Instructors by WSWG**

Woodlands Conference Center  
(at Colonial Williamsburg)  
159 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg  
(We need volunteers to help out!)  
Contact Kathy K for more details

Saturday, April 13, 7:30am – 11:30am

**WSWG Demonstrations at Williamsburg Farmers Market**  
Merchants Square, Williamsburg  
Contact Kathy K for more information.

Saturday, April 27, 10am – 5pm

### Powhatan's Fiber of Festival

3920 Marion Harland Lane, Powhatan, VA  
More info at <http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com>

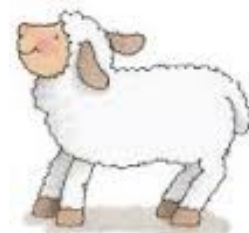
May 5, 1-4pm

### Cardboard Loom Weaving Workshops by WSWG

Stryker Center (next to Williamsburg Public Library)  
We need volunteers!

### 2019 Officers

Kris Wessler – President  
Cindy French – Vice President  
Kathy Kuhn – Treasurer  
Linda Coppinger – Secretary





## WSWG 2019 Treat Sheet

(Please Note: Sweet - bring plates; Savory - bring napkins)

February

Sweet – Judy; Savory – Cindy

March

Sweet – Micki; Savory – Marsha

April

Sweet – Dee; Savory – Barbara

May

Sweet – Debbie; Savory – Claudia

June

Sweet – Ellen; Savory – Tina

July

Sweet – Goodie; Savory – Kathy K

August

Sweet – Linda A; Savory – Ingrid

September

Sweet – Bunny; Savory – Janet

October

Sweet – Kathy K; Savory – Natalie

November

Sweet – Linda C; Savory Liz

December

Holiday Pot Luck- everyone bring a dish to share!

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