



## *LibertyTown Arts Workshop*

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### **May 2014 Newsletter**

#### **2014 CALENDAR**

**May 2:** First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop LibertyTown Patrons' Show.

**May 3-4:** Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

**May 10:** FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop This will be "Flash your Stash"

**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.

#### **Upcoming programs for 2014**

May: Flash your Stash (items you purchased at a recent Fiber show)

There will be a short meeting before the program begins.

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

July: Second part of the Deb Menz Kitchen Dyeing DVD

#### ***Please note... from Mary Hardy***

*If have an Etsy, Facebook or online shop or site, let me know by May 20. I would like to highlight these in the next newsletter to share with the guild members.*



### *Earth Day Festivities*

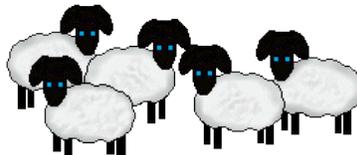
Anna creates the color of the season on the outdoor loom. It

“Spin the Bin” will be back in June. Can’t wait to see what is new with the Campbell gals!



### *FIBER: EXPLORING TODAY and REMEMBERING YESTERDAY*

This show is being held at the VERIZON GALLERY IN THE ERNST COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER; Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. Lynette Reed, Mary Hardy and Linda George have had work selected for this show. The show runs from April 30-June 16. The reception is Saturday, May 10 from 2-4 PM.



### *Education~Outreach Opportunites*

**May 10:** 10 - 4 pm at the Weems-Botts Museum, 3944 Cameron St., Dumfries, VA 22026. They are requesting that we demonstrate colonial spinning and weaving on Charter Day. This year they are celebrating 265 years - the oldest chartered town in VA. We have participated in this event in the past and hopefully we will have some volunteers again this year to attend.

**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.

## News from Mary Snellings...

There is a new show on the National Geographic Wild channel on cable called "Shear Madness" that may be of interest to fiber loving folks like us. Here is the description from the National Geographic Wild site:

"*Shear Madness* takes us on the journey of city-girl-turned-sheep-farmer Natalie Redding, as Sean. Leaving a first-class life in the city for a sheep farm in the country, Natalie relies on her 200-animal flock, shearing their wool for profit. With her "Mr. Mom" husband Sean at her side, Natalie balances her farm business and deals with the daily impacts it has on her family. But it's a risky trade, as one wrong decision could not only kill an animal, but could cost her the entire business."

I have watched one or two episodes; in one she trains a new sheepdog, and in another she prepares for her first Fiber Retreat. She teaches them about farming, shearing, spinning and dyeing. She really wants her children to take on the farm as she gets older, but that's really uncertain. You can tell she really loves her animals. She has not only sheep, but angora goats, alpaca, chickens, peacocks, ducks, cows, several dogs, etc. The name of her farm is Namaste Farm.

The show airs on Saturday nights at 10 PM, and older episodes are also available "on demand" on the Verizon Fios system.



## Blankets...request from Pam Greswolde

*We are in "need of lap blankets for military – black & gold, blue & gold, red & gold or red, white and blue. We are aiming for 100 by May 20<sup>th</sup> so we can deliver to veterans in hospice care on Memorial Day....getting close!" Drop them off at the studio at LibertyTown.*

Water Street Studio has something **NEW** starting in May.

**“Make-it, Take-it Monday’s”**. Join us on May 12th from 9-10AM for coffee, tea, pastries and a project. Cost is \$15. Please reserve a spot by calling or emailing Lynette at 540-368-2840 or [yarnlyn@aol.com](mailto:yarnlyn@aol.com) (Make-it, Take-it Mondays will be held the second Monday of every month. May’s project: Honey-almond body scrub.)

On Sunday, May 4th we are offering a Mother’s Day class for children. **“For the Mom in Your Life”**. Kids will write a poem and then decorate a card to put the poem in. \$25/materials included. To reserve call Susan at 540-907-9732.

**“Art After Dark”** is back on May 9th with the microwave dyed silk scarf/handcarved block stamp. Bring your moms, sisters, daughters, grandma’s to this fun class. \$75 includes all materials, food and drink. To reserve call or email Lynette at 540-368-2840 or [yarnlyn@aol.com](mailto:yarnlyn@aol.com)

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