

Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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September 2009

September Meeting

Monday 9/21/09

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

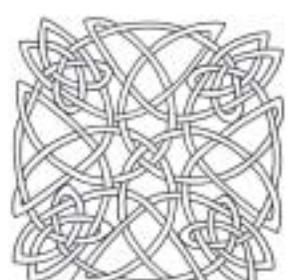
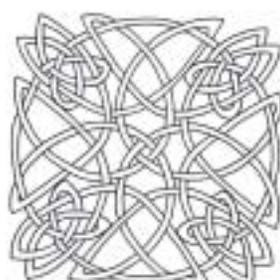
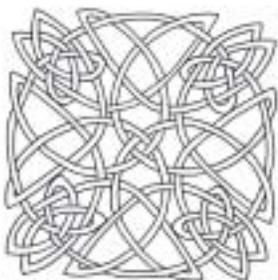
Judy Mooers on plying and cabling yarn and twisting fringe
See minutes on page 2 for specifics.

Refreshments

Savory - Ingrid Cross
Sweet - Jane Gustafson

Bash

There will be no Bash in September as the first Monday is Labor Day



Minutes 8/17/09

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Vice President Judy Mooers in the absence of President Rosalie Brown.

There was a correction to the July 20 minutes: Judy Mooers (rather than Jerry Smith) will lead the program in October on weaving software.

Our current bank balance is \$4,526.19. This balance will drop as we pay Elaine Bradley for the workshop on summer and winter.

There were no reports on the Newsletter, Library, Periodicals, Hospitality, or Membership.

Program — Judy Mooers reviewed plans for upcoming programs.

September will feature a program by Judy Mooers on plying and cabling yarn and twisting fringe. Judy asks that spinners interested in participating in the program bring their wheels and four bobbins. Three of the bobbins should have singles on them (one with 10-15 yards, a second with 50-75 yards, and a third with as much more as the spinner has available) and the fourth bobbin should be empty. Everyone is encouraged to bring whatever fringe twisting equipment we currently use.

October's program will be weaving software (e.g., Pixel Loom and WeavePoint) also by Judy Mooers. 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 will be distributed at our September meeting and each participant is asked to create one card for every other participant. The final number of participants is likely to be 15-20.

Bashes — There will be no bash in September as the first Monday is Labor Day. Peggy Nacci will host the October 5 bash at her home in Lanexa. Peggy will have lots for sale from the recent dissolution of her weaving business. Items for sale include a floor loom for \$395 and a small spinning wheel for \$195. Call Peggy for more details on these items.

Events — Virginia State Fair at the NEW location at Doswell (on Rt. 30 near I-95) September 24 to October 4. Five River Fiber Guild will do a demo on Thursday, September 24 and invites members of our guild to participate as well. Judy Mooers has more info and parking passes.

Montpelier Fall Fiber Festival is October 3-4.

National Spinning and Weaving Week is October 4-11.

Old Business — Shawn Clarke is working on acquiring the Peter Collingwood video that Jerry Smith mentioned at our July meeting. The video will be available through our guild library.

New Business — The guild unanimously passed a motion "to authorize our President (currently Rosalie Brown) and our Treasurer (currently Ingrid Kross) to acquire a debit card through Bank of America to access the Williamsburg Spinners' and Weavers' Guild account at Bank of America.

We were reminded that Micki Dekker is collecting sample toiletries from our various travels for distribution at local VA hospitals. Please bring in your contributions to the September meeting.

Sandi Petty reported on her trip to the MAFA conference in Gettysburg, PA, and her workshop with Virginia West. Sandi also told us about a weaving exhibit entitled Landscapes of the Soul by Maximo Laura now at the Art Works, 320 Hull Street, Richmond.

Show and Tell:

Judy Mooers — skein of handspun lace-weight wool and silk yarn

Barbara Frey — Queen Anne's lace shawl in cotton and silk

Beth Palmer — knit vest

Sally Vinroot — dyed wool top and magazine article on spinning mill in CT

Sandy Petty — handwoven scarves and a handwoven top (using the 7 squares technique) from workshop with Virginia West

We enjoyed a wonderful program on weaving independence by Elaine Bradley.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Palmer

Members in Attendance: Linda Adamchak, Dave Banks, Virginia Banks, Mary Lou Birns, Birdie Burton, Julie Colby, Barbara Frey, Jane Gustafson, John Janson, Ingrid Kross, Judy Mooers, Peggy Naaci, Beth Palmer, Sandi Petty, Marsha Rehkamp, Janice Roe, Jerry Smith, Sally Vinroot, Donna von Biela

SOUTHERN WATCHMAN [ATHENS, GA]

February 2, 1860, p. 1, c. 3

(found on-line)

**The Old Spinning Wheel
By Mrs. D. G. Foss.**

In extacy [sic] let others praise
The organ's lofty peal;
To me there is no music like
The dear old spinning wheel.

Its gentle buzzing greets my ear
With a soft, lulling sound,
Like the faint echoes of the woods
Where waterfalls resound.

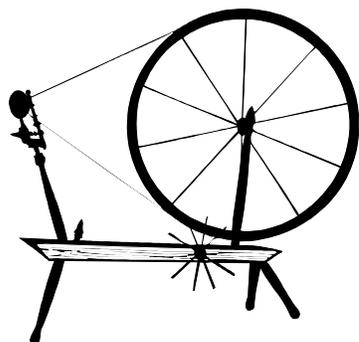
How many memories of the past,
Clust'ring round it cling;
And make it round my throbbing heart
A dear time-honored thing!

Our mother, ere the household band
Had left the household hearth,
Mingled the music of the wheel
With many an evening's mirth.

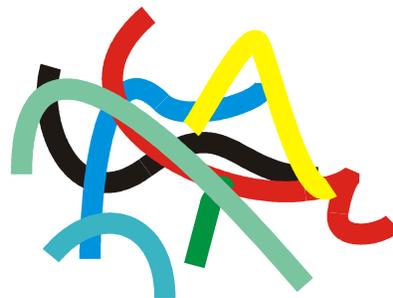
And later in her green old age,
She rung out many a chime—
Rising and falling with each step,
Her cap border beat time.

She taught us that our lives must be
Like the uneven thread;
Peace to her ashes! for she sleeps
Now with the silent dead.

As soon the spinning wheel will pass,
Its music soon be o'er—
Oh! who'll appreciate its worth
One generation more?



The following appeared in the AWAD (A Word A Day) e-mails during the week of August 10.



ort

PRONUNCIATION: (ort)

MEANING: noun: A scrap of food left after a meal.

ETYMOLOGY: Of Germanic origin, ultimately from the Indo-European roots ud- (out) and ed- (to eat).

USAGE: "On the table in front of him was a plate, a few orts of supper nosed round by a pair of cats." Bill Mesce Jr; Officer of the Court; Bantam Books; 2002.

The following appeared in the AWAD feedback sent out on Sunday.

AWADmail Issue 372
August 16, 2009

A Weekly Compendium of Feedback on the Words in A.Word.A.Day and Tidbits about Words and Language

From: Monique Reed (monique mail.bio.tamu.edu)
Subject: Re: A.Word.A.Day--ort
Def: A scrap of food left after a meal.

Needleworkers often use "ort" to describe the little bit of thread left in the needle after the work is done, a piece too small to be used for anything else. These can be corralled in an ort port, a jar, or other vessel, so that they do not stray onto clothing and so the cat does not eat them. Some stitchers I know use the clear, hollow Christmas tree ornaments as ort ports -- the finished ornament, with all of its colorful and/or shiny bits, becomes a reminder and record of what was stitched during the year.

Websites of Interest

How I Built a Spinning Wheel Out of Cardboard

<http://www.rabbitgeek.com/charka.html>



Card Weaving Patterns

<http://www.theloomybin.com/cw/braids.html>

<http://www.weavershand.com/>

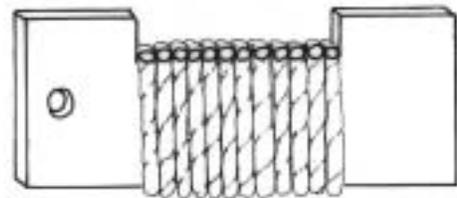
WPI

Explanations and illustrations for calculating wraps per inch.

<http://www.spindlicity.com/spring2006/wpi.shtml>

<http://www.heartstringsfiberarts.com/wpi.shtm>

<http://www.woolfestival.com/articles/WPI.htm>



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