

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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August 2006

Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2006, 10:00 a.m. (9:30 social time), in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg. Refreshments to be provided by Jerry (sweet).

Program for August: Warping Your Loom. Bring your suggestions for techniques for warping. Shawn has identified resources in the library that cover warping (see list that follows the minutes for the July meeting). Contact Shawn if you would like to check out any of these items.

Bash: Will be held at Ingrid's house on August 7. Call Ingrid at to let her know if you are coming and/or need directions.

Events outside our Guild:

Plying the Arts Workshops, Athens, GA. August 5-6, 2006. www.worldinaspin.com

Fall Fiber Festival, Orange, VA. Oct. 7-8, 2006. www.fallfiberfestival.org

Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival, Nov. 4-5, 2006. www.chesapeake.va.us

Spin-Off Autumn Retreat, Tahoe City, CA. Oct 29-Nov 5, 2006.

www.interweave.com/spin/events_exhibits.asp

Stitches East, Baltimore, MD. Nov 2-5, 2006 www.knittinguniverse.com/xrx/events.php

Southeast Fiber Forum Assoc. Dixon, TN, Mar. 23-25, 2007. www.main.nc.us/sffa/

Website:

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

August Birthdays:

Ann Alderks

Officers:

President: Julie Colby

Vice President: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

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Minutes for Meeting July 17, 2006

There was no secretary to take minutes at this meeting. Pam took the role of president and also presented the program. These are her best recollections of the proceedings:

The treasury stands at a balance of \$3,322.55, after paying the deposit for the November Celia Quinn workshop.

Upcoming programs:

August: **WARPING YOUR LOOM**

Bob will bring his sectional warping system to demonstrate warping a small loom. There will be an opportunity to view Deborah Chandler's video on warping back to front, front to back, with a plain beam. All members who weave are asked to bring one carefully considered suggestion for warping. It should be a technique that you use that simplifies warping for yourself and/or that improves the quality of your warp preparation.

September: **WORKING WITH BASTE FIBERS**

Nettie will discuss many aspects of working with linen, cotton, and hemp. She both spins and weaves with these fibers, and has extensive knowledge of their historical use.

October: **STRIPES TO PLAIDS** (note: this is a 10-5 workshop)

Liz Ackerman of Christiansburg will present a hands-on workshop on designing stripes for weaving and making them into plaids. No looms necessary.

November: **HISTORY OF DROP SPINDLE USE**

Celia Quinn will share Berta Frey's extensive slide collection. It is the result of her lifelong research of drop spindle use for making yarn.

December: **POTLUCK AND GIFT EXCHANGE**

Plan to bring a holiday dish to share for brunch. To participate in the gift exchange, make and bring a gift-wrapped bag. Any textile technique, any size, any style - be creative and have fun with it.

LIBRARY: A discussion ensued regarding the guild's magazine collection. Because no one uses the magazine library several alternate suggestions have been made regarding its disposition: 1) sell off magazines at a guild meeting; 2) sell magazines on ebay; 3) donate magazines to the local library (it was pointed out that magazines in the library are not available to be checked out); 3) a member who is willing to carry the magazines to guild meetings for check out by members will take the collection home and store it (historically, this has resulted in a lot of carrying back and forth and not much use by members). Please give this issue your due consideration. A decision will be made in August.

BASH will be held at Ingrid's in August, Charlotte's in October, and Birdie's in November.

BEARS are now in the custody of Deborah Chandler in Guatemala. We hope that they will be in the hands of the children soon. We still have about 60 bears needing to go to good homes. Also, 30 of them still need to be dressed. If you know of a charitable organization that could use our contribution, please contact Pam and I'll bring them to the next meeting for you.

CELIA QUINN's COLOR BLENDING FOR SPINNERS

The workshop will be held at Sanden in Mathews on November 14 - 15 (Tuesday, Wednesday), from 9 - 4 each day. To reserve your space send a check for \$50 to Ingrid. The balance of \$50 will be due by September 15. There will be no refunds after September 15. At that time if there are less than 10 registered, the workshop will be opened up to the public for \$125. Fliers for the workshop will be available at the August meeting. Housing in Mathews is available at several nice Bed and Breakfasts and guest homes (see www.visitmathews.com).

The program was a challenge for members as well as the presenter! Even though I had made these at home a few times, I found it difficult to help those who were in the middle of their project. Of course, I came home and wove my basket perfectly in about an hour. Doing it and helping others do it are two very different tasks. Thanks to everyone who had the patience to stick with it. I hope you have basket that pleases you and that will serve you well.

Respectfully submitted,
pam franck

Material on warping or which covers warping amongst other information:

- Key to Weaving**- Mary Black (currently checked out)
- Weaving, Spinning, & Dyeing Book**- Rachel Brown (basic warping for different types of looms)
- Your Handweaving**- Elsie Davenport (simple intro to weaving)
- Warping All By Yourself**- Cay Garrett (covers different warping methods)
- Warp and Weave**- Robert Leclerc (covers different warping methods)
- Everybody's Weaving Book** – Alfred Allan Lewis (with many, many illustrations)
- Peggy Osterkamp's New Guide to Weaving Book #1: **How to wind a warp and use a paddle.**
- Learning To Weave with Debbie Redding** (intro to warping and weaving)
- Video- **Beginning Four Harness Weaving** – Deborah Chandler (shown at meeting)
- The Art of Weaving** -Elsie Regensteiner (chapter on warping)