



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

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June 2013 Newsletter

2013 CALENDAR

June 1: 10th Anniversary of LibertyTown Arts Workshop. Stay tuned for further details. No guild meeting scheduled.

June 7: First Friday at LibertyTown. Beth Sperlazzo and Ronald Jackson will be highlighted this month.

July 6: Guild Meeting at LibertyTown at 10 AM. Fiber Toys and the Fair with Bonny Davia at the FSWG Studio. There will be no newsletter in July. Updates will be on the FSWG website.

August 3: Guild meeting at 10 AM. Weaving with Diane Kowalski of Woven Gems at the LibertyTown Studio. Annual Potluck Lunch and "Yard Sale".

September 7: Guild meeting at 10 AM. Andean Knitting: Fibers, Color, and Motifs Discussion and Slideshow with Alex Capshaw-Taylor (knitwear designer and instructor) at the LibertyTown Studio.



LibertyTown 10 Year Anniversary

Open House

Saturday, June 1

There will be no meeting on June 1. This is an all day celebration at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. This is a chance to hang out together and demonstrate. Some of our members have specific demos planned for this day. Contact Anna (clothnclay@gmail.com) for more information.

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We will not be having a Guild meeting on June 1st, but there is plenty going on, so still come down to the Studio. LibertyTown is celebrating its 10th anniversary and there will be demonstrations and hands-on activities from 10 - 5 pm. So bring your spinning wheel, knitting or whatever project to work on and join the fun. The weather should cooperate that day as well.

As the summer begins, the Guild still has many activities going on. Our cookbook project will be sent off to the printer the end of June (thank you to all who contributed recipes), we will still be gathering for our monthly meetings, and there will be some opportunities to demonstrate our skills at various events. So far, we have the annual 4th of July event at Ferry Farm, as well as the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair. Updates on those will be posted on our website. And there is still time to sign up for the remaining Dye Workshops. Our hearts and prayers go out to Denise Kash and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Janie Kash (photo at right). Many of you remember Janie as a longtime and active member of our Guild. She was a talented weaver and has inspired Denise to learn to weave as well. Hope to see you on June 1st!



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UPDATED CALENDAR FOR 2013

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October 12 - Montpelier Fiber Festival on the 5th. Our 3rd Annual "Let's Stitch" event is on the 12th at the studio at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.

November 2 - Fibers of Ireland and Scotland by Linda, Mary, Fran, and Judy. This meeting will be at Linda George's house.

December 7 - Annual Holiday Party - Location TBD.

Artful Dimensions Gallery

Featured Artist Barbara Posey

Artful Dimensions Gallery will feature artist Barbara Posey for the month of June with a show entitled “Story,” consisting of needle- and wet-felted sculpture and wall art. As the title promises, each piece evokes or illustrates a story -- stories often told and stories waiting to be told.

A story is a series of events *that matter*. Stories are tender, cruel, silly, wise — sometimes all at once. Story is our lives, shaped a bit more neatly than we live them, crafted to make a point, earn a laugh, touch a heart.

Needle felting is a medium that allows an artist, using only one simple tool, to create a form made of wool roving, sometimes combined with silk or other fibers as well. Stabbing the wool with a barbed needle to compress and tangle fibers, the artist shapes a sculptural piece that can be as simple as a featureless ball or as complex as a fully rendered lifelike figure — or even multiple figures contained in a scene.

Wet felting is perhaps the oldest technique invented for creating fabric, and is still used today to fashion a sturdy, weatherproof material of which some Asiatic nomads make their homes. Felt material can be thick, stiff and heavy or light, flexible and thin. Felt can be made into scarves, shoes or boots, hats, and other clothing; beads, bracelets, and other jewelry; and of course wall art resembling tapestry or painting.

Both needle felting and wet felting are versatile and full of possibilities, and they combine gracefully together as well. A bit of needle felting on a wet felted wall piece can add dimension and clarity, while a wet felted foundation on a mask can add strength and stability to the structure.

Barbara, with her needle and a sea of fibers from sheep, yaks, alpacas, and silkworms — among others — crafts expressive characters with many stories to tell. Some of them come from stories we know, while others clearly have new stories to tell if we can only listen and catch the words.

As our featured artist of the month, her work invites us to connect with all our stories, old and new.

We hope you'll
part of our story



enjoy becoming a
and will let us

Reminder...

There will be no newsletter in July. All updates will be on our website.

Contact Lesley Reynolds pixie91075@gmail.com

if you wish to post something.

Since there is no meeting in June, a guild meeting has been scheduled on July 6 at 10 AM at LibertyTown.

Bonnie Davia will be presenting information about the Fredericksburg Fair. Please try to attend.



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