

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

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February 2006

Meeting: Monday, February 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m. (9:30 social time), in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg.

Program for February: We will “dress” bears for children in Guatemala. Please bring scissors, assorted sewing needles, knitting needles, crochet hooks (i.e., any tools you would like to use) as well as handwoven and handspun “leftovers” to be cut, sewed, or otherwise made into clothing. Think simple scarves, belts, vest, ponchos, ... Let’s inspire each other and be creative. Snacks will be provided by Birdie (savory) and Jane (sweet)

Bashes: Peggy Nacci will host the bash on February 5. Please call Peggy at 804-966-5254, if you plan to attend or need directions. This session will also focus on dressing bears. Bring the same supplies and creativity as for the regular February meeting.

Events outside our Guild:

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads Convention Center, February 23-26, 2006.

www.quiltfest.com

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, May 6-7.

www.sheepandwool.org.

Convergence, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 25-July 1. www.weavespindye.org

Website:

If you would like to add something to the guild website members.cox.net/wswg please contact Dave Banks at dfbanks@earthlink.net.

February Birthday:

Ingrid Kross

Officers:

President: Julie Colby

Vice President: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Minutes, January 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the president, Julie Colby at 10:00 AM. Members in attendance were Beverly Robinson, Birdie Burton, Jane Gustafson, Mary Transue,

Frances Wyatt, Janet Hart, Peggy Nacci, John Janson, Ann Alderks, Selma Moore, Shawn Clarke, David Banks, Virginia Banks, Judy Mooers, Jerry Smith, Ingrid Kross, Beth Palmer, Peggy Counce, Rosalie Brown, Pam Franck, Julie Colby, and Donna Vonbiela.

The December minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Ingrid Kross, treasurer, reported a balance on hand of \$3416.38. She reminded members that dues of \$20 are now due for 2006.

Julie asked each member to write a list of candidate programs and submit it to her before the end of the meeting.

Ingrid provided an update on the plans for demonstrations at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. The event will be held at the new Hampton Roads Convention Center on February 23-26. The guild will be paid to demonstrate on Friday and Saturday. The booth will be set up on Wednesday evening and will need to be tended on Thursday. Ingrid asked members to review/revise an earlier sign-up sheet. Final details will be worked out at the February meeting.

Pam summarized an opening at the Jewish center for a weaver to assist in making prayer shawls.

Pam outlined the plans for programs for the next few months.

- In February we will “dress” bears for children in Guatemala. Members should bring small woven pieces, extra handspun yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and/or sewing kits. All of the bears will be dressed very simply, using materials that are provided by members.
- The March meeting will feature a presentation by Marianne Henderson on textile arts in Southeast Asia. Marianne will show photographs that she has taken on trips to the region and will bring handmade samples from the region.
- The April program will be a color-and-weave exercise as described on the *Handwoven* web site.
- The May program will be a session on spinning designer yarns, as described on the *Spin-Off* web site.
- One of the summer programs will be a picnic, perhaps with a dyeing workshop.

Other Committee reports:

- Hospitality: Selma thanked Peggy Nacci for providing snacks today. She passed a hostess list so that members could sign up for the rest of the year.
- Library: Shawn volunteered to keep the library books.
- Historian: Jan thanked members for providing additional photographs and other items.
- Newsletter: Judy said that she is ready to do the newsletter this month.
- Sunshine: Birdie said that cards were sent to Pam and her family. She will send a card to Cindy.

Pam made a motion that the guild buy a book case for the library books, if needed.. Rosalie seconded the motion. It passed.

Pam read a note from Debra Chandler. The cards arrived in Guatemala and were distributed to the weavers. Beth asked for interest in a trip to Guatemala to visit weavers and learn about their efforts. The trip could be taken in August and would cost about \$2000 per person.

Show and Tell:

- Julie showed the felted bag that Ingrid made for the exchange at the December meeting.
- Frances showed the poncho she is working on.
- Mary showed the red fun fur scarf she is knitting.
- Birdie shared the scarf she knitted.
- Peggy Nacci showed a set of rag rugs she just finished, illustrating the effects of different weft on the same warp.
- Ann showed a scarf in various colors.
- Shawn shared a pin that she purchased, made with wrapped yarn.
- Judy showed a sweater of Rambouillet and mohair knitted in diagonal rows, and a shadow knit shawl she is working on.
- Jerry showed a baby blanket, a set of curtains, and a woven blanket.
- Ingrid showed a rug, a scarf and a skein of hand-spun grey yarn.
- Beth showed a beret she is knitting.
- Peggy Counce showed the socks she is knitting, a swatch that she is going to make into a purse, and a baby sweater.
- Rosalie showed a hat that she knitted and will felt. She also shared news about new arrivals: two lambs and a new llama.

Pam announced that she is selling her AVL 48" loom. Please contact her if you are interested.

Pam made a motion that the guild purchase the book *Knit One, Felt Too* for the library. Birdie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, the members had an opportunity to buy and sell items that had been provided by the members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Gustafson.