



Fredericksburg
Spinners & Weavers Guild
Membership Meeting
January 2021!

A close-up photograph of a wooden spinning wheel with a spool of grey yarn and a white thread being spun.



President

- Bank Account Updated

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- **Shuttle, Spindle, Dyepot requires membership to Handweavers Guild of America**
 - 1-year membership - \$51
 - 2-year membership to - \$100

All treasury items turned over to Denise

Inquiry – is it worth it to spend the funds to get the “shuttle, spindle, dyepot” magazine, we would need a membership to the Handweavers Guild.

Member’s weighed in – 2 have found it very useful, 1 said it was more artistic, she personally doesn’t use it much, but that it’s worth it

Motion made and vote taken to set up a 1-year membership in the Handweavers Guild of America

We do have access to Handwoven and Spinoff

In December instruction were given for how to access the on-line resources with Handwoven & Spinoff

Vice President

- **Program Survey**



Kara – survey for the after-meeting programs set up that will be sent out in the next newsletter

Treasurer

Financial activities in December include:

- Income: Membership dues and studio rent payments
- Expenses: **Invoice for LT was not received until late. Paid in January 2021

December 2020	
Opening Balance	\$754
Deposits	\$1,110.00
Expenses**	\$0
Closing Balance	\$1,864.61
Current Balance	\$1,309.62

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Liberty Town sent invoices out late so December rent not paid until January.
The difference from Closing to Current Balance is the LT rent and subscription to Spinoff

Education and Outreach



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The Earthday Event is now a virtual week-long event – but we don't have the set up to be able to participate and they want \$250 to participate
Motion and voted to skip the Earthday event
Karen will email them and let them know we are unable to participate but we'd like to be included in future years, when it goes back to the regular, in person, format.

Membership



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Two new members. Welcome Sue and Deborah!

With it being a new year, the rolls have been scrubbed and only those who have paid their dues got the newsletter, etc...

We lost about ten people, with several having moved away. For MAFA we need to stay over a membership of 50 people.

The members who have dropped off, Lesley kept their emails in a separate folder and will reach out to them when we are able to meet in person.

Kara asked if there was any membership recruitment activity. Lesley – difficult to do when not doing in person demonstrations and community events.

For people who are in regions other than Fredericksburg there are lists in Spinoff. MAFA has a list of member guilds, most located in the Mid-Atlantic area.

Hospitality



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Recipes going out today

Library



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No library news

Handbook:

Lesley – the handbook updates are still going on. For members of the guild who do not have rental space in the studio there is a fee to sell items in the studio. But the handbook is not clear on what the fee is or how often it is paid.

Pulling from long term member's memories – several voiced it was a one time fee of \$10 to cover jurying fee.

It was brought up that we need a new jury to review items that members wish to sell.

Lesley is making note to get together a jury. She is asking for volunteers.

Florence points out – it needs to be people who are knowledgeable and have an expertise to look at work and decide if it is up to the Guild standards.

Karen P. – pointed out that it's been years since this process has happened. There was a form to fill out and then the jury committee would look at it.

Florence – in an older notebook found the original paper stating what the requirements are for sales. She will get the info to Lesley and Lesley will update the handbook.

Bonnie mentioned that Liberty Town might have some rules or rule changes that we should check

Last time Lesley was at LT she noticed there were a lot of sale slips – members who have items for sale need to go check.

Bonny – suggests there is a program about How To Sell at Liberty Town – how the process works, what is expected, etc...

Kara – asked for volunteers to help with the program – Judy and a few other offered to help.

MAFA Update



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Aileen – Conf June 24-27. The catalog will come out Feb 15. Classes will range from 2 hr to 2 days long. There will also be lectures and exhibits, fashion show, towel exchange.

FSWG organize and runs the towel exchange

Got to MAFAfiber.org and sign up to be notified about when registration goes live (probably in March). The kitchen towel exchange is about March 31. Watch for more details.

Cost TBA

Show and Tell



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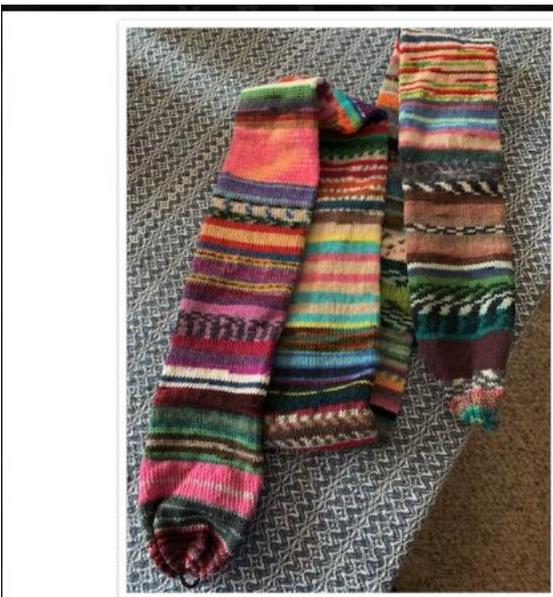
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Margaret wove a large table cloth. Double weave 58 inches wide and 80 inches long.
Aleen made Pine Needle Baskets out of a Long Leaf Pine that she planted when her son finished chemo. About 2-3 inches



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Margret more - Weaving and some knitting



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Aileen— made a scarf on her circular sock machine – 700 rounds. Using up the odds and ends of yarn.

January Program



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THANK YOU!

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