

GUILD NEWS



The Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Newsletter

September 2019

Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. Dues are due at the September meeting. They remain at \$30/year. If paying with cash, please place it in an envelope with your name on it.

MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Time and Date: September 14, 2019 at 10 AM

Location: LibertyTown; 916 Liberty St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

If you are on the Rug Committee, please plan on staying after the meeting for a quick get together

Tips and Techniques

Measuring Aid

When knitting a lengthy section that needs to be measured, use a length of thin non-stretchy yarn, like pearl cotton, a few inches longer than the length you need. Tie a loop to put over the needle on one end. Attach the other end to the bottom of your knitting or from where you need to measure. Adjust the distance between the two connections to the required length. When the slack is gone you have knitted far enough. Then measure to confirm.

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From the President's Desk

No news is good news!



Tips and Techniques (cont.)

Counting Stitches

When you have a lot of stitches on your knitting that you will need to count, weave a contrasting thread in every ten stitches as you knit the row before. Then when you have to count, it will be easier and if you have to stop it will be easier to resume counting.

Sleeves

Knit the sleeves of your sweater first. That way if you have a problem with your gauge or pattern, you will have fewer stitches to rip out. Also, you are guaranteed that you will have a sweater rather than a vest, which can happen when you get tired of knitting or get bored after making the body.



Education & Outreach

Heritage Festival

Saturday, September 14th; 11 am to 5 pm

Prince William Forest Park

This is a National Park Service event, a fun filled day celebrating the Park's history. The history of the park goes from the colonial days to the present. The event will take place at Cabin Camp 4 and visitors will be able to see one of the historic camps not normally open to the public. Plans are to have period music, antique cars, woodworking and kid's crafts. More info will be provided at our next meeting. The event takes place at Cabin Camp 4, one of the historic camps not usually open to the public. I will send out info to those who have signed up to volunteer for the day. If you want to sign up, please contact kpritchett11@gmail.com

Harvest Day

Saturday, Sept. 21; 10 am to 4 pm

Rural Plains, Mechanicsville VA

They request 18th or 19th century costumed volunteers to demonstrate colonial textile skills. We have one volunteer so far. Others are welcome as well.

Welsh Festival

Saturday, October 5th, the 30th (and final); 11 am - 5 pm

900 block of Charles Street

This will be the Welsh Society's farewell festival, so join us as we gather to demonstrate our fiber skills. There will be Welsh music and dancing, the Welsh market and food. Another sign up opportunity will be at the Sep. Guild meeting. I will send out info to those who signed up.

A Little Weaving Wisdom

Attach a measuring tape to the loom's back beam and the shuttle race to help center the warp in the reed and in the raddle, if you use one. Add weight to the beater bar for rug weaving by attaching steel strips to the beater. As much as 15 to 20 pounds can be added to a 45" or 48" loom. Fasten a knitter's row counter to the castle for keeping track of repeats.

Artist Grab Bag



Open September 6th - 29th

Reception September 6th 5-9PM

at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

916 Liberty Street. Fredericksburg, VA

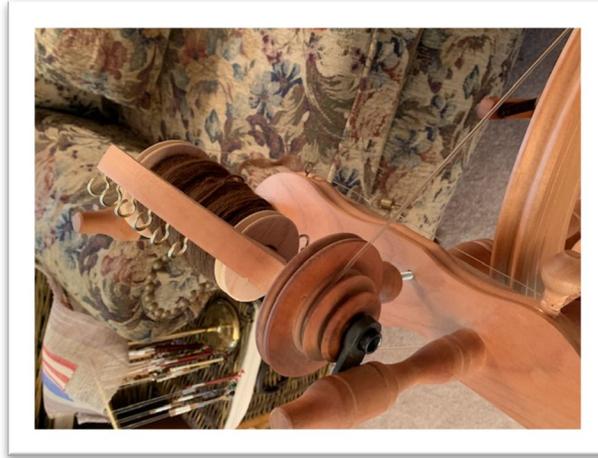
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The Marketplace

I have a spinning wheel for sale and I'm hoping that you would post it in the newsletter. Any rewording that you would want to do feel free to do it. It's an Ashford traveler that is unfinished and has the beautiful patina that comes with age. I don't know how old it is since I bought it 2nd hand. It is in very good condition. It is priced at \$300.00.

Contact: Margaret Campbell mrs_monk@comcast.net 540-786-9572 please leave a message if the answering system answers.



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Nominations are Open!

The Board has selected a nominating committee and they are interested in hearing from you. The committee members are;

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- Florence Ridderhoff, foridderhof@verizon.net, 540-371-3571
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We will be selecting a President and a Treasurer in November. We are also looking for people interested in Secretary to assume the job when Nicole leaves. If you have any suggestions or are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact a member of the committee.