

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD

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Meeting: Monday, June 20, 10:00 am (9:30 for social time) at the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg. The June program will be a spinning party, with an emphasis on techniques for spinning unusual and exotic fibers. Bring your spinning wheels. Mary and Frances will provide treats.

Related to our last meeting: The Mattaponi powwow will be held on June 18th.

Web site recommended by Shirley Wilson:

www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/weavedocs.html -- Choose Books, the "C" for Collingwood, scroll down the page and you will find both of Peter Collingwood's books.

Programs, Workshops, Bashes

The next Bash will be held on June 6 from 10 am to 2 pm at the home of Ingrid. To get to Ingrid's, take 64 to exit 256 at Victory Blvd./Oyster Point toward Poquoson. Proceed to Route 17. There is a Wal-Mart on your left. Turn right on 17 to Coventry Blvd. There is a Hess gas station, then the credit union services building, and new construction on the corner of Coventry Blvd. At this light at Coventry Blvd., take a left turn. Follow Coventry to the end, turn right at the stop sign. Take the first right (Ferrier) and follow Ferrier to the end. At this stop sign turn right onto blacksmith Arch. Ingrid's house is #320 at the end of the cul-de-sac on your right (2 houses to the right of the pathway).

On July 18, members will meet at Pam's house in Mathews from 10 am to 6 pm or later? There will be kayaks available. Bring food and think about cooking.

In August our program will be on supplemental warps.

September will bring Guatemalan weaving that is sold in the Dream Shop at Eastern State Hospital

October and November programs to be announced later.

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

Events outside our guild:

Uncovering the Surface, Surface Design Association Conference, June 2-5, 2005, Kansas City, Missouri. See the Surface Design website at www surfacedesign.org. Workshops include Shibori, mud cloth, tapestry, lampas weaving, and Turkish felt rug making.

The Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA) Conference will be held on July 12 - 17, 2005 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Virginia. Lansdowne is between Leesburg and Dulles airport. More information at: www.mafafiber.org/conference.html

Appalachian Summer Festival, July 1-30. Check out www.oca.appstate.edu.

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Pa., is sponsoring "Explore Creative Strands! Fiber Arts Conference", July 6-10. The conference will include workshops and classes. Faculty includes Anita Luvera Mayer, Archie Brennan, and Chad Alice Hagan. For more information, check www.creativestrands.com.

Saturday, August 20, 8 am to 5 pm, Yorktown Middle School (George Washington Hwy and Goosley Road, Yorktown) will hold a Mad-Money Market. Crafters are invited to rent spaces for \$20 (for 10 feet square space). Deadline is August 1, proceeds go to the York High Alumni Association, P.O. Box 894, Yorktown, 23692.

Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair Shawl, Saturday, October 21, 9-2, Asheville, NC. For more information, contact u-powers@juno.com or darshan@hightec.com.

Check out the web sites of Arrowmont at www.arrowmont.org; Penland www.penland.org; the Campbell school at www.folkschool.org; and the Textile Museum at www.textilemuseum.org.

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MINUTES for May 16, 2005

Mary Ann Philyaw called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Julie Colby introduced Carlos Smith, a guest from Urbanna and Pam Franck introduced Angie Silverstar and Margie Sunflower, the presenters of today's program on the Virginia Indians. Members in attendance were: Virginia Banks, Julie Colby, Selma Moore, Peggy Nacci, John Jansen, Jerry Smith, Cindy Newcomb, Charlotte Headley, Judy Mooers, Jane Gustafson, Rosalie Brown, Dolly Gaus, Jean Hunnicutt, Mary Transue, Frances Wyatt, Shirley Wilson, Beth Palmer, Berit Mesarick, Phyllis Vinson and Melinda Hose.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as corrected and published.

Julie, reporting for the Hospitality Committee, reminded everyone that the covered dish event would not be in June, but rather in July at the picnic at Pam's house in Matthews.

Cindy, the guild librarian, reminded members that if they saw a book on the list of holdings that they wanted to check out they should just give her a call and she would bring it with her to the next meeting. John donated a copy of *The Art of the Weaver*, ed. Anita Schorsch, to the library. Mary Ann thanked him on behalf of the guild.

Pam, the membership chair, brought color posters announcing the guild and its activities for members are to post at appropriate locations, e.g. knitting and yarn shops, community centers, libraries, etc.

Rosalie, guild vice-president and program chair reminded members that the sunset picture challenge is due in June. The June program, "Designer Yarns for Spinners and Weavers," will be given by Judy Mooers. Bring your wheels!

In July, along with the picnic in Matthews, we will have the "Rugs from Scraps" challenge.

In August, Julie will give a program on supplementary warps.

In September Laura Dollieslager from the Dream Shop at Eastern State Hospital will speak to the guild about woven articles from Guatemala offered for sale at the shop.

Shirley will give a program on Diamond Rag Rugs in October.

In November, Jerry will talk about weaving software, such as Fiberworks, and how one can use it in designing weaving projects.

In December we will have our annual Christmas party and presentation of the guild's gift exchange project.

Old Business: Mary Ann reported that she had sent a check to MAFA and that the guild was now a member of the Association. She reminded guild members that we will again meet in room "B" of the Rec Center in June.

There was no new business. The program was given before the show and tell for this meeting.

Program:

Angie Silverstar and Margie Sunflower gave a very interesting talk on the history of Colonial Virginia from the perspective of the Indians. The oral histories of the latter,

especially the Mattaponi, often differed significantly from the Europeans' written accounts. Angie and Margie then discussed the crafts of the Virginia Indians and shared with the guild a beautiful exhibition of contemporary pottery and woven items by members of their tribes.

Show and Tell:

Mary Ann continues to make good progress on her socks.

John brought a fine (30 epi) example of something he had done on the first warp on his loom in the new apartment.

Selma showed us the completed socks she did with the circular needles.

Judy brought her completed (very long!) lace sampler. The last section included yarn from the silk cap she dyed at the last meeting, hand spun and plied with angora.

Mary is working on the sunset challenge.

Frances showed us a doll dress she is crocheting.

Jerry brought three rug samples, some more rug-like than others.

While Beth's loom is currently occupied by the "warp from hell," she has been seeking solace in knitting, the latest example a very purple and fluffy scarf done with \$40.00 (Can.)/skein yarn (and that's what it cost years and years ago!)

Jean took the unspun silk cap she dyed at the last meeting, extruded it and wove a very nice small sample with it (silk weft, wool warp). Rosalie had said at last month's program that it could be done but was met with some skepticism. Good for you Jean!

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF May 16, 2005

Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 1:00. Other members in attendance were Jerry, Jane, Melinda, Birdie, and Rosalie. After some discussion it was decided not to try to schedule a workshop on color theory during the current year after all. Instead, Rosalie was asked to work on the idea of an informal in-house workshop in November, one that would have appeal for both spinners and weavers.

Mary Anne also said she would work with Rosalie on the suggestion that, where appropriate, the program would be given at the beginning of the meeting, i.e., before the business meeting and show and tell rather than after.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Smith