

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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May, 2014

Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2014 10:00 am (9:30 am social time) to 1:00 pm at JCC Recreation Center

Program

Spin-in Bring your wheels or drop spindles

Bash

Monday, May 5 at Marsha's Contact Marsha for directions & to RSVP



WSWG Minutes April 17, 2014 James City County Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order by President Sandi at 10:00 am.

Sandi welcomed new members Ellen, and Mike and Debbie; and guest Sherry.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the February meeting as published in the March newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no minutes from the March meeting, which was canceled due to inclement weather.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer:

Ingrid reported \$3,094.22 in the checking account. There are no outstanding bills.

Library:

Mary Lou requested that members return the books and DVDs used at the Super Bash.

Marsha noted that new issues of Spindle Shuttle & Dyepot, Spin-off, Handwoven and Wild Fibres magazines are in and available for check-out.

Sunshine:

Sympathy was expressed at the passing away of Judy's Dad.

Congratulations were extended to Judy on the birth of her new grandson, William Grange Ford.

HGA:

Registration is open for the Rhode Island Convergence, July 14-19. Check their website for details.

Workshops:

Bonnie Inouye, who was tentatively scheduled to do a workshop, "Big Twills" on Tuesday-Thursday, October 21-23, is having calendar conflicts. She can move the workshop to Tuesday-Thursday, November 18-20 at more convenience to her and less cost to the Guild. She can also do the program, "Retrospecting", for the November 17 Guild meeting. This is amenable to Guild members. Micki P will send her a contract. Arrangements still need to be made for a workshop location; hopefully it will be the Unitarian Church.

Upcoming Programs:

May 19: Spin-in

June 16: Lunch at the new restaurant at Hewlett's Tavern in Heathsville, VA & demonstration of weaving tools- bobbins, bobbin winders and reed hooks. (Possibly a program on dying, also) July 21: "Naalbinding and Lucet" with Ingrid & Rosalie August 18: Needlefelting with Micki D September 15: TBA (Possibility: field trip to King William Alpaca Farm) October 20: "Patterns Everywhere" with Marsha November 17: "Retrospecting" with Bonnie Inouye December 15: Holiday Potluck

Hospitality:

Snacks for May: Mary Lou, sweet; Linda, savory.

May Bash is 10 am to 2 pm on Monday the 5th at Marsha's house. Please contact her for directions and to let her know that you are coming.

Old Business:

Mid Atlantic Quilt Show:

Members felt strongly that the time has come to part ways with the Quilt Show. Ingrid will decline interest when the 2015 proposal reaches her in August.

Weather cancellations. The March meeting cancellation did not cause too much inconvenience. In the future, the decision should be made early enough to reach members on the Northern Neck & Middle Peninsula before they leave for the meeting.

Sandi or Kathy need to look into whether the Guild can use the room at the JCC Rec Center for the July and August meetings.

MAFA:

There will be a Guild Exhibit at the 2015 MAFA summer conference. The theme is "Favorite Fibers and What We Like To Do With Them". It was proposed that the January 2015 Super Bash be used to plan the Guild's entry.

Outreach:

Marsha will see that the Guild's meetings and events are listed in the Virginia Gazette's Weekly Events column.

Possible outreach resources could include JCC Recreation programming (for children as well as adults), some kind of association with the newly created Williamsburg Art District and the Williamsburg Farmer's Market. Kathy K was not at the meeting, but she has offered to continue to be the Farmer's Market contact person.

Guild members are asked to be on the lookout for possible locations to set up future workshops and, perhaps, a "visitable space" (donated?) to create more noticibility in the community.

New Business:

Sandi suggested a possible field trip to "Chameleon Clogs" in Nags Head. More info at:

https://www.etsy.com/shop/ChameleonClogs/ about?ref=l2-more-about.

A motion was made and seconded: Anything on the public portion of the Guild's website, including the newsletter, will identify members and guests by first name and last initial only. The motion passed unanimously. Sandi will set up an account for the Guild Cash Rewards Program at the Woolery. Members purchasing items from the Woolery should mention the Guild, which will receive rewards at the end of the year based on the purchases.

Today's Program:

"The Internet for Knitters, Weavers and Spinners" with Martha Hulse. (Martha's handout is attached to this newsletter.)

Show and Tell:

Sandi: Point weaves workshop sampler; linen doubleweave table runners; handspun yardage

Judy: 2 baby blankets; 2 warp painted silk scarves; skein of silk-wool lace yarn Natalie: drop spindle spun crocheted lace shawl; Turkish spindle; weaving sample from a woven acrylic blanket for the Veterans Hospital.

Barbara: Bargello covered brick; beaded bracelet; "ort" box

Marsha: India block print items; basket-plain weave napkins & hand towels; painted warp dish towels

Micki: Point weaves workshop sampler; merino-silk handwoven yardage in 3 designs for "pinwheel" top

Mike: Purchased 2 AVL looms

Debbie: jacket from handwoven yardage Claudia: Triangle shawl from Quilt Show;

hand painted warp towels

Beverly: multi- hued & multi-patterned hand knitted sweater

Martha: hand knitted sweater

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Rehkamp

Attendees:

Virginia B, Mary Lou B, Natalie C, Micki D, Barbara F, Jane G, Ingrid K, Beverly L, Claudia M, Judy M, Debbie P, Mike P, Sandi P, Micki P, Ellen R, Marsha R

Updated 2014 Snacks sign-up List:

June 21: Luncheon at restaurant at Hewlett's Tavern in Heathsville July 21: Sweet- Virginia; Savory- Kathy K August 18: Sweet- Barbara; Savory- Micki D September 15: Sweet-Kathy K; Savory- Judy October 20: Sweet-Micki P; Savory-Sandi November 17: Sweet-Marsha; Savory-Ingrid December 15: Holiday Potluck

Updated 2014 Bash sign-up List:

May 5: Marsha June 2: Ingrid July 7: TBA August 4: TBA October 6: TBA November 3: Micki P

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Freshly dyed sheep run in view of the highway near Bathgate, Scotland. The sheep farmer has been dying his sheep with nontoxic dye to entertain passing motorists. (as seen on Facebook- attributed to Vogue Knitting magazine)

Upcoming Fiber Events & Workshops



Saturday & Sunday, May 3 & 4 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival For more information: http://www.sheepandwool.org/

Monday May 5, 10 am-2 pm WSWG Bash at Marsha's. Bring lunch and project to work on. Contact Marsha for directions and to let her know you are coming.

May 10- June 8, 2014 Virginia Renaissance Faire 5621 Courthouse Rd, Spotsylvania, Va More information at: <u>http://www.varf.org/</u>

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Through Friday, June 6, 2014, **Threads of silk and gold: Chinese textiles from the Qing Dynasty** Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature, University of Richmond For more information: <u>http://museums.richmond.edu/exhibitions/lora-robins-gallery/Threads-of-Silk-and-Gold.html</u>



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