



## Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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### July Newsletter 2022

Next Meeting  
August 15, 2022  
Social Time 9:30-10:00  
In-person Meeting  
ZOOM Meeting 10:00-12:00



**WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD**  
**JULY 18, 2022 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting held 7/18/22, at 10:00 AM on ZOOM video call and at King of Glory Lutheran Church. Special Thanks to MAFA for making the ZOOM program available to its member guilds. Meeting brought to order by President and ZOOM guru Dave Banks.

**AUGUST:** We will be meeting both in person at the King of Glory Lutheran Church, AND over ZOOM.

**2022 ZOOM Meeting ID: 844 9640 0274** Passcode: **318420** TIME: 9:50 AM TO 12:30 PM

King of Glory Lutheran Church TIME: 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM, 4897 Longhill Road, Williamsburg, VA

Attendees: Meeting: Cindy, Dave B., Goodie, Tina, Ingrid, Jamie L., Claudia, Pam P., Liz, Lisa D, David P.

Zoom: Marsha, Debbie, (apologies if I missed anyone!)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MINUTES:** Accepted.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** We have \$4,116.62.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**August 10:** James City County History Camp, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM (ish). Point of Contact is Judy Kinshaw-Ellis. Liz & Tina to start with Fiber & Spinning (maybe Liz's shearable sheep!); Kathy, Dave, David to talk about weaving, maybe demonstrate Quickie Bracelet Cardboard looms (David to bring/donate plastic tapestry needles?). The Bracelet Cardboard Looms might be a fast, fun way of introducing youngsters to weaving. It just requires 2 colors of yarn, scissors, a piece of cardboard about 8-10" x 2", and a plastic dull-pointed tapestry needle. No setup required! (Except cutting some cardboard!)

**November 5:** Peace Hill Farm Fiber Craft Festival. We will be located inside the Dining Room of the main house. Better temperature, but fewer visitors? Available space uncertain.

**PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS:**

**August:** Use up Leftover Yarns! Demo on Rigid Heddle on techniques to use up lovely leftover yarns in your weaving (can be used on harness looms, too!)

**September:** Pockets! Wall pockets, Loom Pockets, Spinning Wheel Pockets, Project Pockets, etc. How do you organize your most-used tools to be near you as you work on your projects?

**December:** Cindy shared supplies for the "Christmas Fiber Card Swap." The finished cards will be shared with each other at the Christmas Holiday Party/Meeting.

If you have any ideas for other Programs, or want to share your knowledge about doing new or interesting projects or techniques, or would like to request a Zoom class with a cool instructor, please share with Cindy and Tina.

**OLD BUSINESS: NEW BUSINESS:**

Tina may be sending out a survey to find out who spins, weaves, felts, or other crafts. This will help us plan future programs and workshops to better suit all of our members. (Also, a good opportunity to suggest ideas for future programs, and topics & teachers for possible workshops, so put on your thinking caps!)

**MAFA:** MAFA has decided to hold their next 2023 conference without online classes. It will all be interactive in-person seminars and classes. (So much fun!) HOWEVER (drum roll!), they will start holding monthly online classes! You can peruse their website for offerings, and to sign up for whichever classes you desire! Remember, if you are a member of our guild, you are a member of MAFA!

### SHOW AND TELL

**Ingrid** made some delightful Krogbragd mug rugs with 10/2 cotton warp and worsted weft. (Program idea for Tina/Sandy/Cindy?) This is a weft-faced fabric, so the weaver might need a loom with a strong beater?)

**David** suggested an ingenious hack: Use those little razor blade letter openers to cut your yarn! They are usually small, with a dull plastic point that slides under the envelope flap, but the blade is protected inside the flat opener. They are great to slide along the loom beam to cut off the looped warp, or to safely pack inside a small project bag. These could be great to safely use at our demos!

**Marsha** showed us a beautiful bag that she wove with beads!! She also wove the straps, so sparkly and pretty!!

**Kris** has gotten hooked on the 6" square Pin Looms, and has made 4 squares so far!

**Liz** demonstrated how to use 8-10" x 2" cardboard to weave quick bracelets, for youngsters to weave and take home. She wrapped a yarn 4 or 5 times around the cardboard (8-10") length, and tied it with a bow on the back. This is the warp. She took another piece of contrasting yarn, threaded on a dull tapestry needle, and wrapped it a few times around all of the yarn on the front to secure the end. Then use the needle to weave it back and forth, as much as desired. You could use a plastic fork to beat it down, but she used the needle to beat it. The youngster would do all of these steps if they are older, or with help if they are younger. They could weave for the full length of one side of the cardboard, or for a few passes, just until they start to get bored or distracted. Then wrap the weft yarn around all of the warp yarns 3-5 times, and then through that knot of wrapped yarns to the end to secure it. Untie the warp yarn on the back, and cut the warps on the back, to make even fringe. Trim any long ends, and use the warp yarns to tie their bracelet around their wrists! We'll have to try this out at a few events to see if this will work at our demos.

### PROGRAM: MAKE CARDBOARD LOOMS

Since many of our members were at the HGA Convergence in Tennessee, we took this opportunity to make a few dozen Cardboard Looms to sell at Peace Hill Farm, and to use as demonstrations at other events that might come up. We really had fun, chatting and measuring and taping and warping and sorting and bagging up the kits! **Many heartfelt thanks** to those who gathered and prepped the items before the meeting, and to all of those who participated at the meeting! Truly, many hands make light work!

### WSWG CALENDAR:

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Every Month on the third Monday, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM We are so thankful to have so many volunteers to teach us new and inspiring ideas! We will be meeting both in person at the King of Glory Lutheran Church, AND over ZOOM.

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Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

**EVENING SIP AND CHATS:** Every Month on the last Wednesday, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
ZOOM Meeting ID: **835 4617 9735** Passcode: **984086** Aug 31, Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec 28

**AFTERNOON SIP AND CHATS:** Every Month on the second Tuesday, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
ZOOM Meeting ID: **832 4236 3608**, Passcode: **940409** Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13

**SPIN-IN ZOOM:** Every Month on the second Wednesday, 1:00 PM,  
ZOOM Meeting ID: 834 369 9744, Passcode: 1Tujh6 Look for emails from Dee S ([fuz####@cox.net](mailto:fuz####@cox.net)) for updates or direct link. (I only listed part of the email address to foil any evil email grabbers.)  
Aug 10, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14

### **UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS:**

**HGA TEXTILES & TEA**, every Tuesday, 4:00 PM EST to 5:00 PM EST:

“The Handweavers Guild of America Inc. is excited to announce their new program, Textiles & Tea. Google “HGA Textiles & Tea” or go to <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/> to browse & register. Check out our own Pam Howard holding a session soon!

### **Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Membership:**

If you would like to join the Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, please check our website for a membership form, ([www.williamsburgspinweave.org](http://www.williamsburgspinweave.org)) and print and mail it with your \$20 dues to: Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, PO BOX 2086, Williamsburg, VA 23187-2086  
Sorry, we have no PayPal, online or credit card options at this time. We welcome all Fiber Artists, beginners to experienced, in person or online! One good thing about the challenges of 2020 & 2021 is the creation of ways to allow online members to become new friends!

**Pictures!** All present worker BEES! More talk next month on Convergence!





