

# Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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August 2010

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## August Meeting

Monday 8/16/10

10:00 am (9:30 a.m. social time) to 1:00 p.m.  
Room C, James City County Recreation Center  
5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg

### Program

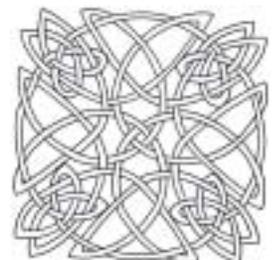
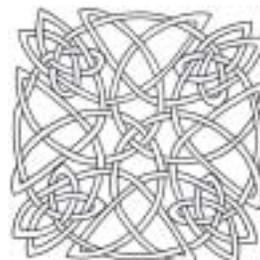
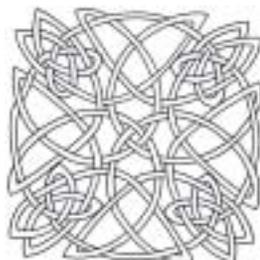
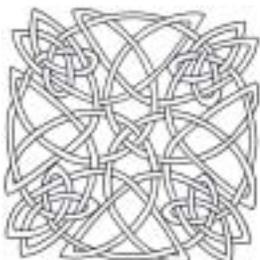
Sandi Petty - Woven Transparencies

### Refreshments

Savory - Rosalie Brown  
Sweet - Marsha Rehkamp

### Bash

There will be no bash until October.



## Minutes 7/19/10

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by president Rosalie Brown.

Minutes of the June, 2010, were accepted with no corrections.

**Treasurer:** There was no report as Treasurer Ingrid Kross was not at the meeting. New member checks will be deposited upon her return.

**Library:** Mary Lou Birns reported that Dolly Gaus has donated over 100 books to the guild library. Mary Lou is in the process of inventorying them and will compile a bibliography of the additions. Rosalie Brown thanked Mary Lou for her indefatigable efforts on behalf of the ever-growing collection. Dolly Gaus will also be formally thanked for her generous donation.

**Newsletter:** Barbara Frey will make use of the sample books donated by Dolly Gaus for future newsletter insertions.

**Programs:** Judy Mooers said that the 2 ½ day silk reeling workshop will take place April 18-20, 2011. A location is still needed. In August, Sandi Petty will do a program on transparencies. In September, the results of the cotton challenge will be displayed.\*

**Snacks:** August - Rosalie, savory and Marsha - sweet.

**Bashes:** No bashes in August or September. Birdie Burton will host the October bash, on Monday, October 4.

**Historian:** Bernadette Marquez is adding photos from the website to the historical record and asked if anyone had any other photos to add.

**Old Business:** The doubleweave study group will get together after today's meeting to organize.

**New Business:** Judy Mooers announced that Sandi Petty is the new Virginia representative to the Handweavers Guild of America.

### Upcoming Events:

Montpelier will be the first weekend in October.

The Chesapeake festival is in the process of re-vamping. Rosalie suggested that WSWG participate in helping to rebuild it. Judy Mooers suggested strongly that the sheep to shawl event be a demonstration not a competition. Rosalie will get more information on the restructuring and dates of the event.

The Newport Folk Festival is the first weekend in October. Its emphasis is more on knitting. Barbara Frey will be there.

Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville has the local weaver's guild working at the 3 looms and 2 spinning wheels on Tuesdays and Saturdays. More information about this historic inn and tavern can be found at [www.rhhtfoundationn.org](http://www.rhhtfoundationn.org).

The Knitting Guild of Tidewater will be having a "knit or spin on the porch" at the Gloucester History Museum on Main Street on Saturday, August 14. Bring a chair, whatever you are working on, water, and, if desired, lunch.

The Virginia State Fair begins on Sept. 23. Entry forms are due in around Sept.3-5. Entries must be in by Sept. 19.

### Show and Tell:

Beth Palmer- small looms made by herself and her neighbor (available to purchase for today's weavette program), a tea towel from a yard sale and the Halcyon catalog (picked up on her recent visit to Maine).

Cathy Sterling- 2 small looms (an inkle loom and a "between the knees" loom) and the book Small looms in action.

Bill Kay- sampler from the course he took at the Joseph Campbell School with teacher Robyn Spady. (He warped the loom for lace and wove many different structures on it.)

Bernadette Marquez- an overshot mat from Pam to add to the guild's collection.

Marsha Rehkamp- skein of hand-dyed alpaca yarn (purchased) and first 2 attempts at knitting (washcloths).

Judy Mooers- lace shawl she is knitting called "frozen leaves" (a free pattern found on the Ravelry website)

Barbara Frey- a maroon shawl she is knitting

Claudia Melgaard- a shawl knitted by Barbara Frey

Rosalie- Elaine Bradley's garlic basket (from her workshop) to raffle off.

Mary Lou Birns presented a program on the history and use of Weavette looms.

Respectfully submitted

Marsha Rehkamp

Members in attendance: Linda Adamchak, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Rosalie Brown, Birdie Burton, Barbara Frey, Bill Kay, Beverly Levinson, Bernadette Marquez, Claudia Melgaard, Judy Mooers, Selma Moore, Beth Palmer, Marsha Rehkamp, Cathy Sterling.

*\*If you want cotton for the challenge, get in touch with Judy Moors or Ingrid Kross.*

# Blue Heron Yarn Trunk Show

at Clotho's 8/21

From: "Judith Towers" <judith@towers2.com>

To: Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

Clotho's Handspinners would like to invite you and your guild members and friends to our August 21 meeting for a special trunk show by Blue Heron Yarns. Below is more information about time, location, and yarns that may be available.

The information is also on Clotho's website <http://sites.google.com/site/clothoshandspinners/>

Bring a bag lunch and come spin along with us! Hope to see you there!

Judith

What: Blue Heron Yarns Trunk Show !

When: August 21, 2010

Clotho's and Richmond Weavers Guild Members: 12:30 - 4:00

Other Fiber Guilds: 1:00 - 4:00

Where: Ashcake Volunteer Rescue Squad, 8375 New Ashcake Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

For parking, drive around to the back of the building where you will find the entrance to the meeting room.

Thanks to Daryll Sneden and Rachel Long for arranging this special opportunity for our Richmond Weavers Guild and Clotho's Handspinners. Here is the information we received from Demian Savits, Blue Heron Yarns.

Blue Heron Yarns) was recently approached by a knitting guild in Maryland. They asked us if we would be interested in bringing some of our hand-painted yarn and models to one of their meetings. We have a line of hand-painted yarns that we wholesale to yarn shops around the country but we also have a huge room of discontinued yarns/colors. These are the yarns we decided to bring to the guild. We offered them at a real bargain as well as free patterns for most of the yarns. I brought sample models so they could see how the yarns work up. This was such a success that I have decided to approach other yarn clubs/guilds....If you are not familiar with our company please check out Ravelry or our website below.

[www.blueheronyarns.com](http://www.blueheronyarns.com)

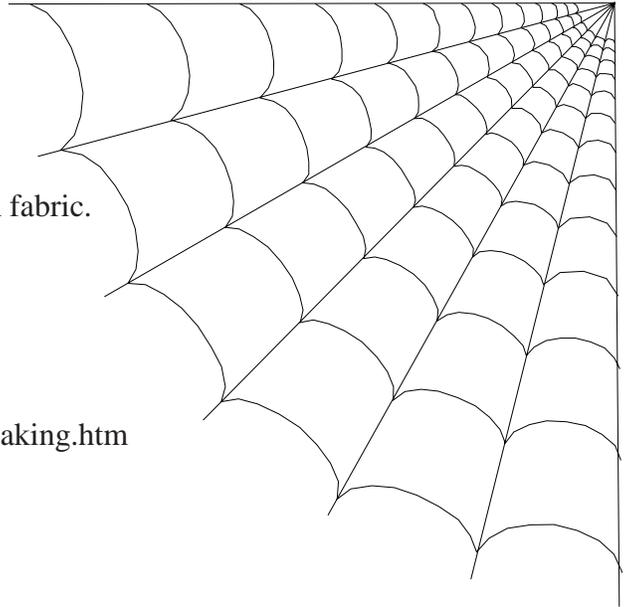


## Some Websites of Interest

<http://www.weavezine.com/content/tablet-woven-brocade>  
Online article on how to do tablet-woven brocade which uses a supplemental weft to create patterns or pictures in woven fabric. There is also a video.

<http://www.cs.vassar.edu/~capriest/saxontw.html>  
Directions for a Saxon Threaded-In Tablet Weave

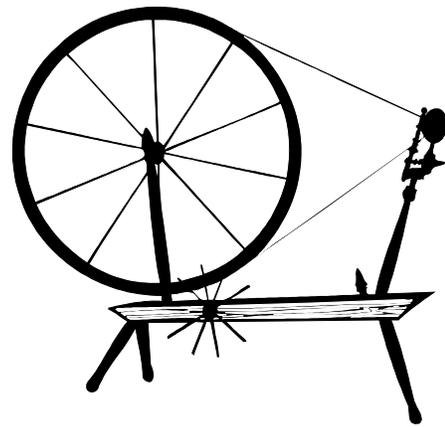
[http://www.grannysstore.com/Wilderness\\_Survival/Cordage\\_Making.htm](http://www.grannysstore.com/Wilderness_Survival/Cordage_Making.htm)  
Making cordage from natural fibers such as dogbane.



### Old Irish Spinning Song

They say a fairy has not heart,  
but sorrow now they feel.  
For mortal souls that grieve apart,  
they've sent a spinning wheel.

Spin the warmth of wool, little wheel.  
Forget your fairy days.  
Spin for men so brave and leal  
who guard the ocean ways.



## Officers

President	Rosalie Brown
Vice President	Sandi Petty assisted by Judy Mooers
Treasurer	Ingrid Kross
Secretary	Marsha Rehkamp

