

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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May 2008

Meeting: Monday, May 19, 10:00 am (9:30 am social time) to 1:00 pm, in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg.

Program: Jerry Smith will show us how to weave a v-shaped shawl on a multi-shaft loom (rather than using a triangular loom). Refreshments by Linda Adamchak (sweet) and Alice Noyes (savory).

Bash: The bash on Monday, May 5 will be hosted by Rosalie Brown at her home in Mathews. Call Rosalie at 804-725-5839 if you plan to attend. She will provide directions if needed.

Events outside our Guild:

Convergence, Tampa, FL June 25-28, 2008

Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival, September 20-21, 2008

Montpelier Fiber Fest, October 4-5

SOAR, The Inn at Pocono Manor, PA, October 5-12

Website: If you would like to add to the guild website <http://williamsburgspinweave.org> please contact Dave Banks at dfbanks@earthlink.net

May Birthdays:

Rosalie Brown

Judy Mooers

Selma Moore

Alice Noyes

Jeffrey Wilson

Officers:

President: Judy Mooers

Vice President: Bob Hecker

Ass't Vice President: Jerry Smith

Secretary: Beth Palmer

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

WSWG Minutes for April 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Judy Mooers. She welcomed back to our midst guests Penelope Mace and Jeff and Ruth Cleveland. Minutes from our March 17, 2008 meeting were accepted as read. Our current bank balance is \$2,713.05

Judy shared with us two thank-you notes received recently from two of the children who sampled weaving with us at the quilt show in February.

Library report -- Ingrid Kross brought copies of Weaver's Craft. Shawn Clarke mentioned that Sharon Alderman's book on the Structure of Weaving is available and might be useful for anyone considering taking her workshop in September. Judy also mentioned that many of Sharon Alderman's articles can be found in past issues of Handwoven Magazine.

Hospitality -- We voted unanimously to buy a new coffee pot to replace the Guild's pot which has died. Birdie will make the acquisition.

Sunshine -- We learned that Dolly Gaus is dealing with another bout of breast cancer.

Program -- Bob Hecker reviewed plans for upcoming programs. In June, we will have our picnic at Pam Franck's home in Mathews. In July, Alice Noyes will do a program on tapestry weaving. In August, Pam Franck will do a program on inkle weaving. In September we will host Sharon Alderman for our guild meeting and for a two-and-a-half-day workshop afterward. There will be 16 slots available in the workshop. In October, Sharon Davis will present a program on bound weave. In November, Beth Palmer will present a program on group design for liturgical weaving using doubleweave. In December we will hold our annual luncheon and gift exchange.

Old Business -- Judy passed around a sheet to assess interest in the upcoming Sharon Alderman workshop to be held after our guild meeting September 15-17. She also asked for preferences about where to hold the workshop (Williamsburg or West Point). There will be 16 slots in the workshop. If we cannot fill those slots within the guild we will invite others to join us. Cost of the workshop will likely be \$150. We will NOT use looms for the workshop but rather we will work out weaving drafts on graph paper. Judy suggested that we visit Sharon Alderman's web site at www.sharonalderman.com to learn more about Sharon and her approach to teaching.

We talked about opportunities to demonstrate our craft at various venues this fall. Opportunities we know about at this time include the VA State Fair (starts September 25) and the VA Living Museum (in August).

New Business -- Judy and Jerry encouraged everyone to consider entering fiber items in the VA State Fair. This is a good way to raise visibility for our craft and to win some ribbons!

Show and Tell:

Bob -- alpaca scarf

Pam -- told us about green paraments in summer and winter that she made for St Stephen's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg

Jerry -- V-shaped shawl made on a multi-shaft loom (as a preview of next month's program) and a rug sampler he made at a 3-day workshop on boundweave at The Mannings
Beth -- her first skein of plied yarn, hand towels for church
Alice -- tapestry made with pulled glass weft, handbags
Charlotte -- woven samples made into hot pads, old magazine and spinning book, a face for a doll
Peggy Counce -- knitted hat
Rosalie -- knitted vests
Bernadette -- rag rug plus description of how to add weight to the beater
Sandy -- told us about a Theo Moorman weaving she did to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Norris Bridge at White Stone; she will try to bring the weaving to our Sept. meeting
Ingrid -- towels, dyed merino/silk roving spun into yarn and knitted into a sample
Sharon -- a lazy kate she built, woven mandolin strap, knit top, and socks she is knitting from bamboo yarn using the magic loop technique
Judy -- handspun yarn
Penny -- a beaded pin

Ingrid Kross presented a program on weaving on a cardboard box. She distributed 25 pre-cut boxes and weaving needles, got us started, and encouraged us to continue our weaving at home.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer

Members in Attendance: Linda Adamchak, Dave Banks, Virginia Banks, Rosalie Brown, Mary Lou Birns, Birdie Burton, Shawn Clarke, Jeff Cleveland, Ruth Cleveland, Peggy Counce, Sharon Davis, Pam Franck, Jane Gustafson, Charlotte Headley, Bob Hecker, Jean Huneycutt, John Janson, Ingrid Kross, Bernadette Marquez, Judy Mooers, Selma Moore, Peggy Naaci, Alice Noyes, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Beverly Robinson, Jerry Smith, Frankie Snipes