

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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August, 2012

Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 20, 2012
10:00 am (9:30 am social time) to 1:00 pm
Room C, James City County Recreation Center
5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg

Program

Handweavers Guild of America
Convergence 2012
Report by Sandi Petty

Refreshments

Beverly Levinson, savory
Micki Decker, sweet

Bash

No Bash in August

Challenge

Montpelier Fall Fiber Festival
Fiber Arts Competition
(Entry form follows newsletter)

WSWG
Minutes July 15, 2012
Williamsburg Unitarian Church

Acting president Sandi Petty called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Sandi welcomed new members April Ferguson, Becky Charneskie and Barbara Wherter.

Minutes for the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross reported \$3,580.10 in the Guild's checking account.

Williamsburg Farmers Market: Kathy Kuhn spoke to Market Manager, Libby Oliver. Libby would like the Guild to attend again, on a Saturday when the Master Gardeners aren't there. October was suggested.

Newsletter: The newsletter is emailed by the Monday following the monthly meeting. Members who do not receive their newsletter are urged to contact Marsha Rehkamp.

Librarian: nothing to report

Historian: Bernadette Marquez was not present. Sandi asked that the history of the Guild, as written in the sample recipe binders, be added to the website.

Sunshine:

Sandi reported that Selma Moore is feeling much better and hopes to be at next month's meeting. She thanks the Guild for their card and flowers.

Preston and Birdie Burton are doing well. Birdie is selling her equipment; Ingrid is buying her cherry Baby Wolf loom.

Beverly Levinson is feeling better; physical therapy is helping her.

Programming:

August 20: Sandi Petty will report on the 2012 HGA Convergence

September 17: Exploring flax and linen

October 15: Micki Pugh will lead a workshop on buttons

November 19:TBA

December 17: Annual holiday potluck lunch. It was decided to have a card exchange. Members who

choose to participate will decorate cards with any fiber-related materials. Rosalie Brown will supply the blank cards. Sign-up will be in August or September.

Snacks: August: Micki Decker, sweet; Beverly Levinson, savory

Bash: No bash in August

Old Business:

Sandi asked for proposals to teach a beginning spinning class. The Guild pays \$300-\$500 a day to instructors.

Rosalie Brown taught a beginning weaving class in July. Claudia Melgaard attended and felt that she learned a lot.

Kathy Kuhn reported that she has been in contact with the James City Recreation Center. The Guild has a room there for monthly meetings through December.

Marsha Rehkamp noted that the Williamsburg Public Library charges non-profits a rental fee for their meeting rooms.

The Guild is still looking for sites to host multi-day workshops.

New Business:

Sandi issued a challenge to Guild members to enter the Montpelier Fall Fiber Festival fiber arts competition. Deadline for entry is September 22, 2012. A copy of the entry form follows this newsletter.

Micki Pugh reported that Helen Cadagan, who is teaching in China, is looking into putting together an order to a small silk factory. She will send Micki a sample card. Helen can also put together an order for jade. Contact Micki Pugh if interested.

Show & Tell:

Sandi Petty: had her sleeveless top accepted into the HGA Convergence Fashion Show; handspun and plied skein of yarn.

Mary Lou Birns: demonstrated Hazel Rose (weave-it type) loom. She is going to make the squares into a triangular shawl.

Rosalie Brown: handspun yarn.

Kathy Kuhn: cardboard loom bag with kumihimo strap.
Micki Decker: photos of shipboard tapestries; Crayon melt canvases from Blue Skies Gallery "out-of-the-box" challenge; necklaces and kumihimo for necklaces.

Claudia Melgaard: reported that she learned rug weaving in Rosalie's weaving class.

Ingrid Kross: fleece from Hawaii.

Micki Pugh: linen stitch knitted scarf; Necklace from a Micki Decker workshop; necktie purses with kumihimo knotted buttons.

Dee Smith: knitted shawl from homespun.

Barbara Frey: noted that the next Tidewater Knitting Guild "Knitting on the Porch" get-together would be on Saturday.

Becky Charneskie: Queen Ann's lace knitted circle; skeins dyed with Kool-Aid; Benjamin Greene hand combs; Golding bobbin holder; Charka spinning wheel-needs help using.

April Ferguson: drop spindle skeins.

Barbara Wherter: learning to spin worsted; skeins from her sheep's wool; 1st attempt at plying singles.

Marsha Rehkamp: book and yarns from her daughter's trip to Peru; baby blankets.

Mary Lou Birns: poem (text later in newsletter).

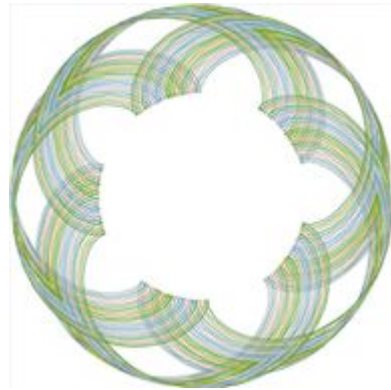
Today's program

Spin-in

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rehkamp

Members in attendance:

David Banks, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Rosalie Brown, Becky Charneskie, Micki Decker, April Ferguson, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Ingrid Kross, Kathy Kuhn, Claudia Melgaard, Sandi Petty, Micki Pugh, Marsha Rehkamp, Dee Smith, Barbara Wherter



My life is but a weaving
between my God and me;
I do not choose the colors,
He worketh steadily.
Oftimes he weaveth sorrow,
and I in foolish pride,
forget he sees the upper,
and I the underside.
Not till the loom is silent,
and shuttles cease to fly,
will God unroll the canvas,
and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as
needful, in the skillful
Weaver's hand,
as the threads of gold and
silver in the pattern He
has planned.

(Poem found & shared by Mary Lou Birns)

Upcoming Fiber Events

Knitting on the Porch

Gloucester History Museum

Saturday, August 18. 11 am to 3 pm.

Join the Tidewater Knitting Guild at “Knit in Public (Knitting on the Porch) Days” at the Gloucester History Museum on Main St. in Gloucester. Bring your needlework and a chair. For more information, contact Barbara Frey.

Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival

Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, 890 West Main St., Berryville, VA

September 29-30, 2012

More information at www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com

“Stripes with Attitude”

Howard County Fairgrounds

Saturday Sept. 30-Monday Oct. 2

The Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore is hosting this workshop with Barbara Walker. The cost is \$140 for members or \$154 for non-members. Just download the registration form and mail it along with a deposit of \$70 to: Sue Helmken, 2621 Old Taneytown Rd, Westminster, MD 21158. You can check the guild website, <http://www.wggb.org>, for more information.

World Wide Spin in Public Day

Saturday September 15-Sunday September 23

More information at www.sipday.com

Montpelier Fall Fiber Festival

At James Madison’s Montpelier at Montpelier Station, VA

Saturday Oct.1 10-5 pm and Sunday Oct. 2 10-4 pm

Deadline for workshops is September 24. Deadline for skeins, garment and fiber arts competition entries is September 22. More information at

www.fallfiberfestival.org



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President	Sandi Petty
Treasurer	Ingrid Kross
Secretary	Marsha Rehkamp