

WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GUILD  
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October 2006

Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2006, **9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in Room C in the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg. Refreshments to be provided by Rosalie (savory) and Bob (sweet). **Please take note of the change in the time. We will start earlier so that the program can begin at around 10:00 a.m. after a brief business meeting.**

Program for October: All day workshop with Liz Ackermann. Liz provided the following instructions.

**Everyone should bring:**

Scissors, ruler, pencil, graph paper in a size that you find comfortable to work with.

Scotch tape. Also, double-sided tape if you already have it. I will bring some so no need to buy any.

Strips of cardboard roughly 6 - 8" long by 1.5" - 2" wide. You will need 12 to 15 of these. Cereal boxes work fine. In a pinch, if you have large index cards they can be folded into thirds to use for yarn wrapping.

Crayons, colored pencils, or magic markers - if you have them. I will bring some, but may not have enough for everyone. You may want to coordinate these with the yarns you'd like to use in your stripe/plaid fabric. We will all be drawing out our plaids on graph paper.

A selection of yarns that you would like to use in a striped or plaid fabric. You can use these to do some of your yarn wrappings, if you like.

Examples of stripes or plaids that you have woven, if you'd like to share them with the group.

**\*\*\* Option B \*\*\***

I recommend the wrappings since it gives you a better idea of how the yarns will look, *but* if you find wrapping the yarn awkward you can choose to do the exercises by drawing out the stripes on paper with crayon, colored pencil or magic marker. If you think you might choose this option for all or some of the exercises please be sure to bring:

Crayon, pencils, or markers in black, and whatever other colors appeal to you or coordinate with yarns you'd like to use in a striped/plaid fabric.

A ruler

Graph paper in a grid size that you find comfortable to work with

Bash: Charlotte Headley will host the bash on October 2, 2006. Call Charlotte at if you plan to attend and/or need directions.

Events outside our Guild:

Fall Fiber Festival, Orange, VA. Oct. 7-8, 2006. [www.fallfiberfestival.org](http://www.fallfiberfestival.org)

Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival, Nov. 4-5, 2006. [www.chesapeake.va.us](http://www.chesapeake.va.us)

Spin-Off Autumn Retreat, Tahoe City, CA. Oct 29-Nov 5, 2006.

[www.interweave.com/spin/events\\_exhibits.asp](http://www.interweave.com/spin/events_exhibits.asp)

Stitches East, Baltimore, MD. Nov 2-5, 2006 [www.knittinguniverse.com/xrx/events.php](http://www.knittinguniverse.com/xrx/events.php)

Caledon Natural Area Art and Wine Festival, King George, VA. Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Southeast Fiber Forum Assoc. Dixon, TN, Mar. 23-25, 2007. [www.main.nc.us/sffa/](http://www.main.nc.us/sffa/)

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County, MD, May 5-6. 2007.

[www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org).

Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association Annual Conference, Marywood University campus, Scranton, Pennsylvania July 6-8, 2007, [www.mafafiber.org](http://www.mafafiber.org).

Website:

If you would like to add to the guild website <http://williamsburgspinweave.org>, please contact Dave Banks at [dfbanks@earthlink.net](mailto:dfbanks@earthlink.net).

October Birthdays:

None

Officers:

President: Julie Colby

Vice President: Pam Franck

Secretary: Jane Gustafson

Treasurer: Ingrid Kross

Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild  
Minutes for Meeting September 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Colby at 10 a.m. Julie summarized the misfortunes that befell our group in the last month. Carlos Smith died unexpectedly on September 4. Peggy Nacci's father died. Virginia Banks broke her wrist, Ann Alderks broke her hip, Birdie Burton had surgery, and Ingrid is preparing for surgery later this week. Our condolences to all who have suffered this month.

Minutes for the August meeting were approved.

Ingrid reported that the treasury stands at a balance of \$3391.66.

The October bash will be hosted by Charlotte Headley. Birdie is scheduled to host the bash in November. We may need an additional volunteer, if Birdie is still recovering.

Bob Hecker offered to replace Ann in providing refreshments for the October meeting. He and Rosalie will share the responsibilities.

Dave invited members to continue to visit the web site. He noted that a link to the MAFA site is available there. This link provides information on the MAFA conference in June.

The group discussed options that are available to publicize the activities of the guild. We agreed that we could send photographs of guild activities to the local newspapers that serve each of our communities. We can also make more use of the radio stations that offer meeting announcements and of the flyers in libraries that announce community events.

Rosalie, Ingrid, and John agreed to serve on the nominating committee for next year.

Pam reminded us that the October meeting will be an all-day (10-5) workshop by Liz Ackerman. She will provide a list of required materials for the newsletter. The Celia Quinn spinning workshop is still scheduled for November 14-15. Seven members have registered for the workshop. Three additional participants could be accommodated. The November meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church on Ironbound Road.

The following items were offered in Show and Tell:

- Bob: a tartan blanket in the Buchanan pattern
- Jean: a triangle shawl
- Linda: placemats made from pineapple fiber
- Ingrid: felted bag
- Frances: a crocheted Indian doll dress
- Mary: fun fur knitted scarf
- Beverly: fun fur knitted scarf
- Judy: scarves woven on warp painted at the June meeting
- Selma: knitted slippers
- Charlotte: knitted socks

Nettie Cross presented a program on spinning and weaving with bast fibers. She summarized the processes used to produce the fibers, spin, and weave with them. She showed a large number of finished products and described her “lessons learned.”

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Gustafson, Secretary.

Members in attendance:

Lou Ayers, Judy Mooers, John Janson, Nettie Cross, Beverly Robinson, Mary Transue, Frances Wyatt, Linda Adamchak, Bob Hecker, Jean Huneycutt, Rosalie Brown, Ingrid Kross, Charlotte Headley, Dolly Gaus, Julie Colby, Selma Moore, Virginia Banks, Dave Banks, Jane Gustafson.