



Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

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March Newsletter 2026
Next Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026
Chippokes State Park,
Conference Shelter
Surry, VA
9:30-3:00



Williamsburg Spinner's and Weaver's Guild Minutes

March 16, 2026

Via Zoom

Attendees: Cindy French, Liz Vonasek, Lexie Hamley, Liz bunch, Doreen Parkansky, Dee Smith, Catherine Bond, Janet Griffin, Janet Andersen, Sara McCourt, Linda Adamchak, Kathy Kuhn, Kris Wessler, Gina Goosby (new), Tina Christensen-Parman, Sandy Voll, Caron Veynar, Claudia Melgaard, Ingrid Kross, and Kate Swanson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Sara.

A motion was made by Tina to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter from the February meeting and seconded by Liz V. The motion carried out.

Treasurer's Report: Old Point Bank has been purchased by TowneBank, so the guild account is now through that institution. Taxes have been filed. The account has \$10,844.16. A review of the books will be made by Ingrid at the April meeting.

Kathy suggested that room rental fees for breakout groups or classes be split among the participants. About \$5 per person. Discussion ensued.

Caron suggested seeing how many breakout or class groups we have and base it on volume and void that for this year. We already have at least 3 plans.

Liz B pointed out that although we have money now, we operate at a loss. She is fine with a \$5 fee.

Dee said having money in the bank makes people feel better than not. She is fine with a \$5 fee.

Kate asked if we have a minimum number of participants to make renting a church room worthwhile for breakouts and classes. Five people seem to be cut off.

Cindy does not wish to get paid for her rigid heddle classes. This is her way of giving back to the guild.

Tina asked that we grandfather classes that are already scheduled now at no fee and charge moving forward. This met with expressions of approval.

Liz V asked if there is a limit to the amount we can have as non-profits. Kathy said the limit is \$50,000 before there are tax implications. We are nowhere near that.

Ingrid motioned that the room fee be split among participants for breakouts and classes.

Kate seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sunshine Report: Five Birthdays in March: Claudia, Debbie Rindfleisch, Janet Mathews, Jaime Pierce, and Kate Swanson.

Chippokes: Janet Andersen: The April 20 meeting will be a retreat at Chippokes State Park. We have the Conference Shelter from 9:30 to 3:00. Because the Guild is paying for the use of the Conference Shelter there will not be a parking fee. If the gate is manned, mention the Guild and the Conference Shelter. The gate is unlikely to be manned. Take the second right after the gate and follow the road all the way. The conference center will be on the right, parking to the left. We can pull up to the conference center to unload or if someone has mobility issues. This will be Potluck. Caron will bring the hospitality collection of plates, cups, utensils and serve ware. Dee will bring the coffee pot and filters; Claudia will bring coffee. There is a kitchen with a stove and refrigeration at the Conference Shelter.

Challenge: 20 people responded to the survey Sara sent out, with Black and white +1 color being the winner. Members are encouraged to create something using black, white, and one additional color. We will have our reveal in December. Tina will hold a drawing for participants to win a glass lampwork object made by her husband, Mike.

Williamsburg Library Kid Festival: May 9 from 12:30 to 3:30. This is a convention style event with up to 400 kids, previously well attended. Breakout rooms for kids to do different activities. Activities can be age-related, for a specific amount of time, etc. We would either be at the main library or the Stryker Center across the way. Liz V is available to bring her display. She would prefer a flow through arrangement. Sara can bring kid friendly hands, cards, and spindles. Dee can bring a clean fleece in a basket. Kathy can bring a loom for kids to make a few picks. Lexie has a warp weighted loom to bring to demos. Liz V also has the stuff for a woven bracelet. Adults to help little hands will be needed. Kathy needs to let organizers know by April 1. We will have a sign up at Chippokes.

New Business

Outlander Costume Display: Kathy spoke about the Outlander Costume display at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. The display runs from March 6 to May 18. Do we want to arrange a tour at the end of March or the beginning of May? Group tours are not available in April. The fee to get into the exhibit is \$10. They need 3-day notice for a group tour. We will discuss further at Chippokes.

Rigid Heddle Classes: The texture and lace class will be Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27. The beginner Rigid Heddle class will be Friday April 10 and Saturday April 11. There is still room for more participants. Bring lunch and drinks. A handout will be emailed.

Dogwood Fiber Trail: Liz B gave info about the trail which runs from April 10 through April 18. Nine shops will be participating. A passport will be offered and stamped with purchase at each shop or

online. Check out <https://dogwoodfibertrail.com> for more information. Liz B will have yarns at The Village Knittery and Sara will have yarns at Yarn Matters. Carpooling groups are encouraged.

Looms for Donation: Sara was contacted by someone wanting to divest themselves of equipment. A table loom of unknown makes 24-inch counterbalance(?) 4 harness 10 dent reed. A 36-inch Harrisville Jack looms. Sara can pick up and bring it to Chippokes. The owner just wants them to be gone.

Peace Hill Farm: Kris was asked if we wanted to participate in the fiber festival at Peace Hill Farm in the first week of November. There were many expressions of approval. Kris will send the application. Sign-ups later.

Programs: Dee is in contact with Daryl Lancaster to arrange a zoom program on color theory and inspiration for July or August. It would be an hour and a half. Discussion on the pros and cons of having it at a regular meeting versus logging in from our own computers led the conclusion that separate might be better. Dee will check if a recording will be available for a limited time after the people who cannot attend live.

New Member Gina Goosby is in Virginia Beach, spending the past four years in Tokyo. She has engaged with Knits, crochets, 3D printed a Turkish spindle and backstrap loom.

Show and Tell: Lexie showed off a shirt she made for someone else.

All other 'Show and Tell' will be deferred to Chip pokes meeting. The meeting ended at 11:09 a.m.



Thanks to Cindy for her rigid heddle work.