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October 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome to all guild members both old & new!!

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Guild Membership Meeting Info

Zoom Link for October 8 - 10AM meeting - [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

Meetings are held at LibertyTown Arts Workshop 916 Liberty Ave. F-burg, VA

September Meeting Video Link: https://youtu.be/kjc_YNXzBmU

September Meeting minutes: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/w7emm682206z0j9/2022-09%20MoM.pdf?dl=0>

Programs

October's program is "Aboriginal Women's Fiber Art: A Virtual Tour." We will see an informative video tour of an exhibit of Aboriginal women's fiber art (baskets, bags, mats, and sculptural objects) in the University of Virginia's Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art collection. The pieces were made by Yolŋu (YOLL-ngu) women from Gapuwiyak, in the Arnhem Land region of northern Australia. The video examines the utilitarian functions, ceremonial or ritual significance, and construction of the objects, including the gathering and preparation of the materials and the techniques used in making them. (28 minutes.)

In November, we will celebrate the 40th-year anniversary of the Guild with a presentation on the history of our organization... and I'm looking for your help! Do you have a story or a memory from the last 40 years to share? Please email me (Kara Pekar) at vice_president@fswguild.org , and I will be in touch with you.

In December, we'll have our annual holiday party, including a gift exchange. Details will be coming later!



From the President's Desk

These musings each month reflect how I feel at the time when I write them. I try to focus on the positive aspects of the season, or what's happening around the guild. However, as we dip our toes into the month of October, I find myself turning inward and reflecting on my thoughts and feelings. The world around us is moving so fast, sometimes I find it hard to sit and have the time to reflect on myself. Some may feel that only thinking about yourself is selfish, but how often do we truly sit and just think about our own feelings, desires, wants and needs? I bet it really isn't that often. The wet and windy weather this weekend was a perfect opportunity to slow down, snuggle up in some cozy handknits, eat some soup and unplug. Give yourself the grace to slow down. Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us, and we will all be going full steam ahead with projects, family, and rushing around to finish that one last project. This month is a great opportunity to sit down and take care of your needs.

Lesley

On the Horizon...

Fiber Festivals

No local Fiber Festivals in the near future.

From Education and Outreach:

Info on the disAbility Resource Center demonstration is located in the "looking back" section.

Our next event is October 15 from 10 - 4:30 pm at Chatham Manor for their Celebration of 250 Years of Chatham. If you haven't signed up yet and want to participate, let me know.

They will provide lunch and snacks & water. More info to come at our next meeting.

Let Keren Pritchett know if you have questions or to sign up to participate in events at kjpritchett11@gmail.com

Hospitality Happenings

Now that we are holding hybrid meetings, we will tentatively resume the Hospitality schedule - now NEW and IMPROVED! Participation in snack-time is optional, but if you'd like to contribute, please pick your date on this page with SignUp Genius!

FSWG Hospitality (link to our guild's SignUp Genius page)

You do not have to have an account with Signup Genius to use this form. You don't have to provide anything but your name, every other field is optional. Participants only see your name and any comment you add. It is an easy way for folks to sign up to bring snacks, and it should be easy for anyone to check the status of the Snack List. You don't have to state what you are bringing, but you can if you want to. The forms are very configurable - let me know if you have any concerns, and maybe I can fix it. I've set the schedule up through the end of the year - including the "host" role for the Holiday party. If we decide to have a potluck lunch later in the year, I can modify the signup sheet to include additional volunteers. Thank you for participating in the FSWG Hospitality program

~Mary R. Snellings



Looking Back...

Remarks from Keren Pritchett: A big thank you to Lesley, Abby, Philip and Linda for joining me at the disAbility Resource Center event at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds on Sept. 24 . We had a great space by the door and lots of interested folks watching us spin and weave. Abby was very popular with her loom knitted flowers.

Sally Cooney Anderson wants to thank everyone who came out to the disAbility Resource Center Demonstration!

Thoughts from Lesley Reynolds: The day was really nice and we generated a lot of curiosity from the public interested in learning how to spin and weave. Perhaps there was so much interest because this was a new population that we've maybe not encountered before. Sally did a great job getting us a great spot in the barn, and the weather was just about as perfect as it gets.

Below are pictures taken at the disAbility Resource Center demonstration by Sally and by Lesley.



Keren Pritchett



Abby Pasinski



Lesley Reynolds



Knitting Board



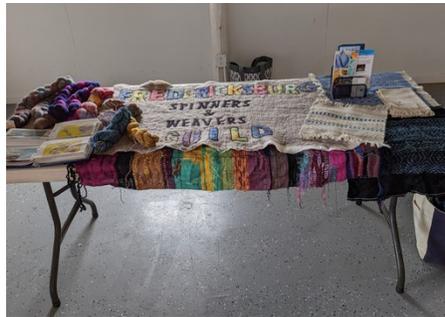
disAbility Center Logo



Spinning Demo



Weaving Demo



Guild Table



Getting set up...

Studio News

The guild studio at Liberty Town is open to all guild members!

As new books are being added to the guild library, some books, especially duplicates, are being culled out - we need the room! More books have been added to the wagon of books in the studio. Take a good look - something you need may be waiting there for you! The guild asks for a donation of \$5(OB0).

Be sure to peruse our extensive library of books and magazines regarding all things fiber. A list of the most recent items added to our library can be found [here](#). A comprehensive and searchable list of our entire library inventory is available in the guild's drobox account. Or just [click here](#) to view it.

Besides our **library**, there is an area for individuals or small groups to sit, shelves full of guild inventory, boxes for guild officers and those who rent space from the guild, as well as looms/spinning wheels that belong to those who are renting guild space.

Also, be on the look-out for the **studio's trashcan transformation** - it's fiber related! (Also, please remember that no food items should be put in the guild trashcan unless you empty it before leaving for the day. Food refuse may be deposited in the LibertyTown trashcans. Replacement bags are in the white cabinet adjacent to the refrigerator)

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The September 29th meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is
Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 PM.

All guild members are welcome to attend.

The purpose of this committee is to explore and promote ways in which the guild can support its members' fiber interests, as well as grow the guild and expand its reach into the local community.

Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yjVulQmAgTTcJA2mohTANPDJljZONW3Bmy85SZocU0JBnLsKorPWtBfDRA6BKZ24.ZlximA6RR4dMajo7?startTime=1662072609000>

All meeting dates can be found on the guild calendar on our website (www.fswguild.org)

MAFA:

June 2023 Conference News:

Classes and Workshops for **June 2023 Conference** can be seen [here](#) - WOW! The entire conference brochure can be found [here](#).

NOTE: The MAFA Board has voted to operate on a deficit budget for the next 2 years. The organization has more than sufficient funds in its accounts to do this and operating this way will help hold down conference fees at a time when costs for everything are escalating.

Early registration (that includes all FSW Guild members) begins February 4th. It can feel like a lottery - register early in the day to make sure you get the class that you want! The

Keynote Speaker will be Suzy Ballinger. MAFA is working on live-streaming some of the public events at the conference.

There will also be a virtual mini conference following the in-person conference (July 8-9). This will be comprised of small, 2-3 hour classes and is intended for those cannot attend a conference in person.

Lastly, fellowships are available to help offset the cost of attending the conference. \$300 is returned to successful applicants following the conference. The purpose of the fellowships is to help promote, expand and preserve fiber arts and to encourage the sharing of valuable information within the MAFA community and with the general public. The process is not lengthy - applications are due by April 1st. Check out the [details](#). I'd love to see someone from our guild being awarded a fellowship!

Proposed changes to MAFA By-Laws: From MAFA president email, "At the September 27, 2022 Fall Representatives Assembly, we discussed a MAFA bylaws amendment recommended by the board, and endorsed by the current and three past presidents. The goal is to give the board more flexibility in finding volunteers to serve on the board and lead key committees, and to make the most of their abilities and interests. Please review the proposed changes with your guild boards before voting at the Special Election on November 3rd."

Personally, I am in favor of the proposed changes. However, the guild needs to be apprised and provided a time and space for discussion before I cast our vote at the election. A copy of the proposed changes was emailed to membership on Monday, Oct. 3.

MAFA Virtual!

Also, remember that **MAFA Virtual!** signups for classes are open! The purpose of the MAFA Virtual! classes is to make classes and workshops available for everyone to participate in, regardless of ability to attend the conference in person.

LEARN ALL ABOUT **MAFA VIRTUAL** [HERE](#).

Questions? Email virtual@mafafiber.org

MAFA VIRTUAL CLASSES kicked off in September with classes taught by John Marshall, Molly Elkind, Dia Robinson, and David Heustess. Registration for all classes and lectures will be on Lessonface.

[CLICK HERE](#) for class details and to register. Classes for the remainder of this year:

Japanese Sewing and Garment Design (4 weekly 120 min sessions \$150) - begins October 16

Shave 'Em to Save 'Em (free) - October 25

Weaving Landscape in Tapestry (three 120 min sessions \$105) - November 5

Inspirational Fiber Blending (\$35) - November 19

Weaving Connections Worldwide with WARP (free) - November 22

Beginning Doubleweave (\$95) - December 7

Weave a Small Tubular Bag (\$55) - December 10

MAFA FREE LECTURES will take place four to five times per year on Zoom. Our first will be a talk on October 25th about heritage breed sheep and how you can help save endangered American livestock through the [Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Initiative](#), by Cindra Kerscher from [The Livestock Conservancy](#). You must register on Lessonface to receive the link!

MAFA MOVIE NIGHTS will take place on Zoom, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Eastern. Sign up at movies@mafafiber.org to receive reminder emails and the Zoom link for these movies.

Save the Date: The MAFA 2023 Conference will be held at Millersville University (near Lancaster, PA), June 22 - 25, 2023.



Guild Groups

A new fiber group is beginning! The **Circular Sock Machine (CSM) Group** will be meeting on the 4th Saturday of each month in the guild studio area. The inaugural meeting will begin at 10 am on October 22nd and conclude between 3-4 pm. Let [Aileen Campbell](#) know if you are interested in attending. All are welcome, including non-guild members.

Our guild has three other active fiber groups, in addition to lessons being taught in the guild studio. If you are interested in joining a group or finding out more about a group, each group's particulars are below:

Sock Knitting Group meets Mondays from about noon to 3-4 pm. in the guild studio space. Contact [Fran Slaterbeck](#) for more information. Some meetings may be via Zoom.

The **Weavers Study Group** is open to all weavers. **This year we are studying Blocks and Profile Drafts. We are following along with the Jane Stafford School of Weaving course.** The group is currently meeting via Zoom on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Contact: Diane Kowalski, Diane@wovengems.com

Knitting Group meets Friday from 1PM to 3PM in the guild studio space. Contact [Margaret Campbell](#) for details. Currently meeting face-to-face.

Dances with Wool

Richmond VA's yarn shop

Several guild members have ventured south a bit to check out the treasures awaiting knitters, spinners, crocheters, and weavers in a delightful shop named "Dances with Wool". The staff is inviting and much of their lines are produced by local artists. Lots of events too, such as trunk shows and pop-up shops. The shop will soon be celebrating it 6th anniversary from Oct. 10-15.

Be sure to check out this gem of a resource for fiber fanatics!

website: <https://www.danceswithwoolrva.com/>

email: shop@danceswithwoolrva.com

(804) 594-5849

1358 Sycamore Square

Midlothian, VA 23113

Tuesday 9-5

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 11-5

Thursday 11-8

Sunday & Monday Closed

Social Stitch groups Tuesdays 9-11am and Thursdays 6-8pm



Lessons/classes



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Spinning classes
taught by Lori
Green and Mary
Snellings are
full of fun times!

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Interested in selling your work at LibertyTown?

If you are interested in selling and would like to have your items reviewed during this week, please complete the application on our [web site](#) in the members only section. This is an electronic submission and will go to the committee chairperson. You may also complete a paper submission. The forms are on the Bulletin Board at LT and in the Handbook which was recently distributed. Please leave your paper copy on the seat at Judy Klehm's loom. You will be contacted and told when to bring your items to Liberty Town. The \$10.00 review fee will be collected when you drop off your items to be reviewed. Future review dates will be scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Klehm at 540-842-1970 or jwklehm@gmail.com

Membership & Dues

As of 9/30/2022, only 28 of 55 members have paid their 2023 dues).

Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) are due by September 30. Members who do not submit their dues by December 30th are removed from the guild's membership rolls.

Payment by check is preferred (make payable to FSWG and mail to the guild at LibertyTown or leave in the guild mailbox at LibertyTown).

LibertyTown Arts Workshop

Attn: FSWG

916 Liberty Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Payment is possible by PayPal but please follow these instructions or PayPal will keep a portion of your money rather than crediting all of it to the guild:

- 1. Go to PayPal.com and login. You may need to click on the "MyPayPal" icon to get to the money dashboard.**
 - 2. Click on the "Send" icon.**
 - 3. In the box asking for a name or email address for where you want the money to go, enter the guild's email address: fswguild@gmail.com**
 - 4. Type in the amount of money you want to send.**
 - 5. In the "notes" box, enter in what the money is for, such as "donation", "August rent", or "annual guild dues".**
 - 6. Click on "continue".**
 - 7. When it asks what the payment is for, choose sending to a friend.**
 - 8. Scroll until you can see the "Send Payment/Money Now" button and click on it.**
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Guild Links

[Guild Roster](#)

[Guild Library](#)

[Guild Equipment available to rent](#)

[Guild Handbook & By-Laws \(revised 2022\)](#)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Online Access Instructions](#)

[Face Book](#) (members only page)

[Instagram](#)

FSWG also has a presence on [Ravlery](#).

[Guild Calendar: if you would like an item added to the Guild calendar, please send the details to Aileen Campbell at \[specedt1@gmail.com\]\(mailto:specedt1@gmail.com\)](#)

Leadership (executive board members)

President - Lesley Reynolds president@fswguild.org

Vice President - Kara Peckar vice_president@fswguild.org

Secretary - Nicole White secretary@fswguild.org

Treasurer - Denise Kash treasurer@fswguild.org

Additional Leadership

Librarian - Denise Kash librarian@fswguild.org

Membership - currently vacant

Hospitality - Mary Snellings marysnellings@yahoo.com

Education/Outreach - Keren Pritchett kjpritchett1@gmail.com

Newsletter - Aileen Campbell specedt1@gmail.com

MAFA Rep - Aileen Campbell specedt1@gmail.com

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