

# Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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May 2009

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## May Meeting

Monday 5/18/09

10:00 am (9:30 a.m. social time) to 1:00 p.m.

Rosalie Brown

Bentwaters Farm on Pepper Creek

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

See minutes on page 2 for items to bring.

## Program

Natural Dyeing Workshop

## Potluck Luncheon

Bring a dish of food to share.

## Bash

Judy Mooers will host the bash on Monday, 5/4/09,

Contact her at 804-580-8289 or [jkmooers@aol.com](mailto:jkmooers@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

Directions: See page 3.



## Minutes 4/20/09

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Rosalie Brown. She introduced several guests including Eleanor Farrington, Anna Masser, and Sarah Kirtland.

Our current bank balance is \$3,436.54 We took in \$23.37 from last month's stash sale.

**Newsletter** — Barbara Frey continues to look for good content to include in the monthly newsletter. She also brought printed copies of last month's newsletter for those who had not already received them.

**Library report** — Shawn Clarke brought several books on natural dyeing and a recent issue of Weaver's Craft on kitchen dyeing. Shawn also mentioned that Sharon Davis donated several books on card weaving to the library. Rosalie Brown thanked Charlotte Headley for her generous financial gift to our library.

**Programs** — Judy Mooers reviewed plans for programs planned for 2009. In May Rosalie Brown will host a natural dyeing workshop at her farm in Matthews. (See list of items to bring along elsewhere in this newsletter.) June will feature a program by Judy Mooers on plying, twining, and winding fringe. July will feature a program on warping the loom, aimed at preparing us for the summer and winter workshop by Elaine Bradley in August. September will likely feature a program on weaving software.

Judy sent around again the sign-up sheet for the August workshop. Elaine reports that she can accommodate up to 20 people. We will need to have warped looms in order to take the workshop. Several guild members reported that they have extra looms that they would be willing to share. We are currently searching for space where we can safely leave our warped looms for the three days.

**Bashes** — Judy Mooers will host the next bash at her home in Reedville on Monday, May 4.

**Snacks** — May: Guild members voted to hold a potluck picnic as part of our May gathering at Rosalie Brown's farm.

**New Business** — Rosalie mentioned several upcoming events at the Bay School of the Arts in Mathews. Judy mentioned an upcoming event in Urbanna.

Jeff Cleveland — Native American beading project  
Charlotte Headley — handknit socks underway,

handknit purse

Peggy Naaci — Dharma Trading catalog of silk items for dyeing

Bernadette Marquez — two handwoven rag rugs, wall-hanging made on a counter-balance loom  
Sandi Petty — handwoven vest, Portland Handweavers' 50th anniversary booklet  
Sarah Kirtland — embroidered square for a redwork quilt

Barbara Frey — bobbin lace scarf

Beth Palmer — prayer shawl underway

Judy Mooers — two handspun, handknit lace scarves, a handspun and handknit vest, two handmade books created for two elderly members of another guild

We enjoyed a fabulous program on natural dyeing by Cary McDougal of Colonial Williamsburg. She mentioned several books during her presentation, including A Perfect Red by Amy Butler Greenfield and Women's Work: the first 20,000 years by Elizabeth Wayland Barber.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer

Members in Attendance: Linda Adamchak, Virginia Banks, Rosalie Brown, Mary Lou Burns, Birdie Burton, Shawn Clarke, Jeff Cleveland, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Charlotte Headley, Bernadette Marquez, Judy Mooers, Peggy Naaci, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Marsha Rehkamp, Janice Roe, Jerry Smith, Frankie Snipes

### List of items to bring to Rosalie's for natural dyeing workshop in May:

Apron

Rubber gloves - kitchen-type will work best

Ziploc bags to take home samples

Plastic disks/squares to tie to yarn as name markers - cut from plastic milk bottles with a hole punched in each to put string through to tie to skein. Put your name on each with a permanent marker.

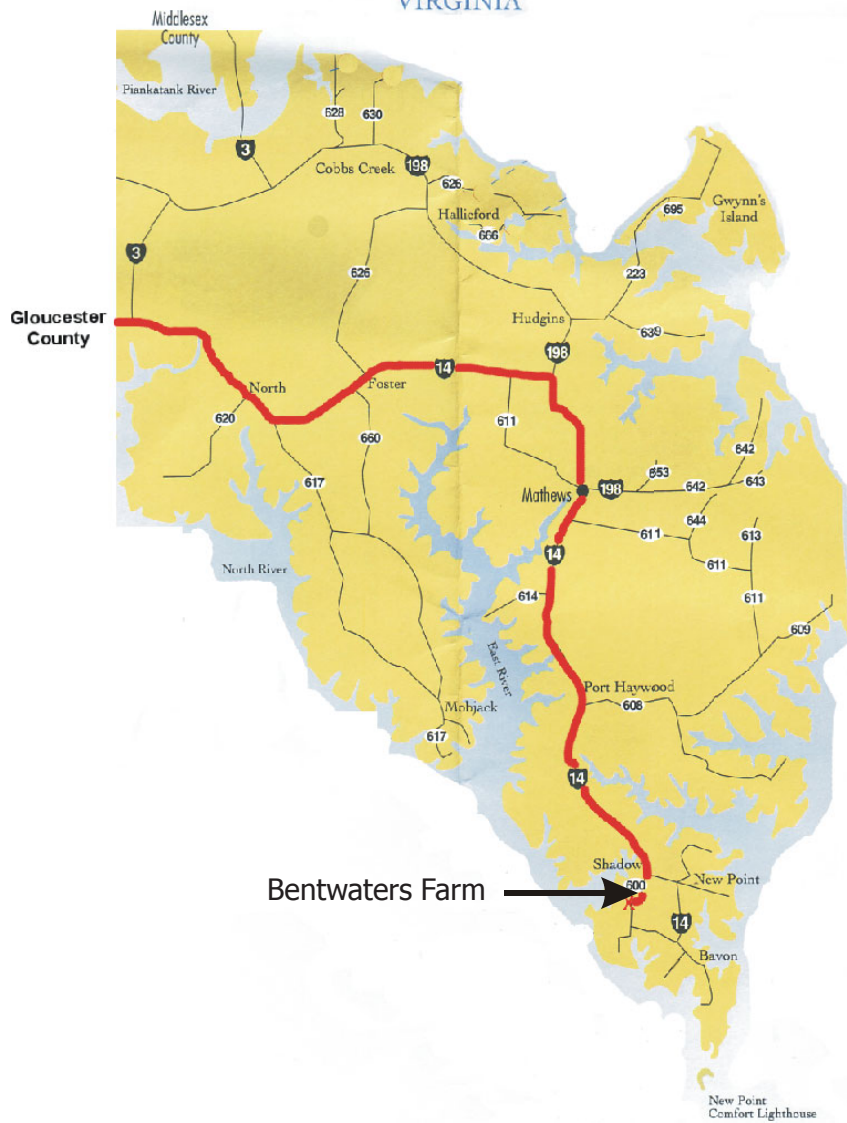
Lawn chairs

Potluck dish to share

Note that Rosalie and Jerry will provide small skeins of already mordanted yarn for us to dye. If you would like to bring your own yarn to dye, make sure that it is mordanted ahead of time.



## MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA



Bentwaters Farm

### On the Web

Antique Pattern Library

[http://  
www.antiquepatternlibrary.org](http://www.antiquepatternlibrary.org)

Crochet, knitting, tatting, netting, embroidery, needle lace, beading and other needlework patterns.

This ongoing project is an effort to scan needlework pattern books that are in the public domain, to preserve them, so we can keep our needlework heritage in our hands. These scans have been photoedited to make them more useful for needle workers, and to reduce file sizes. They are available, for free, to anyone who wants them, for educational, personal, artistic and other creative uses.



# Memorial Day

# Colonial Fiber Arts

3rd Annual SPIN-IN!!  
Saturday May 16th, 2009



**Come join in the fun!**

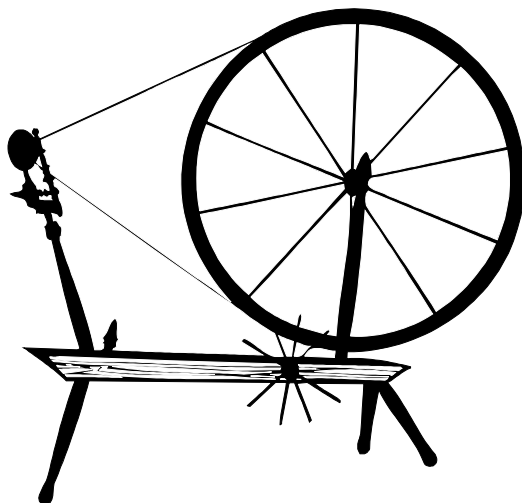
Learn from others and make new spinning buddies!

Colonial Fiber Arts  
323 Water Street Yorktown, VA  
"Under the Bridge" on the York River  
Time: 10:00—4:00 Date: 05/16/2009

Spinner's Specials for those who participate!

Large Basket %25 OFF  
80's Merino Wool Roving regularly \$22.50 for \$17.50  
All knitting notions %25 off  
All Harrisville Shetland Yarns (skeins) \$1.75 OFF  
And more specials through out the store.

Bring your spinning wheel and get something made especially for the event!



## Officers

President	Rosalie Brown
Vice President	Judy Mooers
Treasurer	Ingrid Kross
Secretary	Beth Palmer

## Colonial Fiber Arts at Riverwalk Landing

**From Newport News:** Take route 17 North towards the Coleman Bridge, take the LAST EXIT before the bridge, turn left on Ballard, then left again at Water Street.

**From Gloucester:** Take the FIRST EXIT right when you get off the bridge follow the signs to Water Street, take a right and come under the bridge.

Sign up by sending an e-mail to:  
[nettie@colonialfiberarts.com](mailto:nettie@colonialfiberarts.com)

## May Birthdays

Rosalie Brown  
Judy Mooers  
Selma Moore  
Alice Noyes  
Marsha Rehkamp  
Jeffrey Wilson  
Diane Henry