



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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January Newsletter 2023
Next Meeting
February 20 Monday, 2023
ZOOM Meeting 10:00-12:00
Only



January 16, 2023 MTG Minutes

January 16, 2023 / 9:30am to 12:30pm / King of Glory
Lutheran Church / 4897 Longhill Road, Williamsburg, VA /
ROOM 313

ATTENDEES

Liz V., David P., Dave B, Cindy F, Tina, Kym H., Ingrid, Goodie, Ellen R, Janet, Janie L., Janet M., Ginger F., Selma, D.J. P. Zoom Attendees: Cindy F, Debbie F, Sandi, Dee, Linda A., Claudia, Marsha, Judy M, Kris W, Janet.

Welcome to our guests Sara McCourt and Kay Packard

Old Business

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tina accepted dues at today's meeting! Hurray!
- **REMINDER:** Dues are \$20 for the year; *dues will go up if you pay after February 1st to \$30 as penalty for late dues payments.* This won't affect new members who are just joining.
 - New members are welcome 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.
<https://williamsburgspinweave.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2549723381705895>
- **HGA:** Check out <http://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!
- Continue wearing name-tags to all WSWG events. Tina reminded even the Zoom people should have names displayed. Handmade name tags encouraged.

New Business

- January: Ingrid gave a history and demonstration about Spinning Cotton! Details below.
- Kay Packard, retired art teacher and weaver, had some weaving goodies for sale
- Name tag drawing winner was Sara M., she won a set of lamp work stitch markers made by Mike Parman
- Tina has recommended we hold Show & Tell after the meeting program to not rush the the class or program. We did that at this meeting and it worked well.
- Reminder March 6th, 2023 9:30am Class held at Beaverdam Park Lodge organized by Cindy. This is a potluck. Please bring something to share. There is no fee for this event.

Look for an email with all the details soon. If you need a rigid Heddle loom some members have one that is available for borrowing.

<https://www.gloucesterva.info/497/Beaverdam-Park>

- The Maryland Sheep and wool festival is just around the corner. May 6th & 7th, 2023. <https://sheepandwool.org>
- Bay School Fiber Event coming up. Deadline to sign up is January 20th so hurry. Email with additional information to come. https://www.bayschool-arts.com/pages/gallery-events-2023?_pos=1&_sid=14ffb998b&_ss=r

Programs and Workshops

- **February 20th:** *Tapestry Class over ZOOM, by Rebecca Mezoff!* It was tricky to schedule this wonderful teacher, so do not 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.
- **March 20th:** 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 17th:** 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 15th:** 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 19th:** Boucle Yarns!! Tina will demo how to spin boucle yarns! We'll also discuss how to use bouclé's in your projects, like weaving, knitting, tapestry, crochet, or felting. Such cool effects!
- **July 17th:** Felted Bracelets! Bring 100% silk scraps, and some towels, and we'll decorate the silk with wool and wet felt them into fun and beautiful cuff bracelets! Details will be shared closer to the date (who brings electric kettles, mops, etc.).

Ideas for future Programs are welcome. Do you want to share your knowledge on interesting projects or techniques? If you know of a great class with a cool instructor, please share with Tina.

Snack Sign Up

- **March 20th- Sweet / David P Savory / Ginger**
- **April 17th- Sweet / Ingrid Savory / Janie**
- **May 15th- Sweet / Goodie Savory /?**
- **June 19th- Sweet / Ellen Savory / Janet**
- **July 17th- Sweet /? Savory /?**

January Meeting

Thank you, Ingrid, for sharing your excellent knowledge about the history of spinning cotton. There was a demonstration on how to roll Punis and then spin the cotton from Puni form. Ingrid brought in four different spinning methods and demonstrated them all. She brought a Talki supported spindle, an E-spinner, a spinning wheel and a very special Charkha by Johnathon Boswoth. <https://bosworthspindles.com>
 Ingrid explained you need to spin cotton on very loose tension and at a high ratio. The higher the better, such as you have with a walking wheel. There was discussion on growing cotton in natural color, white, brown, green and red. Different colors require different environments. Sally Fox is a cotton farmer with many years of experience. <https://fibershed.org/producers/sally-fox/> I have read the book Fibershed and highly recommend it.

Show & Tell

- David- Binder and sleeves to old the cards swapped at the December Meeting
- Ingrid- woven Towels
- Experienced Janet- Wet felted Hat with beads and embroidery, Handspun and Knit Shawl she received from Dee.
- Janie- Sweater knit with handspun yarn
- Goodie- Woven purse with felt flower, it is lined with a pocket that has a sweet little heart embroidered inside.
- D. J.- Hand knit hedgehogs
- Cindy- shawl with beads and 31 yards of handwoven fabric to make placemats and table runners for all her nieces.

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Show and Tell 2023

Debbie experimented with natural cotton towels! Easy to see those fascinating colors! And Ingrid gave us such a good talk on spinning cotton! On our frontispiece she shows her Charkha spinning wheel. Next photo, she presents her natural cotton towels.



Ingrid's demonstrations continued with an E-spinner and her traveling wheel!



Liz volunteered her knowledge of the *pencil box spinner*! David delighted us with his notebook collection of our exchange cards! Fantastic!



Janet displayed her felted hat with thoughts of Monet's garden! And Goodie presented a fabulous woven bag with purple sparkles in the eyelash yarn!



Goodie finished her sculpture Gnome! He is so adorable! Janie wore her knitted hand-spun wool sweater! She has been very busy! Next, she re-spun an old roving arm knitted blanket! Amazing artists we have in our guild!





Cindy sent in photos fo her teal and black cotton *color and weave* sampler shawl as well as her *color and weave*, wool and alpaca 'gamp". Awesome!



