

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

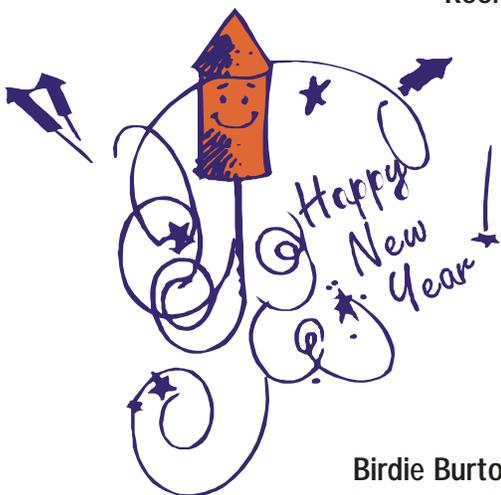
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January 2010

January Meeting

Monday January 18, 2010

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

Planning a Project

Bash

Birdie Burton will host the bash on Monday, January 4, 2010.
Bring your lunch and Birdie will supply beverages and dessert.

Please contact her if you plan to attend.



Dues

It's time to renew your membership. Please bring your \$20 to the meeting or send a check to the guild P.O. Box (see newsletter banner).



Minutes December 2009

The minutes for the December meeting were not available in time to be sent out with this newsletter. They will appear in the February issue.

Sock It to Us!

The holiday weekend is almost here, and if Santa comes to your house, I hope your stockings are filled with chocolate and love. I know for some of us those are almost synonymous, but they're not interchangeable. (And if you speak to Santa, please tell him that I've been very good, and visions of a rosewood end-feed shuttle from Bluster Bay have been dancing in my head.)

Then, if you have some weaving time over the holidays, when the stockings are down and the chocolate is a happy memory, you could grab your weaving toys and whip up an entry for our Not Just For Socks Reader Challenge. Just weave a project using sock yarn of your choice as the main design element, and send it to us by February 28th, 2010. The prizes are piling up like the back of Santa's sleigh on December 24th — the Alpaca Yarn Company just chipped in a \$150 gift certificate for an Editor's Choice Award. And if you don't have sock yarn on hand, this gives you one more good excuse to go fiber shopping! (Yes, we're enabling. Consider it our gift to you.) Besides, it's never too early to plan for next year. Your next holiday letter could include a picture of your winning Not Just for Socks entry displayed in the Interweave booth at Convergence 2010. Wouldn't that make you merry?

We're waiting for your entries, and we've rounded up a great selection of offers just for you! Visit our advertisers for your best offers on sock yarns and delay no more! Visit the Handwoven web site for an entry form, news on the latest prizes, links to our other sponsors, and other details, and then sock it to us!

Happy Weaving, one and all, and Happy Holidays from your friends at Interweave,

Anita

Editor of Weaving Weekly (the weekly e-mail newsletter of Spin Off)

Quotable Quotes

Somewhere around here I have a great quote by Marie Louise von Franz from *The Feminine in Fairytales*. I'll grant that some of what she says is quite sexist as we see things today but the heart of her comments remains valid —

"Everybody who has knitted or done weaving or embroidery knows what an agreeable effect this can have, for you can be quiet and lazy and also spin your own thoughts while working. You can relax and follow your fantasy and then get up and say you have done something! Also the work exercises patience...Only those who have done such work know of all the catastrophes which can happen — such as losing a row of stitches just when you are decreasing! It is a very self-educative activity and brings out feminine nature. It is immensely important for women to do such work and not give it up in the modern rush." (*The Feminine in Fairy Tales*, Spring Publications, 1972, p. 40)

"Some people weave burlap into the fabric of our lives, and some weave gold thread. Both contribute to make the whole picture beautiful and unique."

Anonymous

James River Weavers Sample Sheet

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

Sample Info

The sample for December is a ruffled scarf sample, woven by Hilary Ely, meeting the requirements for this year's challenge of lumpy/bumpy and the desire for a new scarf by Hilary's daughter.

December 2009

Woven by: Hilary Ely

Project and/or suggested use: Lumpy/bumpy challenge and another scarf for Jackie

Pattern and Source: Plain Weave - K. Kelley, *Handwoven*, Issue 143, Jan/Feb 2009, pp 34-35

Technique: plain weave!

Warp: 8/2 rayon and 18/2 merino wool

Weft: 8/2 tencel

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Sett: 10 epi

Woven: approx. 9-10 ppi

Dimensions before washing: Length 42 1/2"

Width: 9 1/4"

after washing: Length 18"

Width: 8 1/2"

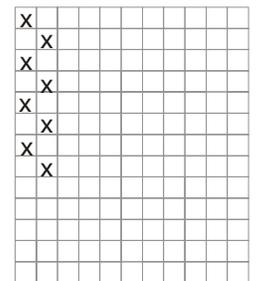
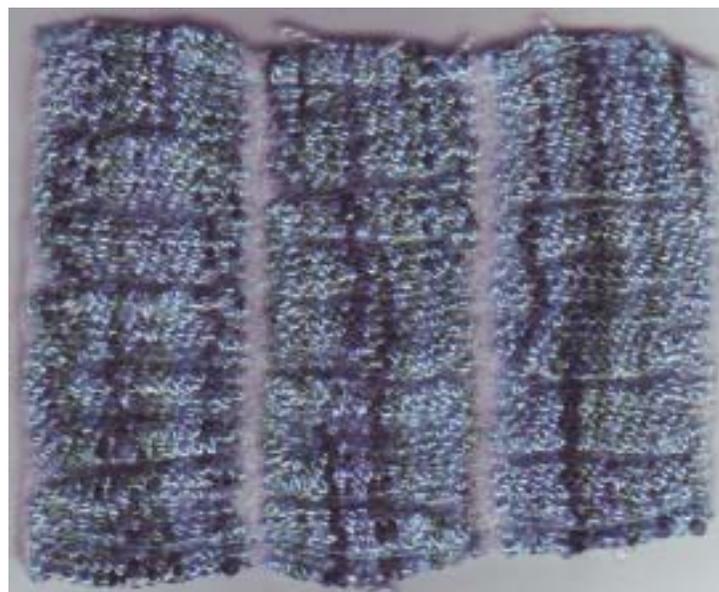
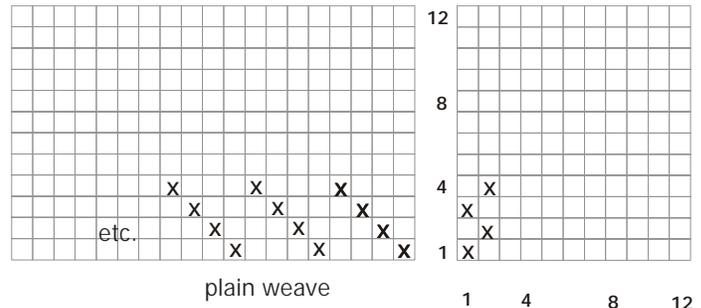
Finishing: Machine wash, gentle, warm/cold: about 4 minutes. Then another 2-4 minutes. Wash with towel. Air dry.

Comments: Seems like it will never shrink - then wow! Scarf was 132" long before washing, 60" after.

Warp order: 3 merino)
 30 rayon) for this scarf: 8 repeats
 3 merino)

Rayon: 5 x - 1 variegated)
 1 solid)
 10 x - variegated) for each set
 5 x - 1 variegated) of 30 ends
 1 solid)

Weave very gently, to just place weft.



Websites of Interest

Weavettes, Weave-Its Looms

Pattern for making a Christmas Stocking
<http://weavezine.com/content/christmas-stockings>

General information about these looms
<http://www.eloomanation.com/>

Supplier of new looms of many sizes
<http://www.hazelroselooms.com/>

Home of the U~Weave Loom
<http://www.donslooms.biz/>

Instructions on building your own looms
<http://www.rogersstark.com/wool/weave/weave.htm>

Patterns (to purchase) for the Weavette, Weave-It and other small looms. Also a free pattern for a toy mouse.
<http://www.angelfire.com/super/weavies/index.html>

Other Subjects

www.ravelry.com/groups/handspun-revolution---lillehammer
collecting for world's largest skein of handspun yarn

For those of us afflicted with SABLE or Stash Acquisition Beyond Life Expectancy the following may be of interest.

Aimed at needlepointers, this article has some good thoughts for other crafters.

On the ANG Yahoo list they were discussing stash organization.

You might like to take a look at Denise Beusen's website: www.beusen.net/Needlework/Needlework.html -- she has written interesting papers on the subject: "Taming Stashzilla" and "Taming Threadzilla" -- there are also a number of other papers of interest such as a Project Log, Caring for your work in progress, etc.

So you think you have a lot of yarn or whatever. I haven't seen everybody's stash yet, but this certainly outdoes all but maybe Rosalie's or Judy's that I have seen.

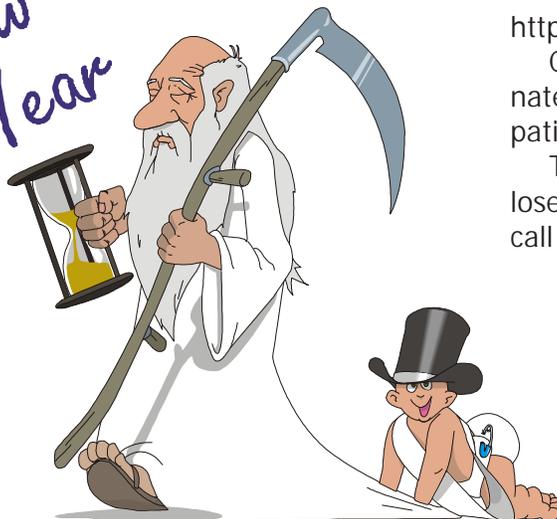
<http://mochimochiland.com/weblog/2007/07/the-worlds-biggest-stash/>

<http://chemocaps.com/>

ChemoCaps.com is a group of knitters that donate their time by making hand-knit caps for cancer patients in hospital oncology units and hospice.

The caps are made so that cancer patients who lose their hair can have a very soft hand-knit cap to call their own, comforting their heads and their souls.

Happy
New
Year



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