



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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May, 2012

Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2012

10:00 am (9:30 am social time) to 1:00 pm
Room C, James City County Recreation Center
5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg

Program

All about Wool

Bring anything wool-related that you would like to share
(fiber, yarns, fabric, items, books, facts, questions...)

Refreshments

Judy Mooers, savory
Kathy Kuhn, sweet

May Bash

Monday May 7
Rice's Hotel/Hughlet's Tavern
73 Monument Pace
Heathsville, VA
804-580-3377

Minutes
April 16, 2012

Vice-President Sandi Petty called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

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

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross remains in Chicago. Judy Mooers has the checkbook; Rosalie Brown is authorized to write checks.

Librarian: Members can contact Mary Lou Birns if they wish to check out books, videos or DVDs.

Newsletter: Marsha Rehkamp will be putting together the newsletter. Members are requested to contact her with anything they would like to put in the newsletter.

Historian: Bernadette Marquez is working on records.

Programming:

Sandi Petty announced that she will be out of town for 2-3 months this summer. She will be back for the August meeting.

May 21: Exploring Wool. Members are requested to bring in books, fiber, yarns, facts or items.

June 18: annual picnic at Rosalie Brown's farm

July 16: spin-in

August 20: Sandi Petty will report on the 2012 HGA Convergence

September 17: Exploring flax. Members are requested to bring in books, fiber, yarns, facts or items.

October 15: Micki Pugh will lead a workshop on buttons

November 19: TBA

December 17: Annual holiday potluck lunch. A project is needed to exchange at the meeting. Cards have been a popular project in the past.

Snacks: May: Kathy Kuhn - sweet, Judy Mooers - savory

Bash: May 7th at the Tavern in Heathsville. Judy Mooers noted that the restaurant will be open for take-out lunch if anyone is interested in buying instead of bringing theirs.

Book Report:

Sandi Petty favorably reviewed *Braids: 250 patterns from Japan, Peru and beyond* by Roderick Owens.

(Robin Russo had recommended this title at her kumihimo workshop in March.) Sandi also reported that the videotape *Kumihimo: Japanese braiding* by Roderick Owens is worth watching. Both items are in the Guild's library. Contact Mary Lou Birns to request either item.

Old Business:

Kathy Kuhn reported that the Guild will demonstrate weaving and spinning at the April 28th Williamsburg Farmer's Market in Merchant's Square from 8 to 11 am. Volunteers met with her during the break to finalize plans.

The Beginning Weaving Class with Elaine Bradley will take place in West Point from Monday, April 23 through Friday, April 27. If anyone would like to come Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to brush up on warping from front to back and creating a sampler, there is space available. Contact Judy Mooers or Sandi Petty.

New Business:

Marsha Rehkamp asked if members would be interested in creating a new banner for the Guild, incorporating weaving, felting quilting, etc., to be displayed at events such as the Farmers Market. Members were amenable to the idea. She will bring specifics to the June meeting.

There was a discussion of how best to publicize used looms that are offered for sale (or free to good homes).

Show & Tell

Cathy Sterling: pine tree summer and winter wall hanging

Bernadette Marquez: CD weavings

Jane Gustafson: photos of the quilt made with members' squares for Gladys Strong

Natalie Canfield: wrist distaffs

Micki Decker: necklaces incorporating kumihimo and cotton yarns

Claudia Melgaard: alpaca knitted hat and alpaca-wool-tencel blend skein of yarn

Barbara Frey: working on a needlepoint

Kathy Kuhn: Kumihimo samplers from the March workshop

Jean Huneycutt: ancient spindle whorls

Judy Mooers: Kumihimo samplers from the March workshop; kumihimo shoelaces; lace weight yarn

Sandi Petty: Theo Moorman doubleweave placements; Kevlar shoelaces

Today's program : Exploring cotton

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rehkamp
Secretary

Members in attendance:

Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Rosalie Brown, Natalie Canfield, Jeff Cleveland, Micki Decker, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, Bob Hecker, Jean Huneycutt, Kathy Kuhn, Bernadette Marquez, Claudia Melgaard, Selma Moore, Judy Mooers, Sandi Petty, Marsha Rehkamp, Cathy Sterling

Upcoming Fiber Events

Sat. May 5 and Sun. May 6
The 39th Annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival
Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairground Road
West Friendship, MD 21794
<http://www.sheepandwool.org>
Officers:



Sat. May 26 10:00am – 5:00pm
2nd Annual Farm Spring Fling
Bentwaters Farm on Pepper Creek, Mathews, VA (Rosalie Brown’s farm)
Sheep shearing demonstration, goat milking, bee talks, raised vegetable gardens and herb beds to roam, items for sale.



WSWG 2012 Officers:

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

“Exploring Cotton” Resources



All about cotton: a fabric dictionary and swatchbook by Julie Parker
(out of print but can be borrowed from Marsha Rehkamp)

Cotton: the biography of a Revolutionary fiber by Stephen Yafa

“The weaver’s companion.” Presented by *Handwoven* magazine.
(information about cotton and other fibers in “Yarn”, pp 22-33)

All about spinning cotton: a guide to cotton spinning and free naturally colored cotton yarn patterns (a free e-book available to download at <http://www.spinningdaily.com/spinning-cotton/>)

A discussion of yarn sizes and weights is available at <http://knitfits.theotherbell.com/yarnsize.htm>

“The fibers of our lives” by Anita Osterhaug. *Handwoven*, March/April, 2012 (issue 159), p. 27



“Cotton: a special theme issue” *Handwoven*, May/June, 1993



Judy Mooer’s charkha “book” spinning wheel set up to spin cotton fiber into yarn