



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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November 2009

November Meeting

Monday 11/16/09

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

Peter Collingwood DVD Excerpt

We will share the results of our bag exchange.

Refreshments

Savory - Frankie Snipes
Sweet - Linda Adamchak

Bash

Birdie Burton will host the bash on Monday, 11/2/09

Please contact her if you plan to attend.



Minutes October 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Rosalie Brown. There were no visitors or new members at this month's meeting.

Minutes for our September 21 meeting were accepted as published. Barbara Frey, newsletter editor, reminded us that she always welcomes content.

As our treasurer was absent we do not have an update on our bank account balance. Annual dues of \$20 should be paid to Ingrid Kross by December.

Our librarian Shawn Clarke brought in two books to share and gave a brief overview of the new Peter Collingwood DVD, part of which will be shown at the November meeting. Jerry Smith showed the latest Vav magazine which is now distributed in an English version. It was passed around to be considered later as a possible subscription. We tabled the discussion about any changes to our library until next month. Dolly Gaus reported that she may have some books that would be appropriate for new, young weavers.

There were no reports on the Guild History, Periodicals or Membership.

Program — Judy Mooers reviewed plans for upcoming programs.

In November we will share the results of our bag exchange and in December we'll have our fashion show, gift exchange, and potluck luncheon. The guild decided to make and exchange notecards that use some fiber-related technique (e.g., weaving, knitting, crocheting, felting). Blank cards are still available to those who wish to participate in this exchange. Each participant is asked to create one card for every other participant.

Bashes — Birdie Burton will hold the bash on November 2 at her home in Williamsburg and Rosalie Brown will host the bash on December 7 at her home in Mathews.

Snacks — In November Linda Adamchak will bring sweet and Frankie Snipes will bring savory. December will be our annual guild potluck.

Events — Made in Mathews Open Studio Tour is November 27 - 29th. Rosalie Brown of Bentwaters Farm is participating.

Rosalie will also participate in the Holiday House at Magnolia Grove on November 13 and 14.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show at the Hampton Coliseum will be February 25 - 28, 2010. Our guild generally does a demonstration at this event and earns some income for doing it.

Old Business — A lively discussion ensued regarding the manner in which textile items were displayed at the recent VA State Fair. Rosalie suggested that we

display these items and the ribbons we won at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Show in February. Mickie Decker mentioned that she has some display forms we might use.

New Business — Beth Palmer offered to work on the nominating committee. She will lead the committee and Jerry Smith and Judy Mooers will assist her.

Rosalie suggested that we might want to plan another dyeing workshop for January or February. We discussed but did not decide whether we would use natural or chemical dyes. Rosalie suggested that Cary McDougall, recently laid off from Colonial Williamsburg, might agree to lead a workshop for us. We also discussed our desire to learn more about dye plants.

Show and Tell:

Judy Mooers - mother-of-the-bride dress and coat she made for daughter's wedding

Barbara Frey - bobbin lace scarf made from sock yarn for which she got a 2nd place ribbon; wool and silk knit shawl that took 2nd place; even-weave, pocket-size tissue pouch that took 2nd place; and a cotton and silk knit circle scarf

Marsha Rehkamp - two scarves inspired by the Summer and Winter workshop (one of the pieces used pickup)

Micki Decker - a Mixed Media Art piece (her beaded weaving set in a picture frame)

Linda Adamchak - brochures on Weavolution (Judy has more if needed)

Sandi Petty - scrap vest that won a blue ribbon

Dolly Gaus - tapestry that she had cut from a larger piece and had fixed the edges

Jerry Smith - shaft-switching rug that won a purple ribbon

We enjoyed a wonderful program on plying weaving software.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer

Members in Attendance: Linda Adamchak, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Birdie Burton, Shawn Clarke, Micki Decker, Barbara Frey, Dolly Gaus, Judy Mooers, Sandi Petty, Marsha Rehkamp, Jerry Smith, Jeff Wilson

Those signed up to participate in the card exchange:

Linda Adamchak

Judy Mooers

Mary Lou Birns

Peggy Nacci

Rosalie Brown

Beth Palmer

Shawn Clarke

Sandi Petty

Barbara Frey

Marsha Rehkamp

Jane Gustafson

Jerry Smith

Bob Hecker

Frankie Snipes

Ingrid Kross

Recipe - Gingerbread Cookies

brought by Jeff Cleveland to the October meeting.B

1 C shortening (vegetable oil)	4 tsp baking soda
2 C brown sugar	1 tsp salt
1/2 C molasses	3 tsp ground ginger
2 eggs	2 tsp cinnamon
5 C sifted all-purpose flour	1 tsp ground cloves

Mix first 4 ingredients together until light and fluffy. Sift all remaining dry ingredients together in a separate container. Add sifted ingredients to first mix gradually. As dough get stiff, it may be necessary to finish mixing by hand (using fingers). Roll out dough thin and cut into desired shapes. Bake at 375° for 7 minutes.



Something to Think About

Posted on the Historic Knit Yahoo Group by Jodi Dyck

What motivates you to make something?

Is it the final product?

Is it the process?

Is it the tools?

Is it the challenge?

Sheep Websites

These websites provide a great deal of information about many breeds of sheep including the characteristics of the wool produced by the breeds.

<http://www.sheep101.info/sheepbreedsa-z.html>

http://www.sheepusa.org/Directory_of_Breeds

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/sheep/>

<http://www.rbst.org.uk/watch-list/sheep>

http://www.colouredsheep.org.nz/breed_char.php

The following are from

Spin Span Spun

Fact and Folklore for Spinners and Weavers by Bette Hockberg

"Mary had a little lamb" is an old rhyme based on fact. Farm people often keep pet sheep, and regarded them as city people feel about cats and dogs. Some lambs grew very attached to the children, trying to enter the house with the, waiting at the door, and following them wherever they went.

(Ask Rosalie Brown about the lamb she had that thought it was a dog and came in the house with them.)

Fragments of fine silk in a plain weave, embroidery and silk damask were found in two Han Dynasty (113 BC) sites in Hopei Province. The thread was so fine that it was woven at 508 warps per inch and 228 wefts per inch. The fragments came from the tombs of Prince Liu Sheng and his wife, who were buried in suits of jade sewn with threads of fold (Hai Nai).

Happy Thanksgiving



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