



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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January Newsletter 2024
Next Meeting, February 19, 2024

Social Time 9:30-10:00
In-person Meeting,
ZOOM Meeting 10:00-12:00



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January 15th, 2023 / 9:30am to 12:00pm/ King of Glory Lutheran Church / 4897 Longhill Road,
Williamsburg, VA / **ROOM 313**

Attendees

Brian Kross (Guest) Kym Hretz, David Plunkett, Ingrid Kross, Janet Andersen, Claudia Melgaard, Lisa Draper, Cindy French, Kathy Kuhn, Ginger Flynn, Jill Barrass, Tina Christensen-Parman, Sara McCourt, Linda Adamchak, Dee Smith, Elizabeth Bunch, Liz Vonasek, Janie Lembke, Micki Pugh

Zoom- Karen Clancy, Rosemary, Linda Coppinger, Rosemary Tippet, Kris Wessler, Sandi Petty, Janet Griffin,

REMINDER: Purchases made through the following links give a kickback to our guild for purchases made. [Woolery.com](https://www.woolery.com) and [Halcoyn.com](https://www.halcoyn.com)

Website/Facebook: and newsletters are posted. <https://williamsburgspinweave.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2549723381705895>

Old Business

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy reported we have over \$6015.11 in our account. Dues for 2024 are \$20 now through January 31st. If you have not paid please mail a check payable to WSWG to PO Box 2086 Williamsburg, VA. 23187 After January 31st dues go up \$10 each month after. Please bring cash or check to the January meeting for the best value.

- **Possible Programs 2024: "Thinking out Loud"** BeaverDam 2 times on the 3rd Monday, Dying, felting, Scandinavian Cross, CD Snowflakes, Transparency weaving
- **Grants:** There are many grants available through [MAFA](#) and [HGA](#) We are hoping to get a small group together to delve into the grants to find a good match and then write the grants themselves.
 - **MAFA Grants:** Successful applicants will propose a project that advances one or more of MAFA's objectives:
 - to promote education in the fiber arts
 - to plan, organize and conduct fiber arts conferences and
 - to facilitate communication among member guilds
 - **HGA Grants:** they have 3 types
 - **Silvio and Eugenia Petrini Grant-** Established in 1994 to honor Silvio and Eugenia Petrini, longtime supporters of HGA and the fiber arts community, this fund makes a grant of \$300 per individual. The application is open to HGA members for study in a non-accredited fiber art program of any skill level.
 - **Mearl K. Gable II Memorial Grant-** Established in 2000 to honor Mearl K. Gable II, a generous supporter of the Weavers Guild of the North Shore, Inc. (WGNS) and the fiber art community, this fund awards grants in the

amounts of \$100 or more per applicant. The application is open to all HGA members for study in a non-accredited fiber art program of any skill level (not including the Certificate of Excellence program or any certified program) and may be used for research and studies connected with the fiber arts. Within six months of completing the studies, the recipient will be required to make a report to the WGNS either in person or by video, slides, notebook and samples, etc.

- **Teach-It-Forward Grant**-Funded by the donations to HGA's Fiber Trust, this Grant awards \$500 each year. The application is open to HGA members who teach beginning weavers or spinners in a private studio, shop or school; who are bringing new people to the craft; and who have an innovative plan or proposal.
- **Name Tag Drawing:** Claudia received a hand felted angel/fairy Janet will receive hers at the next meeting when she is in person attendance.

New Business

- **Motions:**
 - December meeting minutes passed. Motioned Cindy, 2nd Tina
 - Audit: Kathy requested an audit of the books. Motioned Kym 2nd Dave. Sarah and Tina will work out a date to perform an audit. Last audit performed 2019.
 - New Challenge theme; Virginia motioned by Sarah 2nd Elizabeth Bunch
- **Meeting Date Changes:**
 - May 20th will move to Thursday, May 16th, 10am-? at Beaver Dam Park, Potluck, Scandinavian Star, Theo Morman Design, Historian Library organization
 - September 16th to Thursday September 12th, 10am-? At Beaver Dam Park, Potluck, Small felt purse, E-spinner or Nano spinner
- MAFA report Sandi Petty:
 - January 23-The Lost Flock Book Group Discussion
 - January 27-The Lost Flock author talk with Jane Cooper
 - March 1-Deadline to submit workshop proposals for MAFA 202
- **Challenge for 2024:** Virginia any type of project featuring the state of Virginia
- **Website:** Dave will add Kym to the website as soon as able to help keep things current and add minutes to it
- **New Members/Visitors:** Welcome Brian Kross
- **Historian Library:** David is trying to go through and organize, catalog and decide what should be kept and how. Such as what needs to be digitized and what should remain physical. He will bring the library in May to Beaver Dam. A small group can work together so it isn't all on Dave.
- **Birthdays:** Dave, David and Janet Griffin
- **Health Update:** Pam Howard is receiving a less invasive Chemo which she says doesn't make her feel as bad as the other one did. She is in good spirits and hopes she will be able to travel a bit.

- **Zoom:** Thank you MAFA for making this possible. **Good for two weeks from the date of meeting.** Cindy has emailed the list of dates and login and password. Dee will continue to email the sit and spin reminders
- **Next Meeting:** February 19th, King of Glory

Programs

- Dee will email a list of programs May and September are established and listed above

Snack Sign Up

- February 19th- **Sweet** / Dee **Savory** / Kathy
- March 18th- **Sweet** / Janie **Savory** / Elizabeth Bunch
- April 15th- **Sweet** / Goodie **Savory** / Janet G
- May 16th- **Potluck at Beaver Dam**

Links for Show and Tell and other Noteworthy Things

- **Bayeux Tapestry:** Embroidery by Anna-Marie, a replica of a section from the [Bayeux Tapestry](#).
- **Vest Shawl Pattern:** Crocheted By Tina [Ravelry](#) or [Etsy](#)
- New store awareness **Liberty Hill Needle Works** the [website](#) is a work in progress but has the address and hours posted

Show and Tell

Janet A. wore her attractive sweater to the meeting. The mohair she spun from her own goats! Fair Hope in Ravelry. Sara constructed her shawl with her own hand-spun yarn; and the alpaca and cormo blue she dyes with indigo, (from her backyard). We are AMAZING



Janie crocheted these handsome market bags from cotton yarns.



Cindy is weaving a Janet Dawson tea towel named "Christmas Tree." She also wove the blue poncho with cotton, linen and wool. It is our handsome frontispiece. Janet G. felted some more of the tiny wool pouches. Cute!



Congratulations to our new officers!! President, Liz; Vice-presidents, Ingrid, and Dee; Secretary, Kym; Treasurer, Kathy; Historian, David P. Librarian, Goodie; newsletter, Janet G.

We deeply appreciate the outgoing officers!! Dave, Tina, Judy!!