



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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April Newsletter 2022
Next Meeting
May 16, Monday, 2022
Social Time 9:30-10:00
In-person Meeting at
King of Glory Lutheran Church
4897 Longhill Road, Williamsburg



April 18, 2022 Guild Meeting

JCC Rec Center meeting room C

Attendees: Marsha R, Tina P, Rosemary T, Judy M. Debbie R. Claudia M, Cindy F, Ginger F, Kathy K, Ingrid K, Sandi P. David,

Dave called the meeting to order 10 am.

New member: David. Welcome!

Treasury: \$4076.62. Tax form filed, thank you Kathy!!

HGA Tea with Textiles sponsor discussion: \$150 for sponsoring 1 session. Guild voted yes to do this. Discussion about who to sponsor resulted in possibility of the Colonial Williamsburg Weaving shop. Maybe Liz can give us some guidance here. Karen Clancy (director of the weaving shop) and/or Pam Howard could talk about the CW weaving program. Or maybe Pam could talk about her Master Weaver certificate. Need to talk with Pam first - and Karen before deciding and sending the money to HGA. Sandi is going to check with HGA first for a list.

Community Demos coming up

Peace Hill Farm Fall Fiber Arts and Crafts Festival, November 5, 2022. Louise Wood is the contact person for Peace Hill Farm. So far, we have 3 people volunteering to be the guild contact go between: Lorraine H, Kris W and Ingrid K. Thanks to all 3 of you. The guild voted to do a booth - which has a fee of \$60 - with guild members selling their work there. We will also make up some cardboard loom kits to sell for \$10 each. We definitely need to make certain we are inside the barn/chicken coop and not outside in a tent. Our going to this event depends on if we can get inside the barn/chicken coop.

Request for a spinning/weaving demo at the JCC History Camp in August 2022. Judy Kinshaw-Ellis is the person contacting the guild. The Living History Camp will run August 8-11,2022. Here's the info from Judy:

Our Living in History Camp is August 8 to 11. It runs from 8:30 am to noon and is at the Interpretive Center in Freedom Park.

Tuesday or Wednesday are the better days for you to come. Last year, the kids all wore masks inside and were pretty good about it. County policy has been very good, but I know that they are not currently wearing masks inside. I, however, will most likely be masked inside and we will comply with the wishes of whomever comes to demonstrate weaving. The last time, I think three women came and talked the the

kids about fibers, spinning, and weaving. The campers loved it. Many said that it was their favorite thing all week.

Marsha, Liz and Ingrid did this a few years ago and had a good time!!

Do we have any volunteers to demo weaving and or spinning on either Tuesday Aug 9 or Wednesday Aug 10?

Go Green in Newport News (September) looks like it may be virtual again this year due to Covid. Will keep an eye on that.

Will keep an eye on the Toano festival in the fall as well; High Fiber Festival.

Will think about doing the Williamsburg Farmers Market. More discussion next month.

Rosemary T and Cindy F will do a weaving demo in August at the Southampton Co Fairgrounds.

Possibility: the three coordinator volunteers for Peace Hill may be able to coordinate Peace Hill and the History Camp, and keep an eye on Go Green for us. Cindy will work on pulling that together with the 3 wonderful guild member volunteers.

Birthdates (month & day only) used to be posted in the guild newsletter. Discussion about going back to that in the future newsletters. Selma W has a significant birthday coming up in May. Selma has also taken a fall recently, and has hurt her back.

Josephine Estes Miniature Overshot Study Group will be doing a round 2 to finish up the book 1&2 samples. So far, we have 13 people interested in participating, with a few more folks left to answer. The date for the 2nd set of samples exchange will be February 2023.

Challenge for 2022 - December guild meeting. Discussion of how to make the cards, size, seeing if the guild can purchase a batch in bulk. Some examples were shown thanks to Ingrid for bringing them! See photos in the show and tell section. All of the past cards

are marvelous examples of different techniques possible, weaving, spinning, knitting, tatting, paper folding and felting.

Our challenge this year will be a set of cards swap. All those participating will need to sign up first, let Cindy know. This will give us a count. Then each person participating will make that many cards, plus a few extra for sets to share with a few special presenters the following year. Email will be going out soon.

Discussion on Cindy's presentation in Aug on direct warping of a rigid heddle loom. Cindy offered to show warping via pedestrian dish cloth/pot scrubbers vs using up bits of leftover yarn soup in an artistic arrangement. Leftover yarn soup won! So, the rigid heddle warping program in August will be how she uses little bits of leftover (or unusual) yarns to warp her looms. This technique will be shown on the rigid heddle loom, but also works on floor looms as well - remembering a few basic techniques.

Dave has a guild rigid heddle loom to loan out - contact him to arrange for use.

Location for in person meetings: next month's meeting - May- will be held for the first time at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Road in Williamsburg. We will meet there for May, June, July and August this year (so far). We will need to find a meeting space for Sept, Oct and Nov as well, due to the election season this year. Along with this, we will need to start paying \$25 per meeting at JCC Rec center. Next month in May, we will check out King of Glory's meeting room, and see if we want to move there full time. We will also need to pay King of Glory \$25 per meeting. More to follow! Remember, thanks to Dave, and to MAFA, the Zoom meeting will be going on as well. And thanks to Kathy to arranging the meeting space.

Next month's Program: Hiding the fold- Double Weave - double width with Sandi Petty. Sandi will show us how to successfully weave a double width piece on a multi shaft loom. She will bring a table loom for illustration. A few different methods for hiding the fold will be discussed. Cindy will bring a rigid heddle loom warped for double weave so the rigid heddle weavers can see how double weave looks/works on a rigid heddle loom.

Show and Tell

Marsha - cotton and chenille bath mat. Made from sugar and cream cotton (very linty) and chenille. Wonderful thick and cushy bath mat. She also found some mini easels for small cool weavings.

Claudia - covering a measuring tape with wool, beads, embroidery. Jazzes up a measuring tape.

Rosemary - 10 woven towels using lots of bobbin leftovers. Cool!

Judy - Multicolor Strickler #728 out of Tencel. Several Tencel scarves out of an undulating twill. Towels with illusions (love them or hate them pattern). Turned twill towels. Beautiful hand spun, hand knit shawls with a merino silk blend. Amazing as always Judy!

Debbie has a display of potholders hanging on walls now. Tiny works of art. Cool and very useful!

Cindy - a Japanese knot bag using leftover fabrics for handles and lining, and a piece of weaving for the body of the bag. Also, a small piece of overshoot in an embroidery hoop for an ornament.

Ginger: red chenille shawl. End of warp experiment as well.

Sandi: tunic woven with 20/2 cotton from Japan. 2 wool rugs with card weaving edges. As usual Sandi, all are a wow!

Program: Members Best of Ideas

Sandi's idea: card weaving to start weaving on a warp weighted loom. Ingrid is borrowing the Tavern's large warp weight loom. Sandi's hint is to use weighted bobbins for card weaving to help with the twist.

Cindy's idea: Centering ruler drawn with sharpie on the base of the reeds. Also, the LeClerc end free shuttle is a bulldozer of a shuttle. Works quite well for counter-march or counter-balance looms.

Kathy: dog comb for a tapestry beater.

Ginger: Lavender Baby shampoo for wet finishing weavings. Low residue so washes out easily, plus a nice lavender scent.

David (welcome to the guild!): using a cone thread stand used for sewing machines, to wind off yarn as a warp holder. Showed adjustment to add for the increased size of weaving yarn cones compared to the sewing thread cones.

Rosemary: shoe strings in different colors - helps with tying up various misbehaving parts on a loom! Measuring tapes for measuring babies - 40" long, write project ideas right on the tape. Keep the tape in with project notes.

Blue painter's tape for corralling misbehaving threads until they can be put in their place!

Cable ties - Velcro - helps hold things up - like a metal rod lashed onto a wooden rod, etc.

scissors tip: buy a bunch of kids scissors from the dollar tree and have them all around the weaving room. They'll cut threads just fine.

Tina: washes wool in the shower with shampoo when she takes a shower. She uses buckets from the dollar store. One bucket has holes which is inside another bucket that doesn't have holes. Shampoo works great to use on the wool.

Tina is teaching spinning feathers into regular (feather free) wool. Plus, how to dye the feathers. She'll be teaching this for Curious Mondo. She'll also be teaching an herbal salve class at the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center. Wow Tina!

Judy: measuring ribbon tape cut into 1-yard lengths. This works for her scarves, because they are 2-yard scarves, so re-pinning for the second yard is easy to remember. Also use 2 pins, and leapfrog the pins over top of each other. Adhesive measuring tape - taped to the beater bar. Great ideas.

Claudia: bent embroidery scissors that have a bend in them to make the threads easy to trim. 2 needle threaders. Puffin and Co in California - magnetic regular needle threader and micro needle threader.

Everyone did a marvelous job-sharing ideas. We have such excellent members!



Guess who has been happy since decorating her home with her "pot-holder" experiments? Marsha had SO much fun weaving a with bath mat with fluffy cotton yarn!



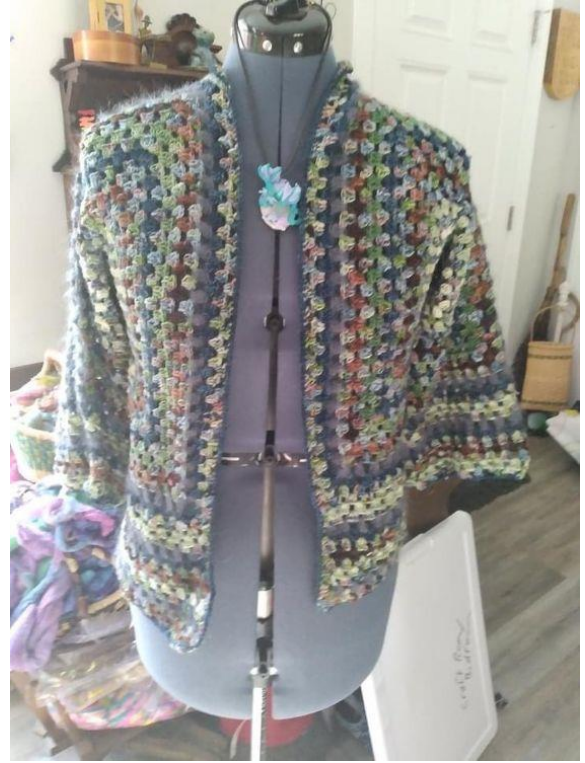
Nice close-up Debbie! And Dee has been quietly spinning one-of-a-kind yarns!



So many pictures, not enough space! Below are some card examples, however not so easy to see... perhaps those of us participating will see more detail on our email.



Cindy created her own Japanese Knot bag and overshot ornament! And Tina is working her way into an art project a day since January!



Frontispiece: close-up of card showing spindle. Ingrid is demonstrating Norwegian Weaving on this (massive) warp weighted loom!

