

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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December 2010



December Meeting

Monday 12/20/10

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

Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Come and join us. Bring a covered dish of food to share.

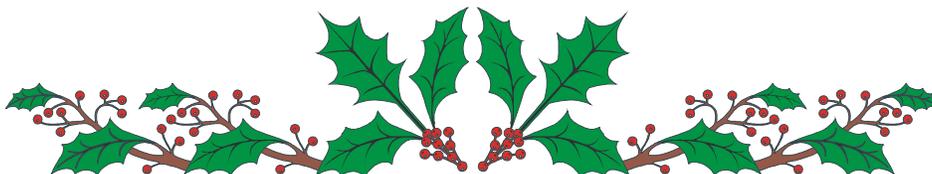
Bring your cards for the card exchange.

Bash

There will not be a bash in December.

Dues

Don't forget, annual dues of \$20.00 are payable at the December meeting.



Minutes November, 2010

Vice President Sandi Petty called the meeting to order at 10:00. (President Rosalie Brown had an excellent showing at the Holiday House and is home working hard to replenish inventory for the Mathews Studio Tour.)

Visitors: Sandi introduced Micki Pugh, knitter, weaver and future WSWG guild member. Sandi also welcomed back past member Peggy Counce.

Minutes for the October meeting were approved as written in the November newsletter.

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross reports \$3621.74 in the checking account. 2011 annual dues (\$20) are due at the December meeting. A donation to the James City County Recreation Center will be decided upon at the December meeting.

Librarian: Mary Lou Birns will have an updated list ready by the January meeting.

Newsletter: Barbara Frey had no report.

Historian: Bernadette Marquez is still waiting for the people who are going through the old books return them to her as they finish with them. (Rosalie Brown is perusing old photo albums to identify them, Sandi Petty is going through old program files for ideas, Barbara Frey is compiling old newsletters.)

Programming:

(Judy Mooers was not at the meeting due to a death in the family. Sandi gave the update.)

December: Card exchange (20 each) and potluck luncheon. We will try to get the meeting room with the kitchen. A motion was made and seconded that the Guild will provide plates, plastic ware, napkins and cups. Members should bring their own beverages.

January: triaxial weaving with ribbon (as seen on the Guild's visit to Workhouse Art Center)

February: Book reports from the Guild's library collection. Bernadette is working on a book report format; she will forward it to Barbara for insertion in the newsletter. There is also the possibility of a longer business meeting as the Guild By-laws and several policies need to be revised and updated.

March: "Stash Motivation". Based on the Madelyn van der Hoogt's survey at

e1.interweave.com/dm?id=CADAD715155DFB387B2D334491601A3AA8A08A1C4125C7AD

(Please do take the test! Are you a color, texture or structure weaver?), we will bring in fibers we love and don't know what to do with and show & tell structure/color projects that didn't work for discussion and inspiration. (Postponed from the November meeting.)

April: the silk reeling workshop

June: annual picnic at Rosalie's farm

September 2011: Jennifer Moore will do a doubleweave workshop. She has several options. Sandi needs input as to which one we would like.

Sometime in 2012: spinning workshop with Judith Mackenzie

Possibility: Robin Russo's carding and combing workshop; another spin-in.

Snacks : December is a potluck luncheon. Everyone bring something!

No Bash in December

Old Business:

The Nominating Committee presented the following proposed slate of officers for 2011:

President: Beth Palmer

Vice President: Sandi Petty

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

Secretary: Marsha Rehkamp

At the December meeting the slate, and any nominations from the floor, will be voted on by the members.

Beth Palmer put the existing by-laws and library policy into electronic format. They need updating to reflect current practices. Mary Lou will work on the library policy. The Board will meet after the regular Guild meeting in January to discuss possible revisions to the By-laws; those revisions will be open for review, discussion, and a vote by the membership at the February business meeting. Jane Gustafson noted that if the constitution is changed it will have to be resubmitted to the IRS; it was felt that the constitution was fine as it stands.

At the October meeting the membership voted to subscribe to "Wild Fiber." Judy was going to bring subscription information to the November meeting, but could not be in attendance. Ingrid will take care of paying for the subscription in December.

New Business: No new business.

Show & Tell:

Beverly Levinson took an excellent weaving and knitting workshop, "The Essence of Mulranny," in Ireland, through Beadventures. More information about Beadventures can be found at www.beadventures.com.

Beth Palmer: a hand-made spinning wheel given to her by elder parishioners, and a story to go with it
Cathy Sterling: her doubleweave sampler; dimity cloth (with requests for suggestions as to what to make with it); a cape with Korean influences.

Micki Pugh: a scarf knitted in blocks and right angles.

Jane Gustafson: spun dog hair

Helen Cadogan: tapestry tantan

Ingrid Kross: handspun knitted socks; yarn from roving purchased at Rhinebeck Sheep & Wool Fair; cotton towel; weave-it squares in silk; bags of

roving from an out-of-control stash to give away.
Claudia Melgaard-knitted collar with buttons
Sandi Petty: her doubleweave sampler

Today's program: a spin-in, with wheels and/or drop spindles.

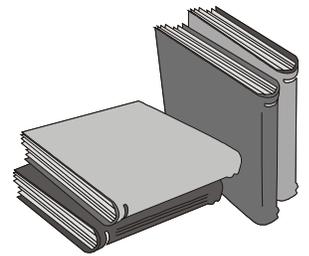
Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rehkamp
Secretary

Members in attendance:

Mary Lou Birns, Birdie Burton, Helen Cadogan,
Peggy Counce, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Beverly
Levinson, Bernadette Marquez, Claudia Melgaard,
Selma Moore, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Micki Pugh
(soon-to-be member), Marsha Rehkamp, Dee Smith,
Cathy Sterling

Book Review Guidelines

I am thinking if reviewers could provide an overview and a list of contents (chapter headings and maybe what is covered IF clarity is needed), it would be helpful in getting some use out of our library. Hopefully we do not have many heavy tomes that have many chapters.



An overview could simply be copied from the inside flap or back cover rather than having to write something fresh. If no overview is attached, one may be found at a book seller website (such as Amazon, or Barnes and Noble).

Bernadette

Websites of Interest

The Viking Ship Museum's reconstruction of archaeological ship.

They are also spinning and weaving wool to reconstruct the sails. Very interesting articles.

<http://www.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/index.php?id=1313&L=1>



Weaving woollen sailcloth for one of the Oselver boats. Photo Werner Karrasch

Pictures and text from Tinkuy de Tejedores in Peru

<http://threesheeps.blogspot.com/2010/11/peru.html>



This woman is from Guatamala and the weaving she is doing is so very complex. Everyone of those sticks has string heddles for a different part of her weaving.

KNITTED STOCKING & MITTEN ORNAMENTS

For the knitters in the guild, here are some quick ornament patterns. They take 25-30 minutes each to make.

Stocking

Materials:

Size 2 knitting needles
Scraps of sock-weight knitting yarn
in red or green, plus white.
[Works just as well with sport
yarn.]

Cast on 31 sts,
Starting with a P row, work 5 rows
in stockinette.
Row 6: K17., sl1, k2tog, pssso, turn.
Row 7: Sl1, p3, p3tog, turn.
Row 8: Sl1, k3, sl1, k2tog, pssso,
turn.
Row 9: Sl1, p3, p3tog, turn.
Row 10: Sl1, k3, sl1, k2tog, pssso,
turn.
Row 11: Sl1, p3, p3tog, turn.
Row 12: Sl1, k11.
Row 13: P across.
Row 14: K across. Note: To add a
stripe, change color and work in
desired stripe pattern.
Rows 15-25: Work in stockinette.

Bind off after row 25. Sew seam
together. If desired, work a
chain st and add to top of
stocking for a hanging loop.

Mitten

Cast on 20 sts..
Rows 1-4: K1, p1 across.
Row 5: P across.
Row 6: K2, inc 1 st in each of the
next 2 sts, k9 - 22 sts.
Row 7: P across.
Row 8: K10, inc 1 st in each of
next 2 sts, k10 - 24 sts.
Row 9: P across.
Row 10: K11, inc as before, k11 -
26 sts.
Row 11: P across.
Row 12: K12, inc as before, k2;
turn, cast off next 8 sts for
thumb, p next 10 sts.
Rows 13 - 20: Work in stockinette.
Starting with row 15, work stripe
pattern as desired.
Row 21: Sl1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog,



sl1, k1, pssso, k6, k2tog.
Row 22: P across.
Row 23: Sl1, k1, pssso, k4, k2tog,
sl1, k1, pssso, k4, k2 tog.
Row 24: P across.
Row 25: Sl1, k1, pssso, k4, k2tog,
sl1, k1, pssso, k2, k2tog.
Breakk off yarn and pull through
remaining stitches to form top of
mitten. Sew side and thumb
seams.
On size 3 needles with sport
weight yarn, both the mittens
and stockings were about 3
inches long. Each kook about
20-35 minutes to make.

How to make a beaded wrist distaff

<http://mishmashetc.blogspot.com/2008/04/how-to-make-beaded-wrist-distaff.html>



Officers

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

Bay School of the Arts

"Feast and Fashion" Fiber Arts Show

January 21 - February 12, 2011

www.bayschool-arts.com

(see Barbara Frey for entry forms.)

