

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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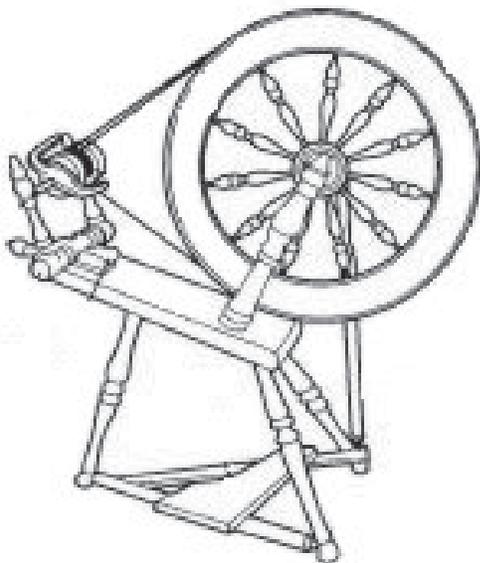
May Meeting

Monday 5/17/10

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 Wheel Spinning

Judy Mooers will be leading the program using Judith McKenzie-McCuin's DVD "Popular Wheel Mechanics." Much of it is just informative about how wheels work and the history of spinning. She does have some tips on specific wheels. Toward the end, there is a really great exercise in controlling grist and twist. All spinners are encouraged to bring their wheels and a small amount of prepared fiber that they would like to experiment with. We will prepare a range of yarns with the fiber — ideal for deciding what to do with some really special fiber. The exercise won't require too much of the fiber.



Refreshments

Savory - Rosalie Brown
Sweet - Bob Hecker

Bash

Judy Mooers will host the bash on Monday, 5/3/10

Contact her if you plan to attend.

Minutes April 19, 2010

Minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross reported a current balance of \$4, 907.34 in our account.

Library: There are several tapes available for viewing, including one on silk worms.

Newsletter: The April, 2010 newsletter has not been posted.

Rosalie mentioned that there was a wrong turn in the directions to the Unitarian Church, (site of the April meeting).

Membership: Ingrid distributed current membership I.D. cards.

Programs:

April: Elaine Bradley will lead a garlic basket weaving project today, after the business meeting.

May: The program will focus on spinning, using parts of 2 DVDs. The first DVD provides an overview of spinning that will be of interest even to non-spinners. The second DVD includes a hands-on drill. Bring your wheels and fiber (1"-2" pieces).

June: Picnic at Rosalie's and a discussion of upcoming programs. Bring suggestions.

Snacks for May's meeting: Rosalie Brown (sweet) and Bob Hecker (savory).

Bash: May at Judy Mooers

Old Business: None

New Business: Rosalie and Barbara will look into pricing t-shirts with the Guild logo on them.

Eva Washington's widower is selling her weaving, spinning and other crafting equipment. He wants it all sold within a month; he is moving. Ingrid Kross & Judy Mooers inventoried it and compiled a list, with photos of many pieces. Ingrid can put people in touch with Mr. Washington, if there are items they wish to purchase

Jane Gustafson, marketing for 3 Musketeers candy bars, passed out their newest creation.

Coordinated Colors, on Rte. 17 in Yorktown, is advertising on the front page of the Newport News Daily Press.

A question was directed to the web master as to how to contact Netty Cross. She has a website; Virginia suggests finding it by googling "colonial fiber arts".

Berit Mesarick was in a photo in a recent Virginia Gazette celebrating "Norwegian Sweater Night".

Mary Lou Birns presented a program to the Richmond weaver's guild on Weavettes. (Suggestion was made that Mary Lou Birns do a program for us on Weavettes.)

Show and Tell:

Judy Mooers: hand spun green lace weight yarn, shawl she is currently knitting.

Barbara Frey: baby shawl she is currently knitting.

Beth Palmer: Piecework magazine (April, 2010) has an article on Weavettes. She had an extra copy of the magazine and offered it to whoever wanted it.

Jerry Smith: "Cat" rugs (for the Humane Society) using Pendleton "worms." (The worms are selvages of Pendleton rugs. The company sells the worms for 50 cents a pound. A 30-pound bale costs about \$45 with shipping and makes several cat rugs.)

Bob Hecker is downsizing. He has years of Handwoven magazines to give away. He will bring them to the May meeting. (Marsha will bring a list of the gaps in the Guild's collection of Handwoven magazines, to hopefully fill in with Bob's. The remainder are free for the taking.)

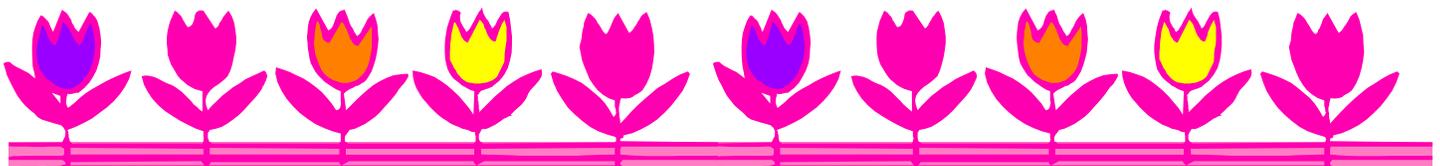
Ingrid Kross: cottolin "bread" cloths. (She has no trouble weaving with this yarn. She uses a template and floating selvages.)

Program: Weaving garlic baskets with Elaine Bradley.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rehkamp

Members in Attendance:

Linda Adamchak, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Elaine Bradley (program presenter) Birdie Burton, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Bob Hecker, Ingrid Kross, Berit Mesarick, Judy Mooers, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Micki Pugh (guest), Marsha Rehkamp, Jerry Smith, Frankie Snipes



Tomato Basil Bread

from Sandi Petty

2 packages active dry yeast
1 1/2 cup warm water (110° to 115°)
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup minced fresh or frozen basil
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/4 cup tomato paste
1/4 olive oil
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
4 1/2 to 5 cups bread flour

In small bowl, dissolve sugar and yeast in warm water — let sit until frothy.

Combine yeast mixture in large mixing bowl with basil, parmesan, tomato paste, oil, salt, pepper flakes, and 4 cups of flour

Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 3-5 minutes. Place in bowl, cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.

Punch dough down; knead for 1 minute. Shape into 2 round loaves. Place on a greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour.

Bake at 375° for 35-45 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan to a wire rack to cool.
Yield: 2 loaves.

Websites of Interest

<http://scientificinquiry.suite101.com/article.cfm/the-ancient-roots-of-natural-fiber>

A Closer Look at the Origins of Hand Spinning, Braiding and Weaving

Read more at Suite101: The Ancient Roots of Natural Fiber: A Closer Look at the Origins of Hand Spinning, Braiding and Weaving <http://scientificinquiry.suite101.com/article.cfm/the-ancient-roots-of-natural-fiber#ixzz0m8MK236O>

Weavette & Weave-It Looms

http://www.hazelroselooms.com/loom_files/MLSq.html
Sells weavette type looms in wood with metal pins.

<http://www.donslooms.biz/>
sells weavette style looms in larger sizes

<http://www.rogersstark.com/wool/weave/weave.htm>
instructions for making your own weavette style loom.

http://store.bountifulspinweave.com/merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=BSAW&Category_Code=W-BB
Weavettes Looms 2x4, 2x6, 4x6 sizes for sale

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<http://www.knitting-and.com/small-ooms/checkweave.htm>

how to do a checkered weave

<http://eloomanator.eloomanation.com/>
scroll down page for discussion of leno weave on weavettes. (Website has not been updated recently and some links do not work.)

<http://www.eloomanation.com/projects.php>
scanned copies of project books from weavette type loom manufacturers. Includes booklets with different types of weaves.

<http://www.angelfire.com/super/weavies/mouspat.htm>
instructions for making a toy mouse using weavette squares.

<http://weavezine.com/content/christmas-stockings>
Christmas stockings made using weavette type looms.

