



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

916 Liberty Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
<http://fswguild.org/>

June-July 2014 Newsletter

2014 CALENDAR

June 6: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. The show is “**Bent**” – a group **Metal** exhibition.

June 14: FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.

July-August: Plein Air Juried Exhibition and Potters International. Show runs from July 4-August 31. Opening reception will be Friday, July 11.

July 12: : FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.

August 9: : FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.

NOTE... There will not be a newsletter in July. Back again in August!

Upcoming programs for 2014

June: Fix it Day. Questions/Help with knitting, crocheting, weaving or spinning

July: Second part of the Deb Menz Kitchen Dyeing DVD

August: Annual Potluck Lunch and “Yard Sale”.

Education~Outreach Opportunitites

July 4 at Ferry Farm. We have been asked to participate again. I have not received any specifics yet, but will keep the Guild posted.

September 12-14 at the Stafford Co. Hartwood Days Festival & Agricultural Fair. More information to come later.

From the Heart...



Many thanks to everyone for their contributions of Military lap blankets. Well done! For those of you that didn't get a chance to make one, there will be an opportunity to do more for Veterans Day, and they can be turned in any time up until November 1st. We have been getting lots including some from Missouri and Nebraska!

Now that this is over our biggest needs are baby blankets, chemo hats and lap blankets for other groups. We are also collecting winter hats and scarves so we can be stocked and ready for winter as we deliver to the school systems in Stafford, King George, Spotsylvania, Caroline and the City of Fredericksburg. That does not even include our senior citizens, the homeless and a few other places. Anything that you can do is appreciated.



Nancy Ballas was in Dürnstein, Austria in May and came across this amazing yarn bombed bike! What a great find!

FREDERICKSBURG COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND **From Linda West**

Wednesday 6/25 Hurkamp Park 7:00 PM

Saturday 6/28 Spotsylvania Spectacular at the Pavilion by the Courthouse
1 hour before the fireworks

Friday 7/4 Market Square behind the Fredericksburg Museum 5:00 -7:00 PM

Wednesday 8/13 Hurkamp Park 7:00 PM

Saturday 8/16 Spotsylvania Pavilion 7:30 PM

Beat the Heat Fibre Treat!

Saturday, July 12 from 10-4

City Park Building, 655 East Potomac Street Brunswick, MD

There will be classes, demonstrations and local yarn vendors. See the website to find out more information.

<http://www.tworiversyarns.com/>

Spin the Bin...The Campbell Gals are Back!

I saved Mom (Margaret Campbell) for the May Spin the Bin, as it's the month for mothers! So, how has Mom been doing with her Spin the Bin adventure? She has managed to spin at least a half dozen plied skeins of yarn and the latest two were a velvety combination of alpaca and fine merino. The magical thing about Mom's bin is that no matter how much she spins, the level in the bin only seems to grow - in fact, she now needs two bins to hold it all! So, bins are just like stashes...the fiber appears to multiply on its own...



Note: original bin is on the right.

I think Mom started spinning because she simply couldn't keep her fingers off the roving and fleeces that my Leesburg sister was spinning. And then we went to Maryland Sheep and Wool festival for the first time. She came away with fiber to spin and she didn't yet have a wheel or spindle! At SAFF, while taking a felting class, she spied her first spindle. She tried hard to produce yarn but soon realized she already owned more fiber than she could spin in her lifetime if she stuck to her drop spindle. So, we acquired a Kromski Polonaise and we spent an anxious few hours assembling and getting her ready. Mom hasn't looked back - she spins a lot and now has several wheels - a Schacht Matchless that she recently had converted to



double treadle, an Ashford Traveller, an Indigo Hound great wheel, and "Lil E" (her Hansen mini spinner).

On occasion, Mom does use a drop spindle but not so much of late. However, at Powhatan's Festival of Fiber last month, she found a super cute spindle she couldn't resist - it's all of 5 inches long and seems a little chunky but it's working great to spin a little Corriedale.

Mom gets a kick out of turning the fiber into a finished product - yarn! Then she tags it, carefully

stores it, and then pretty much forgets about it!! Someday she'll get into weaving or knitting with handspun but until then, there's more than enough fiber to keep spinning!

(top - Neopolitan: bottom left - alpaca/merino blend, bottom right - mohair/unknown wool blend)



June at Water Street Studio Writing and Arts

June 6th: First Friday featured artist **Erin Cork Woolfolk**

June 8th: It's All About Dad. 2-4PM Cost: \$35 Kids will be making a key-holder and card for Fathers Day. Reserve a spot by calling Elizabeth at 540-760-8229

June 9th: Make-it, Take-it Monday's. *Painted Sachet.*
9-10AM Cost:\$15. Reserve a spot by calling or emailing Lynette at 540-368-2840 or yarnlyn@aol.com July's Make-it, Take-it (*Sharpie dyed eye glass case*) will be held on the FIRST Monday (7th) due to scheduling conflicts.

June 22 or 29th: Introduction to Book Binding with Erin Cork Woolfolk. 1-4PM. Cost: \$45. Reserve a spot by calling or emailing Lynette at 540-368-2840 or yarnlyn@aol.com

June 23-27: The Best Summer Camp Ever 2014. 9:30-12:30.
Cost: \$195 +\$15 material fee. Reserve a spot for your camper by calling Elizabeth at 540-760-8229

Water Street Studio, 915A Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA



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The Guild meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM. Call for location.