



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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June, 2012

Monthly Meeting

Monday June 18, 2012
10:00 am (9:30 am social time) to 1:00 pm
Rosalie Brown's Bentwater Farm, Mathews, VA

Program

Potluck Picnic
Bring a covered dish of food to share

Directions

Bentwater Farm on Pepper Creek
1083 Circle Drive, Mathews, VA

Route 14 east from Mathews Courthouse (about 8 miles)
Turn right on Circle Drive (Route 600) at New Point Firehouse.
Follow road approximately one mile to driveway on right

Bash

No bash in June

Minutes
May 21, 2012

President Beth Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Beth announced that she will be resigning as president. She has accepted a position as minister to the Church of the Holy Trinity in Vicksburg, MS.

Beth welcomed visitors: Kathleen Armstrong, a spinner who moved here from Augusta, GA; April Ferguson, who uses a drop spindle and looks forward to getting a wheel; and Becky Charneskie, who is a military wife, a spinner, a knitter and a raiser of Angora bunnies.

The Guild received a thank you card of from the Handweavers Guild of America for the donation of \$250.00 to the HGA's Fiber Trust.

Minutes for the April meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter.

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross reports \$2090.13 in the checking account. A motion was made and seconded to have Rosalie Brown and Judy Mooers conduct an internal audit.

Librarian: The library holdings list will be made available to the new members.

Programming:

May (today)-"All about wool"
June 18: Annual picnic at Rosalie Brown's farm.
July 16: Spin-in

Snacks: June- everybody bring something to share to the Picnic.

Old Business:

The Guild will participate in "Children's Craft Day" at the June 2nd Williamsburg Farmer's Market. Kathy Kuhn reported that the crafts will be CD weaving and felt balls.

Marsha Rehkamp was not present; she will bring information about a suggested new banner to the June meeting.

New Business:

Ingrid Kross has been helping with weaving at the Jewish Community Center in Newport News, but

cannot continue. Another volunteer would be appreciated. Contact Leslie Needham at 757-930-1427 at the Center, for more information.

Judy Mooers reported that there will be a new fiber festival near Richmond. They are especially interested in venders. Contact Judy for more information.

Kathy Kuhn showed a pair of sandal bases that women in Africa use to make income from by weaving tops. Kathy can get bases if there is an interest. The minimum order is 10.

Show & Tell:

Barbara Frey: bargello pattern for doorstep; Nantucket basket

Ingrid Kross: baby sweater for 1st grandchild; rug weaving from Norway; knitted and felted storybook characters

Micki Pugh: scarf knitted lengthwise in linen stitch
Judy Mooers: teapot cozy (1 ¾ oz. of yarn given as a challenge); shadow weave tencel shawl; sampler from Quilt Show; art quilt woven from place you were born as inspiration

Becky Charneskie: handspun skeins; tote bag from Cracker Barrel for \$30.00

Kathy Kuhn: scarf from Elaine Bradley's weaving workshop; sampler from the workshop; small felted bags from cardboard loom with kumihimo straps

April Ferguson: crocheted bag

Kathleen Armstrong: book on natural plant dying

Beth Palmer: *The game of weaving* (book published in 1938); books for free

Today's program

"All about wool"

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Adamchuk

Members in attendance:

Linda Adamchak, Kathleen Armstrong, Virginia Banks, Rosalie Brown, Natalie Canfield, Becky Charneskie, April Ferguson, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Ingrid Kross, Kathy Kuhn, Selma Moore, Judy Mooers, Beth Palmer, Micki Pugh

Recent Activities by our Guild Members

Beginning Weaving Class



The Guild sponsored a five-day workshop for beginning weavers the week of April 23, in West Point. Elaine Bradley was the instructor. Judy Mooers and Sandi Petty lent a helping hand. Guild members lent all of the equipment needed. Participants had a great time, and each left with their own handwoven sampler and scarf, as well as Elaine's terrific handouts and lots of enthusiastic encouragement and advice.

Weaving and Spinning Demonstration



Members spent the morning demonstrating spinning and weaving using wheels, drop spindles, a four-shaft Harrisville student floor loom, a box loom and CD "looms" at the Williamsburg Farmers Market in Merchants Square on April 28th. Although nothing was for sale, there was also a display of members' finished works including wall hangings, clothing, scarves and hand towels.

The group was surrounded by enthusiastic crowds all morning- children especially enjoyed trying their hand at weaving on the floor loom! The Guild plans on doing a similar demonstration at the Farmers Market in the autumn, as well as two "Children's Craft Day" projects at the Market over the course of the summer.



Hughlet's Tavern

The May WSWG Bash was held at Rice's Hotel/Hughlet's Tavern in Heathsville, Va. The tavern is part of a restoration of Heathsville's historic town square to reflect what it, and many other courthouse villages in Virginia, looked like in the late 18th century. Several WSWG members helped in forming a guild at the tavern to assist the Tavern Foundation interpret, teach and recreate the crafts of spinning and weaving as practiced in the late 1700s.

Upcoming Fiber Events

“Children’s Crafts Day”

Williamsburg Farmers Market

Saturday June 2. 8:00 am to 11:00 am

WSWG members will introduce children to weaving with CDs and creating felted balls.

Knitting on the Porch

Gloucester History Museum

third Saturday of the month: June 16, July 21, August 18. 11 am to 3 pm.

The Tidewater Knitting Guild will hold three “Knit in Public (Knitting on the Porch) Days” at the Gloucester History Museum on Main St. in Gloucester this summer. Bring your needlework and a chair. For more information, contact Barbara Frey.

From rags to riches-weaving class

Bay School, Mathews, VA

Wednesday & Thursday, July 11 & 12. 10:00 am to 4: pm.

Weave fabric on the loom from rags for placemats, table runners, clothing and bags. Pay materials fee to instructor on first day of class. Rosalie Brown, Instructor. Tuition: \$140/ Materials: \$15. For more information, call Bay School at 804-725-4744 or email

debbiebrown@bayschool-arts.com



WSWG 2012 Officers:

President	Beth Palmer
Vice President	Sandi Petty
Treasurer	Ingrid Kross
Secretary	Marsha Rehkamp