



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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December 2022 Newsletter
Next Meeting Monday
January 16, 2023
Social Time 9:30-10:00
ZOOM Meeting 10:00-12:00



**WILLIAMSBURG SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD
NOV 21, 2022 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting held 12/19/22, 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.

January 16 we will be meeting both in person at the King of Glory Lutheran Church, AND over ZOOM.

NEW ZOOM Meeting ID: 820 9692 0151 Passcode: **261681** 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: Dave B, Cindy F, Kathy K, Liz V., Tina, Kym, Claudia, Dee, Ingrid, Lisa D, Goodie, Janet G, Janet M, Catherine B, Ginger, David P, Kris, Rosemary, Judy M., Jaime
Zoom Attendees: Debbie F, Sandi

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINUTES: Accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT: We received a lot of dues at today's meeting! Hurray!

REMINDER: Start bringing your dues to the meetings! \$20 for next year, but because it takes so much effort to reach out to renewing members who didn't send in dues, we voted recently to enact a \$10 per month penalty for late dues payments, starting on Feb 1st. This won't affect new members who are just joining, they can join anytime of the year. If you can't make it to a meeting, you can mail your 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.

WEBSITE: Dave said our Website/Facebook is ok, and newsletters are posted.

HGA: Check out www.weavespindye.org for more information on the Handweavers Guild of America. Remember, if you are a member of our guild, you are a member of HGA!

MAFA: MAFA has posted the 2023 Conference Registration information on their website. It will all be interactive in-person seminars and classes. (So much fun!) HOWEVER (drum roll!), they are holding monthly online classes! You can peruse their website for offerings. Remember, if you are a member of our guild, you are a member of MAFA, so you can register early, and for better prices!

MAFA has asked member guilds (like us) to make giveaway treats for their 2023 Conference. These are put into gift bags for attendees. We want to make at least as many items as we have members (~44). We have decided that those of us who have inkle looms could make inkle straps for keychains. Cindy has a stash of the fancy keychain hooks, enough for our giveaways, and some for those who help! We have an inkle class coming up in March, and Cindy & Sandi have been emailing information on how long & how wide they will be (1.25" X 10.5-12" finished, no fringe, ends straight-stitched, then glued, then pushed into fob, then crimped (she uses rubber-tipped pliers to crimp the fob ends). Great use for the straps we make in our class, **IF** you participate and want to donate some of your efforts! We will assemble them in April, along with our Overshot Workshop Exchange. If you let Sandi know what kind of yarn you will be using (use stash yarns – don't buy anything!), she'll help you figure out how many yarns wide to make it, to make them 1.25" wide, so they fit in the clips.

We will cut, sew, glue, and crimp when we assemble them in April. No need to do that ahead of time, Cindy will bring the necessary prep tools. Just weave the bands!

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS:

January: Ingrid will talk about Spinning Cotton! I'm so excited about this. We can literally pick free cotton from the side of the road near the Suffolk Cotton Gin, or local field edges (with permission, of course), or buy nice clean bolls or sliver. So cool to learn to spin this soft, short accessible fiber.

February: Tapestry Class **over ZOOM**, by Rebecca Mezzoff! It was tricky to schedule this wonderful teacher, so don't miss it! Please plan to stay a little late to take full advantage of this fascinating class! (We will do the Overshot Exchange in April.) **We decided to do this meeting over Zoom ONLY, so we can all maximize our time with Rebecca. If you can't do Zoom, you have time to arrange to maybe visit with a guild friend to watch together at their house?**

March: Sandi and maybe Cindy will be teaching about Basic Inkle Looming. She'll send out more info later, but if you want to participate, start picking out your yarns, and she can help you plan your project so you'll be ready to go at the meeting.

April: **NOTICE:** The Jacqueline Estes Overshot Exchange will happen in April 2023, not February as originally scheduled. Remember we will need 20 Overshot Samples if you are participating in the exchange. Make sure your selected pattern is registered with Cindy. (Also, bring any small items you might want to dye during the May dyeing demo – Karen will have to mordant them prior to dyeing.)

May: Karen will teach and demo about natural dyeing! We will have to do this outside, and have access to water and heat, but we'll figure out the details. Start thinking now about some small projects you might want to dye! They will have to be mordanted BEFORE the meeting.

June: Boucle Yarns!! Tina will demo how to spin boucle yarns! We'll also discuss how to use boucles in your projects, like weaving, knitting, tapestry, crochet, or felting. Such cool effects!

July: Felted Bracelets! Bring 100% silk scraps, and some towels, and we'll decorate the silk with wool and felt them into fun and beautiful cuff bracelets! Details will be shared closer to the date (who brings electric kettles, mops, etc.).

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 great class with a cool instructor, please share with Tina.

OLD BUSINESS:

Remember to start wearing name-tags in 2023! You will be eligible to win a raffle prize! Tina reminded us that we have lots of new members (and after Covid, some of us have trouble remembering names), so we should try to wear our name tags!!! ZOOM folks could make sure their display ID includes their name. Everyone who wears a name tag/Zoom ID is eligible for a Door Prize at that meeting! Feel free to make an artful name tag to wear!

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy described an online Floor Loom Guild (Jane Stafford) that posts new weaving information, project ideas, and amazing research every month. It costs \$99 per year to join, but you gain access to all 6 years of posted in-depth research. Cindy, Kathy, Marsha and a few others are joining this year, and plan to pick some of the projects and work on them together as a study group. If you are interested to do the same, please contact

Cindy. Such great information available on this site. There is a 7-day free trial available, if you want to check it out first.

Kathy had some items available for purchase: a 32" Kromski Harp and an Ashford Knitting Loom. Please contact her for more information.

Linda C. has a new round of treatment coming up. Our cards and calls give her a real boost, so keep 'em coming! Also, Barbara Frey would enjoy a cheery card, too.

SHOW AND TELL

Kathy K took a Summer & Winter Workshop Sampler, and then finished the warp off by weaving a runner with her favorites! She also made a lovely Alpaca scarf and Sampler from a free class, and made matching gloves from felted sweaters from the thrift store. She also made gloves for her son from one of his favorite sweaters that was full of holes! Genius!

Tina showed such cute hedgehogs that DJ with fringe yarn, selling for \$10. Such a cute idea for presents!

Rosemary made a lovely Tri-Loom Shawl with wool & acrylic yarn.

Judy was so productive! She made a small sample on one of the studio looms (proof that she really does weave)! She also knitted a lovely sweater with handspun yarn, in a very intricate pattern. And she made a gorgeous Butterfly Shawl (by demand!) from Uneek Papillon Kit/yarn (and Debbie showed a version that Judy had made for her, too!)

Cindy made 31 yards of fabric for placemats for family Christmas presents!!! Same Overshot pattern, many different colors. She also tested out a weaving pattern for Jaime, turned out pretty! Cindy also made a Green Runner in a Reversible Overshot Christmas Trees (and some sample Bookmarks), and matching placemats. And, in her Inkle Loom Group, she made Christmas trees with pickup. Harder than overshot! Yikes! But turned out lovely!

Lisa made a long cowl that looked like stained glass, woven with many colors and patterns, with black separations, with Las Vegas yarn. She also made a beautiful snug cowl.

Claudia raffled off her beautiful gray lace shawl – Merry Christmas to the winner!

Jaime showed her lovely multi color shawl, and also her handspun and knitted hat! She also made a cool woven bag with thrums from other projects, using the Tavern Loom during a class!

Goodie proudly displayed her "Cat phone pillow" [her project from He*!]. She had pin-loomed 33 squares, but the pattern to assemble didn't work as described, so she redesigned the whole pattern, and it came out fantastic!

David P showed a neat Holiday Wall Hanging, with Advent Candles, ribbon, and decoration. He made the flames with pipe cleaners! He also decorated a plain aluminum Snowman, and made a knitted base and braided scarf – so cute!

Sandi made Inkle band straps, and wove a cool crossbody bag/purse in doubleweave, and used dress shirts for the lining, and the shirt pocket as a pocket inside the bag! Such a great idea!

Waste not, want not! We are so good at reusing and recycling items into new treasures!

PROGRAM: CARD EXCHANGE CHALLENGE

This was such a fun challenge. Cindy provided labeled bags, and the participants put one of their 20 cards in each bag (like Valentine's Day!). Then, Cindy pulled one of the bags, and reviewed each card, calling on the maker to describe their samples. So many different techniques and colors and samples. We didn't even get to see all of the samples, because some folks had multiple different techniques for their 20 samples! All of it was fascinating. They ranged from pin loom squares, with embroidery or color & weave patterns or ornaments, to crocheted flowers, to woven Christmas Trees with Peek-a-boo inside the card, to braided candy canes, tapestry, shadow weaves, wet felted pictures, woven overshot patterns, pin loom bookmarks...

So many beautiful and fanciful cards! We have such talented folks!

CALENDAR:

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Every Month on the third Monday, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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Sign-Up Sheet for Snacks at Monthly Meeting: (We need volunteers!)

January: Sweet: Lisa; Savory; Ellen

February: ZOOM Meeting only!

Check your emails from Cindy for ZOOM meeting ID & Passcode changes!

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**

2023: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 30, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Dec 27

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**

2023: Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12

SPIN-IN ZOOM: Every Month on the second Wednesday, 1:00 PM,

ZOOM Meeting ID: **834 369 9744**, Passcode: **1Tujh6**

2023: Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13

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 for FREE Zoom attendance. If you register, you can also see the recorded session if you miss the live version. You can look up past sessions on their Facebook page, too! So check out our recorded Karen Clancy and Pam Howard (Dec 6).

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) and print and mail it with your \$20 dues to: Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, PO BOX 2086, Williamsburg, VA 23187-2086
Or, bring the form and cash or check to the next meeting!
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We welcome all Fiber Artists, beginners to experienced, in person or online, and all spinners, weavers, felters, knitters, crocheters, or anyone who likes to play with fuzzy fibers! One good thing about the challenges of 2020 & 2021 is the creation of ways to allow online members to become new friends!

Goodbye 2022 Show and Tell:

Congrats to the new weaving students at the Heathsville Tavern! The Beginning Weaving class is taught by several of our members, (like Judy and Sandi!) And you all know how Judy can charm us into loving her shawls!



Jaime wowed us with her handwoven colorful twill bag! Then she sent a photo of her warm hat, made with her own hand spun yarn! Love the purple.



David created this handsome Advent wreath and Tina showed the adorable hedgehogs her daughter made.



Lisa knitted her way into the Hall of Fiber Fame! Such a good smile! Ingrid wove exquisite cloth towels!



Rosemary wove on her triangle loom variegated yarn, after Kathy's talk last November! Goodie designed pin loom squares to build a charming cat sculpture!



Cindy created works of love for her family! Beautiful and enchanting works of art.



Kathy charmed us with her hand-stitched felted presents for family. And still had time to weave a beautiful Summer and Winter table runner after taking a class!



Sandi work was an expression of love! What a seamstress!



We sure did enjoy those adorable cards we exchanged!



Our condolences to Lisa, who recently lost her dad.