

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD
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November 2005

Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2005. Location: Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg. Shirley and Mary Ann will bring the treats in November. And we will all bring goodies in December.

Programs, Workshops, Bashes

November 7—the bash will be at Birdie's home. Please telephone to let her know if you are coming.

In November, Jerry Smith will give a program on natural dyeing. AND bring your hats that you made in July to show off. Those of us who didn't make one will bring another hat.

December will bring the annual Christmas gift exchange. The choice is up to you.

Events outside our guild:

Chesapeake Arts Fiber Festival, November 5-6. We are sending a team for the Sheep to Shawl contest which will take place on Sunday from 11:00-3:30. John, Peggy, Rosalie, Jane and one more will be there to hold up our guild's honor (we won last year).

If you would like to add something to the guild website Members.cox.net/wswg please contact Dave Banks as dfbanks@earthlink.net.

November birthdays

Janet Hart
Peggy Nacci
Cindy Newcomb
Mary Ann Philyaw
Gladys Strong

Officers:

President, Mary Ann Philyaw
Vice-President, Rosalie Brown
Secretary, Jerry Smith
Treasurer, Ingrid Kross

Nominations for new officers:

President: Julie Colby (note—this was a change subsequent to the meeting due to Mary Ann Philyaw's decision not to serve a second year.

Vice-president: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

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October 17, 2005

Mary Ann Philyaw, president called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. She welcomed a guest and potential new member, Shawn Clark, who recently moved to Williamsburg from Washington State, where she was active in several weavers' guilds. Other members in attendance were: Virginia Banks, Julie Colby, Selma Moore, Peggy Nacci, John Jansen, Jerry Smith, Jane Gustafson, Beth Palmer, Birdie Burton, Judy Mooers, Frankie Snipes, Lou Ayers, Pam Franck, Beverly Robinson, Ingrid Kross, Rosalie Brown, Melinda Hose, Berit Mesarick, Janet Hart, Mary Transue, and Phyllis Vinson.

Last month's minutes were approved as distributed.

Ingrid gave the treasurer's report: \$3,251.33 in the checking account. She reminded members that guild dues (\$20.00 for the year) are due in December. She reported that Interweave Press no longer offers discounted sales to guilds.

Birdie reported that Ann Alderks was still ill and suggested members might want to send cards (P.O. Box 666, Urbanna, VA 23175), as well as to Dolly Gaus (3283 Deerfield Ct. Williamsburg, VA 23185), who was recently in the hospital.

Jan Hart, guild historian, asked everyone to check at home to see if they had any materials (minutes, membership rosters, photos, etc.) relating to the guild in years past.

Members reported having a wonderful time at last month's bash at Charlotte's house.

Birdie Burton will be hosting the November bash (Nov. 7, 10:00 a.m.)

Old Business:

The guild will be competing in the sheep-to-shawl contest on Sunday, November 6, 11:00-3:30, at the Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival. The team will consist of John (weaver) and spinners Beverly Robinson, Judy Mooers, Rosalie Brown and Ingrid Kross. Pam Franck will be the alternate. The guild needs to work on a display area. We should display the guild banner, along with shawls from previous sheep-to-shawl competitions as well as other items woven by guild members. Everyone in the guild is strongly encouraged to come and cheer our team on to another smashing victory. (We won last year.)

The nominating committee (Julie, Judy and Beth) presented the guild with its recommended slate of candidates for the November election:

President: Mary Ann Philyaw
Vice-president: Pam Franck
Secretary: Jane Gustafson
Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

Several other committee assignments (non-elective) were filled by "volunteers:"

Newsletter: Judy Mooers
Sunshine: Birdie Burton
Membership: Beth Palmer
Hospitality: Julie Colby and Selma Moore
Publicity: Beverly Robinson
Photographer: Jerry Smith
Website: David Banks
Historian: Jan Hart
Workshop coordinator: Rosalie Brown

Upcoming events of interest:

The Lanexa Studio Tour, featuring, along with a few others, our very own Peggy Nacci, will be held Oct. 22-23. Check the brochure or local papers for details.

There will be a Wearable Art show in Matthews, Nov. 25-27.

Jerry said that for November he could do a program on either computer-assisted draft design or natural dyeing. It was decided he should do the latter. The November meeting will also be "hat" day, a chance for members to show the felted hats they did at the July meeting at Pam's house or to bring other hats they have made in the past.

Guild members voted against renewing guild membership in MAFA, primarily because neither the guild nor individual members had received any mailings from the Association.

After the show and tell Pam and Rosalie gave a hands-on program on how to make tassels. Following that there was sale of yarn brought by members. Individuals who bought items made donations to the relief effort to benefit the Mayan weavers in Guatemala who were severely impacted by the recent hurricane. (See the September minutes for notes on the program Laura Dollieslager gave about these amazingly skilled artisans.) Contributions from members totaled \$375.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the guild itself contribute \$125.00 from its general funds to the relief.

There was no board meeting today, since there was no business pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Smith