

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

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January 2006

Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2006, 10 am (9:30 social time), in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg.

Note from Pam Franck:

Dear Spinners and Weavers,

Because several of you have asked, I would like to let you know that the memorial service for my Dad, Frank Mabijs, will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 21, at Wellspring United Methodist Church, 4871 Longhill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

Dad's last 2 weeks were spent in Hospice House of Williamsburg. It was our Christmas miracle for him to be there. It is a beautiful, peaceful place where Dad was supported and kept comfortable 24 hours a day. All of us had a second home there and received physical, emotional and spiritual support that was far beyond our expectations. In addition we were cared for by both the current and former pastors of Mom and Dad's church. Their former pastor, Marg Kutz, will officiate the memorial service. Her husband, Bob, was Dad's bridge partner and good friend during the Kutzes time in Williamsburg.

Thank you for your many cards, prayers, and phone calls. The support of family and friends has lifted us up and given us strength.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very good new year.

Love and hugs,
Pam

Program for January:

It is time to clean out your craft studios and bring your unwanted yarns, supplies, books, even finished projects to the WSWG Flea Market. Please identify your items with your name and a price if you want to specify one. We will each put our wares out after the business meeting, then open the shopping to others after refreshments. If you would like to trade goods for donations to "Friends of Sharing the Dream," please indicate that on those items. I will take donations by the Dream Shop after the meeting. (Pam Franck)

Upcoming programs:

Bears for Guatemala in February

Mary Ann Henderson on Oriental textiles in March

Bashes

The next bash will be February 6. We need someone to volunteer to be the host/hostess. If you can't volunteer for February, please come prepared to put your name up for another month.

Events outside our guild:

Convergence will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 25-July 1. There will be lots of workshops, seminars, lectures, tours, exhibits and vendors. For more information, check www.weavespindye.org.

At the Textile Museum, Washington, DC, through February 12, 2006, you can visit an exhibit featuring the work of 15 contemporary Japanese artists. The show includes folding screens, scrolls, panels and kimono using rozome, a wax-resist dyeing technique unique to Japan. A selection of the Museum's own collection is also on display.

Website:

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

January birthdays:

Dave Banks

Virginia Banks

Officers:

President: Julie Colby

Vice-president: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

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MINUTES, December 19, 2005

Rosalie Brown, presiding for Mary Ann Philyaw, who was absent due to a family trip, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Other members in attendance were: Virginia Banks, Julie Colby, Selma Moore, Peggy Nacci, Jerry Smith, Cindy Newcomb, Charlotte Headley, Beth Palmer, Birdie Burton, Ingrid Kross, Berit Mesarick, John Janson and his wife, Jean, Judy Mooers, Lou Ayers, and Jane Gustafson.

The November minutes were approved as published.

Committee reports:

- Ingrid, treasurer, reported \$3196.38 in the guild account and reminded members that the 2006 dues (\$20.00) are now due.

- Birdie, sunshine chair, said she had mailed a card to Pam Franck on behalf of the guild. Pam's father is hospitalized and very ill. Her mother is still living in her own home and Pam told Birdie that she would be asking guild members to help her out by paying her mother visits now and then.

There was no old business.

New business:

- Julie reported for Pam, the program chair, who was absent today. In January we will have a flea market-fund raiser for the Mayan Weavers. Members are asked to bring yarn, finished items, weaving, spinning, knitting supplies, etc.
- Jerry moved and Birdie seconded a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$300.00 in guild funds to purchase teddy bears for the children of members of our sister guild. Pam had suggested that the program for February might be preparing simple articles of clothing for the bears. It was the consensus of the members, however that this might be better done by individual members at home, after they had a chance to see the bears at the next meeting to get an idea of size, shape, etc.
- Julie reported that Pam has arranged for Marianne Henderson to give a program on Oriental textiles at the March meeting.
- Jane announced a workshop which is being hosted by the Richmond Weavers Guild on February 15 and 16. Daryl Lancaster <http://www.weaversew.com/> will be giving a 2 - day workshop on designing and fitting garments from handwoven fabric. There are still a few spaces open to non-members. The fee is \$100.00 + \$20.00 for materials. Those interested should contact Shirley Wilson (804) 320-4894 for additional details.

Show and tell

- Beth showed us (part) of her endless scarf, a work (still!) in progress.
- John brought some very fine cotton placemats and napkins.
- Selma showed us a very nice cotton shawl she bought at the Dream Shop (for \$15.00!!) as well as a knitted sweater-shawl she recently completed.
- Julie showed us a shawl she had woven from her handspun silk and alpaca yarn (ca. 3000 yards).
- Cindy brought along a bag she had done in rep weave, using the techniques she learned last summer at the workshop.
- Jerry brought along a blanket he wove recently in a soft-spun Shetland.
- Judy showed us a sweater she knitted from her handspun. It was knit in the round then cut to make a cardigan ("steek" –technique). She also had with her some very soft handspun yarn, natural variegated wool blended with angora, as well as some brightly colored children's ponchos she had knitted.
- Ingrid showed us a rag rug she did recently on her "loft loom" (the Glimakra).
- Rosalie brought along an impressive table runner a friend had sent her from Peru.

Following the show and tell we had our annual Christmas gift exchange, followed by bountiful refreshments.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF December 19, 2005

There was no board meeting today.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Smith