



## **Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild**

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<http://williamsburgspinweave.org>

### **December, 2019**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Monday, December 16  
Social Time: 9:30-10:00 am  
Business Meeting: 10:00 am  
Program to follow

**James City County Recreation Center**  
5301 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg

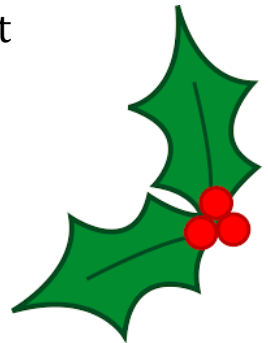
#### **Program**

Holiday Potluck  
Bring a dish (with serving utensils!)  
to share

#### **Results of 2019 Challenge:**

Use 4 colors of fiber & show how they interact

#### **Election of 2020 Officers**



## WSWG Minutes

**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2019 / 10:00 am  
/ WJCC Rec. Center

### Attendees

Kris, Cindy, Linda C., Sandi, Micki, Ingrid, Goodie, Ellen, Kathy K., Marsha, Liz, Ruudy, Tina, Barbara, Janet, Dee, Claudia, Debbie, Natalie, Bunny, Catherine B.

Guests

Kym Hretz, Jean Townsend, Melodie McMath, Susan Wilde.

### Agenda

**Sunshine:** None

**Correspondence:** We have received an email from someone looking for help with a Cricket loom. Natalie volunteered to reach out to the correspondent, as Natalie also has a Cricket loom.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved as published in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of meeting \$ 3398.12. We made \$80.00 at Peace Hill selling cardboard loom kits.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Membership now stands at 45. In reviewing the membership list we discovered we had continued to carry the name of a member who had passed away, an error that will be corrected. Sandi reported membership at 46, and reminded us all that membership begins January 1, at which time annual dues are payable. Those who wish to renew are asked to bring checks to the December meeting, payable to Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers, in the amount of \$20.00. If you are a new member and pay to join in 2019, you will be a member upon

registration but will not be charged for 2019, but your payment will be applied to 2020.

Website: no report.

Newsletter: (Marsha): Nothing new to report.

Historian: (Judy) No report. Judy has historical document but since the rise of the newsletter format, paper records are mostly redundant. If anyone has historical documents to contribute, please bring them in.

HGA: Convergence will be July 24-30, 2020 in Knoxville. Registration has opened, see the website *WeaveSpinDye.org*. fashion show and many classes Friday) Complexity Seminars, sponsored by Complex Weavers, begins July 19 and goes through July 22. See the website Complex -Weavers.org.

MAFA: No report.

Facebook: No report.

**Workshops and Programs:** The Next Steps in Weaving workshop was a great success, everyone in attendance felt they had learned something new and had fun doing it.

NOVEMBER program: Ruurdje will present Asian fibers for study, including touching. The fibers, and the history and culture surrounding their creation, were the subject of Ruurdje's thesis.

DECEMBER program: Presentation of challenge. 4 colors done anyway you want. Potluck luncheon after the meeting.

JANUARY Program will be replaced with an all day BASH. Bring whatever you would like to work on, including the equipment to do so. Details in December.

### New Business:

1. We have an old projector available for sale. Make an offer! The projector will

not work with most up to date operating systems, but software can be obtained that will allow it to run. It is in good condition, it will be listed on Craig's list if no member wants it.

2. Ballots were distributed for a vote on whether to amend the bylaws to remove the term limits placed on officers. The bylaws require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of membership for amendments, so it was very important to count carefully. The ballot result was 30 votes in favor, one opposed. 30 votes were required for passage, so the Amendment was APPROVED.

## Old Business

1. The Williamsburg Regional Library take down went very smoothly and in record time. The Library staff helped reach the highest pins, and as of this writing all art has been returned to its rightful owner.
2. Go Green Expo at the Midtown Aquatics Center in Newport News was staffed by Cindy, Marsha, Claudia, Kris and Ingrid, and was well attended.
3. The Peace Hill Fiber Festival was once again a pleasant day in the country. The number and variety of vendors was significantly higher than last year, there were more visitors, and there were some fans - one family who came last year came back, and the young man (age about 10) was still spinning and weaving. Our cardboard looms kits attracted both attention and sales, (8 kits were sold at \$10.00 each) and are spreading the word about our craft.
4. Workshop on Next Steps in Weaving was a great success. Everyone who participated learned something new, everyone got to try out various looms and styles of weaving. The space was ideal,

Ginger provided an amazing spread of delicious goodies, and cleanup was a snap due to the all hands on deck attitude of the Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers. If you were there, use BOTH hands to pat yourself on the back. If you could not attend, you may still use one hand because you have excellent taste in friends!

## Show and Tell

**Your secretary was unable to view show and tell, so we will rely on the pictures and the labels attached by the participants.**

**Cindy and Ingrid** showed table mats: 10 shaft block weave.

**Sandi** brought a shawl with a twist/lap robe

**Micki** had a jacket with an idea for weaving

**Judy** brought hand spun skeins and two infinity scarves.

**Goodie** brought a wet felted vessel that she made from fiber obtained at the Peace Hill fest.

Guest **Susan W** brought, from Ireland, and Irish wool batt.

**Kathy K** showed of her workshop results.

**Marsha** likewise brought her workshop products, plus cardboard loom bags, and towels.

**Liz** showed off some pin-loom coasters.

Guest **Jean T** brought a carved, beaded bird.

**Barbara** showed 2 knit scarves, one knit hat.

**Janet** had various things to give away, which were snatched right up.....

**Dee** shared (for looking, not taking) her stash acquired at Rheinbeck, which demonstrated her strength in the self restraint category.

**Natalie** had on a scarf she had woven, saori style, on a ridged heddle loom .

Catherine brought in some Japanese textiles, introducing our program on East Asian textiles.

## **PROGRAM**

We were treated to an illustrated lecture about Ruudie's studies of ancient forms of weaving from the Philippines and other Asian locations.

Each country developed its own style, and the mixing and mingling of weaving styles helps us

follow the meanderings of the human race as it spread from place to place. Ruudie had samples of ancient styles, and ancient samples as well. The range of colors, and the skill exhibited in the textiles, was eyepopping.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.



### **In Memoriam**

**Longtime Guild member  
Virginia Banks  
Passed away on  
November 27, 2019**

**Our deepest  
sympathy  
To her husband  
And fellow weaver  
David Banks**



From the November 2019  
WSWG Meeting



^ Marsha's cardboard loom mug rugs



Judy's Mobius scarf ^



Tina's first handwoven scarf!!

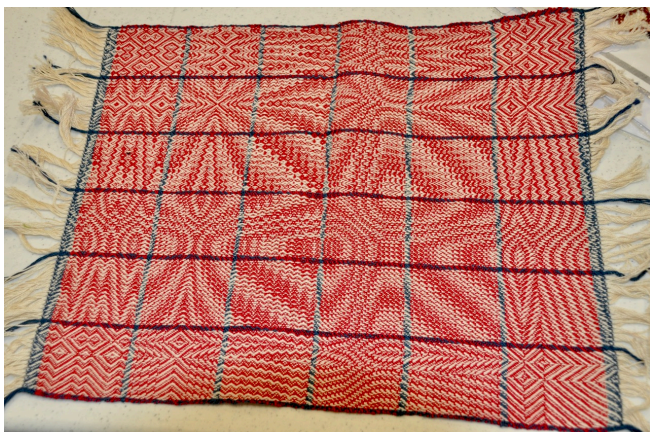
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From the workshop: overshot^ & v advancing twill



Plarn^  
Marsha's cardboard loom bags  
Wool v





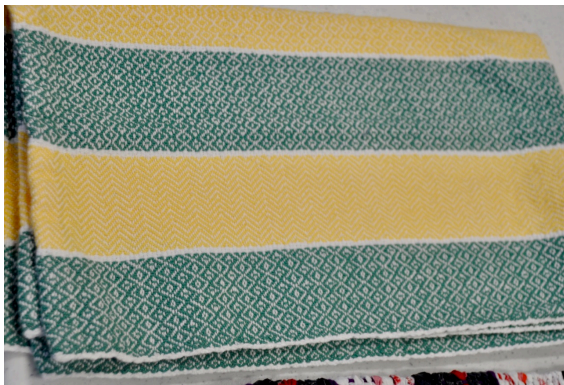
More from the  
November 2019 WSWG Meeting



From  
Ingrid &  
Cindy's  
"linen"  
challenge  
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Liz's pin loom coasters  
(sandwiching recycled plastic)



Marsha's towel ^



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Susan's  
Irish wool  
batt  
& knitted  
wrist  
warmer  
v



Judy's handspun  
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Jean's  
Hand carved &  
beaded bird



And yet more !  
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Natalie's saori style scarf ^



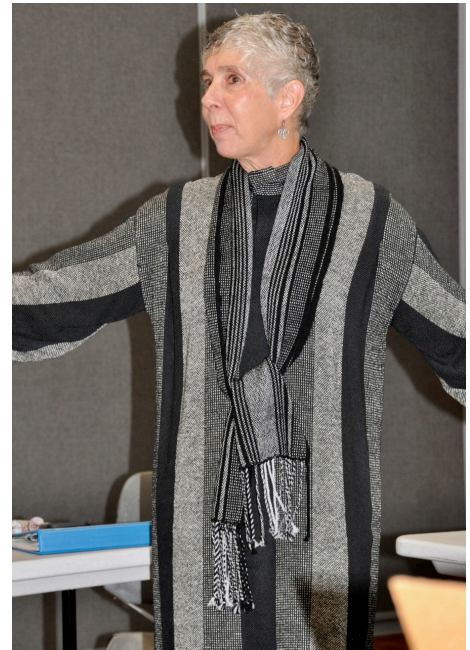
Sandi's handwoven scarf ^

Goodie's felted vessel with inlaid silk kimono pieces v



Kris modeling  
her Texas  
Aunt's  
handwoven  
dress with  
Cindy's  
matching  
handwoven  
scarf

(great minds  
thinking alike  
in different  
times &  
places!)



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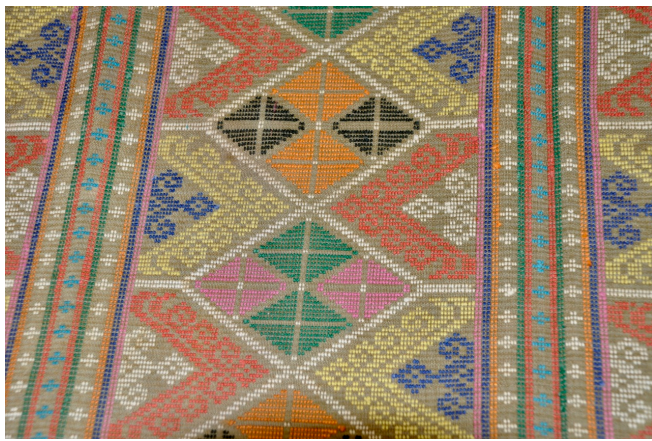
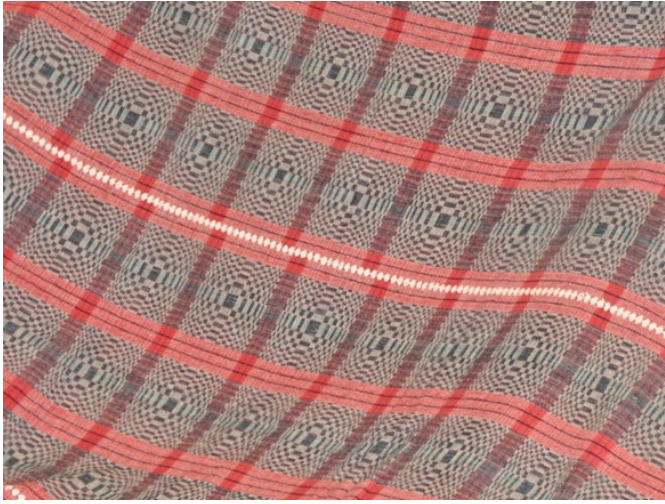


Barbara's knitted lace shawl v





WSWG November 2019 Meeting  
From Ruurdje's "Southeast Asian Textiles" Program





For those of us traveling during the holidays:

**WSWG  
Calendar**

Dec. 16:

**Monthly Meeting:**

**At JCC Rec Center**

Results of 2019  
Challenge & Holiday  
Pot Luck

**2019 Challenge:**

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show how they interact

Results due at  
December meeting

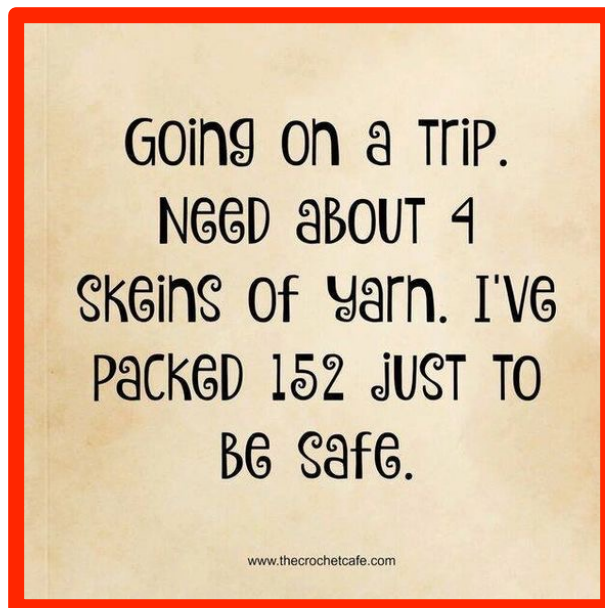
2020 Dues Due!

\$20

Please fill out  
Membership Renewal  
Form

To help  
Sandi

Keep our records  
updated



**Please Note:**

December 16 Monthly Meeting:  
**-Vote of proposed slate of officers for 2020**

**Upcoming Events:**

**January Super Bash**

Monday January 20, following the January Guild meeting.  
More info at the December meeting

Saturday February 22 1-4pm

**Cardboard Loom weaving Workshop**

Williamsburg Public Library  
Contact Marsha for more detail

**2019 Officers**

Kris Wessler – President  
Cindy French – Vice President  
Kathy Kuhn – Treasurer  
Linda Coppinger – Secretary