

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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December 2009

December Meeting

Monday 12/21/09

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

Fashion Show

Exchange of cards embellished with some textile art

Refreshments

Potluch Luncheon

Please bring a dish of food to share with all.

Bash

Rosalie Brown will host the bash on Monday, December 7, at Bentwaters Farm.

Please contact her if you plan to attend.

Minutes November 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Vice President Judy Mooers who reported that President Rosalie Brown is busy cleaning up after the recent nor'easter. Judy introduced visitor Gail Michelle who lives in Toano.

Minutes for our October 19 meeting were accepted as published. Barbara Frey, newsletter editor, reminded us that she always welcomes content.

Treasurer Ingrid Kross reports a current balance of \$3,375.46 in our account. Annual dues of \$20 for 2010 should be paid now.

Library — Shawn Clarke reported that we now own the Peter Collingwood video (to be viewed at the meeting today) and at least one book by Peter Collingwood. Both are available for loan to our members. Marsha Rehkamp showed some magazines from our periodical collection with articles on holiday decorations or Christmas themes.

We discussed the need to find a new home for the guild library as Shawn Clarke will be moving soon. Mary Lou Birns offered to house the entire library and guild members gratefully accepted her offer. Shawn will give the list of guild holdings to Dave Banks to post on our web site.

Programs — Judy Mooers reviewed plans for upcoming programs.

In December we'll have our fashion show of hand-made items, our gift exchange of cards embellished with some textile art, and potluck luncheon. The guild decided to make and exchange notecards that use some fiber-related technique (e.g., weaving, knitting, crocheting, felting). Each participant is asked to create one card for every other participant. We discussed the means by which our embellishment can be affixed to the card. Suggestions included using double-sided tape, double-sided fusible interfacing, or wood glue.

We also discussed program ideas for 2010. Suggestions included topics such as finishing handwoven products, building a tapestry loom out of copper tubing, weaving transparencies, and a presentation by local textile artist Gail Nichols. We also discussed the possibility of hosting a multi-day workshop by Elaine Bradley or Judith MacKenzie McCuin.

Bashes — Rosalie Brown will host the bash on December 7 at her home in Mathews. She will cook up a large pot of soup for folks to share. Peggy Nacci encourages everyone to bring something from their stash or a white elephant for an impromptu gift exchange.

Snacks: December will be our annual guild potluck where everyone brings food to share.

Events — Made in Mathews Open Studio Tour is November 27 - 29th. Rosalie Brown of Bentwaters Farm is participating.

Rosalie will also participate in the Holiday House at Magnolia Grove on November 13 and 14.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show at the Hampton Coliseum will be February 25-28, 2010. Our guild generally does a demonstration at this event and earns some income for doing it. Ingrid Kross passed around a sheet for folks to sign up to help with our booth at some point during the show.

Old Business — Beth Palmer reported for the nominating committee. Rosalie Brown has offered to continue as President. Sandi Petty has agreed to serve as Vice President with Judy Mooers assisting. Ingrid Kross has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Marsha Rehkamp has agreed to serve as Secretary. We will receive additional nominations from the floor at our December meeting and also vote to elect new officers.

New Business — We received a note from Alice Noyes in her new home in Honolulu. She reports that she has much visual inspiration for her weaving.

Show and Tell:

Selma Moore — handknit shawl

Sandi Petty — needle-felted pillow using her grandson's art

Linda Adamchak — newspaper article on yarn shop in NYC

Virginia Banks — quilted wall hanging

Franki Snipes — report from a workshop she took with Elaine Bradley and pamphlets for Convergence 2010

Ingrid Kross — hand-knitted bath mitt; spindle, shuttle, and niddy-noddy she purchased in Solvang, CA

Dave Banks — rigid heddle loom for sale

Jerry Smith — macro gauze wall hanging by Peter Collingwood

Our program consisted of watching a portion of the Peter Collingwood video on shaft switching and also a report back from our fiber challenge. Judy Mooers wove purple cloth that she will use to create something for the fashion show in December. She also wove a piece using the clasped weft technique. Barbara Frey handspun lace-weight yarn and knit a shawl. Sandi Petty wove a wall hanging in krokbragd and some yardage she will use to create something for the December fashion show. Ingrid wove handbags in two sizes. Marsha Rehkamp wove several

James River Weavers Sample Sheet

The Stray Lamm, a publication of the James River Weavers of Richmond, Virginia, Nov. 2009

Project and/or suggested use: sample shopping bag

Woven by: Katie Dunning

Pattern and source: computer

Warp: 8/2 white cotton

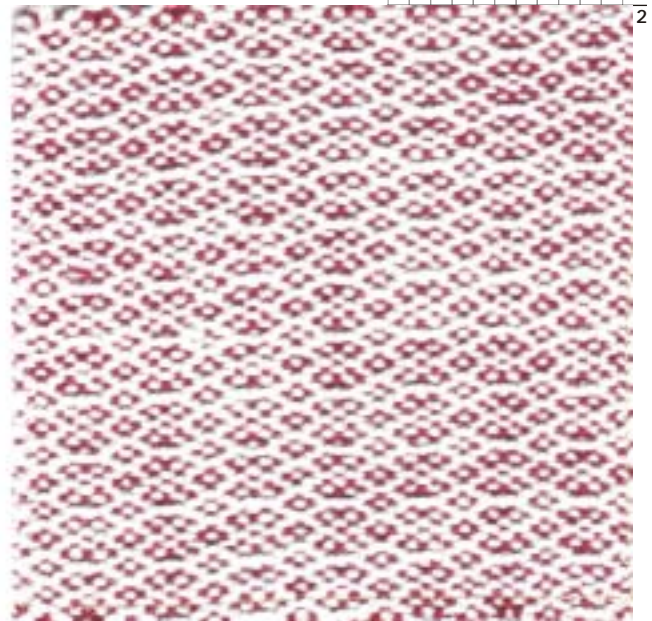
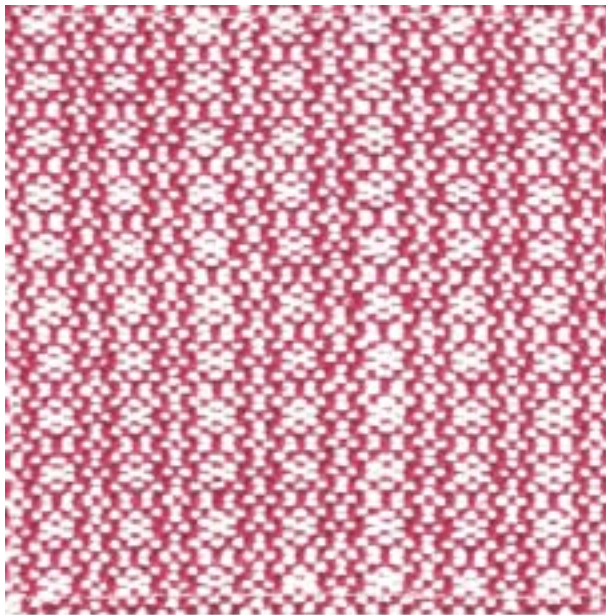
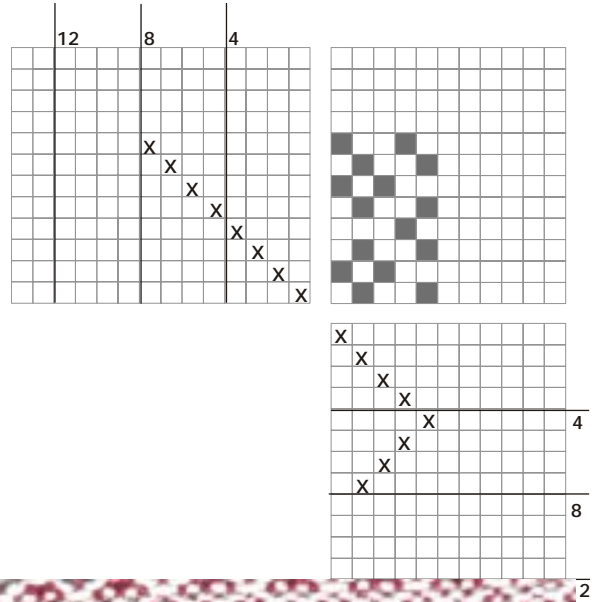
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Tabby: n/a **Reed:** 12

Sleyed: 2 per dent **Sett:** 24 epi **Woven:** ___ ppi

Finishing: machine wash and dry

Note: **Treadle 2 and 5 are identical. It was easier to keep track if I repeated the tieup. This was very easy to weave but has a long float on one side.**



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beautiful scarves and Beth Palmer knit a hat from fiber she dyed with cochineal.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed.
Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer

Members in Attendance: Linda Adamchak, Virginia Banks, Dave Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Birdie Burton, Shawn Clarke, Jeff Cleveland, Micki Decker, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Bob Hecker, Ingrid Kross, Judy Mooers, Selma Moore, Peggy Nacci, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Mary Ann Philyaw, Marsha Rehkamp, Jerry Smith, Frankie Snipes

Those signed up to participate in the Christmas card exchange:

Linda Adamchak
Mary Lou Birns
Rosalie Brown
Shawn Clarke
Barbara Frey
Jane Gustafson
Bob Hecker

Ingrid Kross
Judy Mooers
Peggy Nacci
Beth Palmer
Sandi Petty
Marsha Rehkamp
Jerry Smith
Frankie Snipes



Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheel left-hand, light finish, spindle, distaff, 3 bobbins, lazy kate \$450.00

Ingrid Kross 867-7617

The Bay School of the Arts in Mathews is having a Wearable and Fibers Arts Show January 23-February 13. The items will be judged and prizes awarded.

Entry forms are due January 5

Items must be delivered to the Bay School on January 19 or 20.

The award ceremony and fashion show will be on January 23,

An entry fee of \$25 will allow entry of up to 3 items.

Prizes are: Best Overall \$300. Best in each category \$125. Categories are: Professional - Fiber, Amateur - Fiber, Professional - Jewelry, Amateur - Jewelry

Judges' criteria are:

Overall level of craftsmanship

Originality of Design

Functionality

Creative use of Materials

All items must be available for sale or NSF (not for sale). The Bay School will take a 30% commission on all sales.

The event is discussed on the Bay School website under "events" at <http://bayschool-arts.com/events.shtml>

Note: A copy of the flyer is included with this newsletter - Barbara

Websites of Interest

<http://www.knitty.com>

Knitty is an free on-line knitting magazine full of articles and patterns. It also has a section for spinners called KnittySpin.

<http://weavezine.com/feature-articles>

On-line articles on a variety of how-to topics - even including potholder looms and bobbin lace.

<http://www.thefoldatmc.net/dyes.howto.qalace.html>

How to dye with Queen Anne's Lace flowers

<http://www.pburch.net/dyeing/naturaldyes.shtml>

Hand dyeing with natural dyes

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

[article_how_to.asp?article=/review/profile/091119_a.asp](http://www.knittersreview.com/article_how_to.asp?article=/review/profile/091119_a.asp)

The Joy of Rewinding: How to Recycle Previously Loved Yarn

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