



# Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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March 2011

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## March Meeting

Monday 3/21/11

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

We will share and discuss the survey results from February's meeting.

Everyone is to bring a source of inspiration to share and we will all work together to problem solve and find "just the right" use for that yarn or fleece you just "had" to have!

More book reports.

### Refreshments

Savory - Claudia Melgaard  
Sweet - Barbara Frey

### Bash

Rosalie Brown will host the bash on Monday, March 7.

Contact her if you plan to attend.



## Minutes 2/21/11

President Beth Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She welcomed guests Brian Kross (Ingrid's husband) and Bernadette Marquez' husband, Bob.

**Minutes** for the January meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

**Treasurer:** Ingrid Kross reports \$4174.27 in the checking account. (Mancuso paid Guild for demonstrating at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show.) This is more than the Guild wants to have in the account.

Ingrid renewed "Weavers Craft" for one year and filled in missing issues. (Issue 27 is still the current issue). She bought a 2-year subscription to "Wild Fibers" magazine. She renewed the Guild's membership to HGA, and purchased the DVD and book voted on at the January meeting.

She needs two people to do an internal audit on the checkbook.

A motion was made by Judy Mooers and seconded by Jerry Smith to plan on spending between \$600- &1,000 a year for programs and/or workshops for the Guild. The motion passed unanimously. Because many workshops need to be booked far in advance, it was agreed that the Program Chairman be able to book beyond his/her term.

A motion was made and seconded to form a 3-person committee to investigate and plan outreach education, in the form of spinning and weaving classes to the public through the Guild. The motion passed unanimously. Judy Mooers, Jerry Smith, Cathy Sterling, Ingrid Kross and Marsha Rehkamp offered to be on the committee. At the May meeting, a report will be given on the results of the investigation. It was suggested that the committee start by looking at the outreach education grant proposal the Guild submitted to Handwoven magazine a couple of years ago.

**Membership:** Ingrid asked how to get the information for the New Member packets. The information is, mostly, on Beth's computer. Beth will make up 2011 membership cards. Ingrid will have the 2011 member roster available to distribute at the March meeting.

**Librarian:** Mary Lou Birns asked that people e-mail her their library book loan requests. She will pick up and drop off of books at the meetings. Bernadette will integrate the list of Dolly's books with the existing Guild library list. Dave Banks is setting up a Book Report Page on the website. Guild members should send their book reports to him.

**Newsletter:** Barbara Frey requests that people e-mail upcoming events as they hear about them.

**Historian:** Bernadette Marquez has four books of samples and asked what the Guild wants done with them. Discussion as to how best to make them available ensued. A motion was made and seconded to collect the binders in one place, number each binder, document the contents of each binder into a table of contents, and scan one binder's worth of samples to see how much work is involved in doing it. The motion passed unanimously. Ingrid, Helen, Bernadette and Micki Pugh will work on this. Jerry Smith will store the binders at his house and it is hoped that pdfs of the samples can be put on the Guild's website.

Sandi went through the old binders of program files, taking out and saving anything of interest and discarding the rest.

Ingrid said that she has a complete financial history of the Guild which also needs to be gone through. She will bring it to the next meeting.

**Programming:** Sandi Petty sent around a book report sign-up sheet for future meetings.

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*April* - Michael Cook 's Silk Reeling Workshop, April 18-20. The cost is \$125 for Guild members. People were asked to pay at least part immediately. There will also be a \$35 materials fee, payable to Michael at the workshop. The workshop is not full, so a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to advertise the silk reeling workshop to other guilds. He will also present the meeting program. The meeting will be held at the site of the workshop — location to be announced.

*May* - Another spin-in day. The Outreach Education Committee report due. More book reports.

*June* - Picnic at Rosalie's. Book reports.

*July*- View and discuss Madelyn Van der Hoogt's DVD "Warping your loom". Book reports.

*September* - Doubleweave workshop

*December* – potluck luncheon and an exchange. Cards, bookmarks, mug rugs or ornaments were exchange suggestions.

**Snacks** : March: Barbara sweet; Claudia savory

**Bash:** Monday, March 7, at Rosalie's.

**New Business:**

Beth had circulars from: Gowdey Reeds, Bay School's upcoming classes, Newport News Fiber Festival (which conflicts with Montpelier).

Dee Smith: the Second Annual Fancy Fiber Festival in Surry, VA at Chippokes; the Tidewater Knitting Guild Retreat on March 19 from 9-7 at Beaverdam

Park in Gloucester.

Dave Banks suggested creating a "Learning Opportunities" page on the Guild website.

**Old Business:** The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show will take place the last weekend in February. The Guild will present a "Sheep to Shawl" demonstration. Set-up will take place Wednesday; the booth needs to be "baby-sat" on Thursday; the demos will take place Friday & Saturday; and everything needs to be disassembled and removed at the end of the day on Saturday. Ingrid has e-mailed pertinent information to the participants.

MAFA conference will be held in July in Gettysburg, PA. The course listing and applications are available on-line.

**Book Report Sign-ups:**

March - Marsha Rehkamp  
April - Frankie Snipes, Cathy Sterling  
May - Bill Kay, Beth Palmer  
June - Bernadette Marquez  
July - Jerry Smith  
August -  
September - Marsha Rehkamp  
October - Linda Adamchak  
November - Judy Mooers

**Show & Tell:**

Beverly Levinson - nuno felted scarf  
Dee Smith - yarn  
Barbara Frey - yarn spun for sheep to shawl demonstration at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show  
Micki Pugh - rayon multi-colored scarf in tabby  
Judy Mooers - 2 skeins lace yarn  
Jerry - constellation rug  
Bernadette Marque z- give-aways from Dolly Goss  
Sandi Petty - is learning the ins and outs of Dolly's loom; shawl for granddaughter and a matching one for doll  
Beth Palmer - bamboo shawl  
Selma Moore - reported on the weaving program given by several Guild members through the Arts Alive program  
Jane Gustafson - yarn spun for the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show  
Helen Cadogan - small box looms made with foam board and toothpicks  
Marsha Rehkamp - black and white houndstooth check sample; one of her scarves won best in category at Bay School Fiber Arts Festival (and she sold it!)  
Virginia Banks - is making progress on her warp  
Peggy Counce - knit socks  
Birdie Burton - is caring for her son who was in a bad accident

Cathy Steling - doubleweave pick-up  
Ingrid Kross - spun wool and knit it into a fisherman knit sweater - modeled by her husband. Also, she had created a weave-it style loom on an unneeded catalog following directions from a website (see page 4).

**Today's program:** Taking the weaving survey; book reports

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Rehkamp  
Secretary

**Members in attendance:** Linda Adamchak, David Banks, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Birdie Burton, Helen Cadogan, Peggy Counce, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Ingrid Kross, Beverly Levinson, Bernadette Marquez, Claudia Melgaard, Judy Mooers, Selma Moore, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Micki Pugh, Marsha Rehkamp, Dee Smith, Jerry Smith, Frankie Snipes, Cathy Sterling

**HAPPY  
ST.  
PATRICK'S  
DAY!**

## Websites of Interest

### Creating a weave-it style loom on a book

<http://craftsanity.com/2010/08/craftsanity-on-tv-making-weaving-loom-out-of-old-books/>

### Random Stripe Generator

[http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe\\_maker.php](http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe_maker.php)

I wrote this script to generate random stripe patterns for knitting sweaters, scarves, blankets, etc. It'll give you an idea of what the finished sweater will look like, but it still leaves some unpredictability to the stripe pattern.

### Sweater Wheels

<http://www.knittingfool.com/index.guest.cfm>

This web site was started to revive the out-of-print Sweater Wheels. It has grown into the largest on-line collection of knitting stitch patterns.

### Archive of Weaving and Other Fiber Arts

[http://www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/front\\_door.html](http://www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/front_door.html)

Two of Peter Collingwood's rug books and three of his articles are available here.



## Officers

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Beth Palmer  
Sandi Petty  
Ingrid Kross  
Marsha Rehkamp

## Outside Events

### Fiber Retreat

#### Knitting Guild Of Tidewater

Date: March 19, 2011

Location: Whitcomb Lodge, Beaverdam Park,  
Gloucester, VA

Time: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

This is a rain or shine event

The entry fee is \$5.00 or a donation of pet food for the local humane society.

Bring whatever you are working on - knitting, spinning, embroidery, etc.

Lunch will be pot luck. If you plan to be there for lunch...please bring a dish. Drinks (including coffee) and utensils will be provided.

We have two vendors coming - Knitting Sisters and Shanzi (hand-dyed yarn and fiber)

We are negotiating with two other vendors.

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### Fiber Forum 2011

#### Return to the Mountains

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The Fiber Forum 2011 will be held at  
Arrowmont Logo  
April 7-10, 2011

