



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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January Newsletter 2026
Next Meeting
Monday February 9, 2026
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Williamsburg, VA
10:00-12:00
9:30 Set-up



Always in our hearts;
Natalie Canfield, Pam Howard,
Selma Moore and Jane Gustafson

WSWG Minutes January 12, 2026

King of Glory Lutheran Church

Attendees: Elizabeth Bunch, Sara McCourt, Claudia Melgaard, Lexie Hamley, Cindy French, Caron Veynar, Janet Andersen, Tina Christensen-Parman, Liz Vonasek, Ann Buran, David Plunkett, Sandy Voll, Ingrid Kross, Doreen Parkensky, Linda Coppinger, Janet Griffin, Janet Mathews, Kathy Kuhn, Dee Smith, Kate Swanson, and Christine Tompkins.

2026 Executive Board: President Sara McCourt

Vice President and Programs Tina Christensen-Parman

Treasurer Kathy Kuhn

Secretary Elizabeth Bunch

Sunshine and Newsletter Janet Griffin

Hospitality Caron Veynar

Computer Cindy French

The meeting was called to order by Sara McCourt at 10:04 am. A motion was made to approve November's minutes by Janet Griffin and seconded by Cindy French.

Sara explained the change to the meeting date due to church policy change regarding federal holidays.

Treasurer Report: The Guild has \$10,898.31. Due to the cancellation of the December meeting, there is a dues extension until the February meeting. After that meeting the dues will go up incrementally by five dollars for returning members.

Programs: Tina will be sending around a sign up for the Planning Committee. Please email or hand Tina a note with suggestions or requests. Tina Suggested John Marshall, an indigo dyer as a possible program or workshop, possibly coordinating with one of the retreats if hands on or on line. Planning committee will meet briefly after potluck.

Janet Andersen will reserve a space for the April Meeting at Chippokes and Dee Smith will reserve Beaver Dam in the fall.

Sara suggested Quarterly breakout meetings based on interests.

Sunshine Report: December Birthdays: Sara McCourt, Pam Frank, and Rosemary Tippit.

Posthumously Pam Howard and Natalie Canfield.

January Birthdays: Janet Griffin, David Plunkett, Angela A., Lauren Woomer, and Doreen Smith.

Website: Sara updated meeting changes.

This concluded Old Business.

New Business:

February Meeting would fall on a federal holiday, so we could either meet on the 9th or the 23rd. A vote was held and the meeting will be held on the 9th of February. There are no other meeting dates in 2026 that are federal holidays, and we will pre plan for next year in the fall.

A sign-up sheet was passed for the Inkle loom study group.

Sandy Voll asked if there was a way to find experts on various craft disciplines within the guild. A hand count of weavers, spinner, knitters, crocheters, dyers, felters and beaders was done. The possibility of adding a cell to the roster with space for disciplines was suggested but not brought to a vote or discussed at length.

Tina will go back to having a “wore a nametag” prize drawing at some meetings.

This concluded the Business meeting.

At 10:30 am the presentation of the 2025 Challenge projects and show and tell began.

The 2025 Challenge was to use materials and tools from Guild Members who have passed in a memorial project. A 2026 Challenge has not been determined yet.

Planning Committee Notes:

At the conclusion of the potluck, members of the planning committee gathered to brainstorm and plan. Tina will email a list of ideas to the committee.

Funding for programs was discussed. Setting up a zoom meeting for the planning committee was discussed.

The February Program will be Branch Weaving. Participants will need to bring sturdy, forked (think slingshot) branches and yarn scraps. The meeting concluded.

Secretary's Note: there has been no snack sign-up sheet passed for the upcoming year. I will send out an email. We have a MAFA report here. Thanks to Linda C.

Report from MAFA for January 2026 Meeting

1. Linda Coppinger is filing in as MAFA rep for Sandi, who moved to Arizona. Sandi's term will expire in October of 2026, and the Guild will need to select a representative who is willing to serve a two-year term. We should calendar the selection for September so the rep will be in place in October.
2. MAFA is focused on providing education and opportunities to fiber artists of all varieties and interests. They provide classes and lectures on the web, as well as in person. Most of the January events were tied to ROC day, or Distaff Day, celebrated on the day after the twelfth day of Christmas. It is sometimes called St. Distaff's day, although there is no such saint. It is simply the day the women of the Medieval times returned to spinning, after the Holy Days celebrations. (Guess who made all the goodies to eat and cleaned up? Who had time to spin?). For this report I will list the happenings set, so far, for February:
Maryse Giroux. "Block Substitution in Fiberworks"
Tues Feb 3, 7pm
Deborah Jarchow. "Weaving A Rayon Chenille Scarf" (Lecture)
Thurs Feb 5 7pm
Sydney Sogol "Beyond Rectangles: Shaped Edges in Weaving"
Thurs Feb 19, 7pm
Arlette Ngung. "Exploring the Bògòlanfini Tradition Through Natural Dyes and Embellishments"
Sat Feb 21 1pm
3. MAFA sponsors Movie Night the second Wednesday of each month, featuring mostly documentaries about stars of the fiber world, and places of interest in the history of fiber crafts. See the list at "mafafiber.org".
4. MAFA also sponsors a book club on line, for discussion of identified books. See the calendar and titles at "mafafiber.org."
5. Finally, MAFA seeks our help in finding subjects of interest to practitioners (us) , and in finding presenters about such subjects. Anyone willing to provide lectures or demonstrations should be in touch with MAFA. Anyone with requests for classes, likewise. Let me know and I will figure out who to contact for you...Linda C.

Show and Tell comes next!

Amazing! Wondrous! Awe-inspiring! Remarkable! Dazzling! Luscious! Divine! Charming! Precious! Thoughtful! Incredible! Marvelous! We created many memories from our friends; Natalie, Pam, Selma and Jane. We have 18 friends who displayed affection.

Thank you, Sara, Liz B., Lexie, Cindy, Caron, Janet A., Tina, Liz V., David, Ingrid, Doreen, Janet G., Janet M., Christine, Kathy, Dee and Kate.













