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September 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome to all new guild members!!

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(the code will be included in all future newsletters!)

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Guild Membership Meeting Info

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

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

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

Programs

September's program is a guild picnic and yard sale. We'll start at 10:00 with a short business meeting in the studio space, followed by a picnic in the courtyard. Use sign-up genius (see On The Horizon section below for a link). The picnic will then be followed by the yard sale. **For the yard sale**, guild members are encouraged to bring and sell fiber-related items amongst themselves. No portion of the sales goes to the guild or to LibertyTown. Please have items tagged with seller's name, item name or description, and item price. If you are shopping, bring cash money to spend. If you are selling, you may want to bring extra bills/change. Also, consider whether you will accept checks. This is a great opportunity to sell some yarn you know you'll never use, the spinning fiber that's a color jarring to your senses, equipment you've outgrown, etc. It's ok to sell finished goods too, such as woven scarves, knitted gloves, and so on.

Upcoming programs include our **December holiday gathering (hybrid) and Dorset Buttons (hands-on) in February.**

If you have experience with:

- visible mending (an ornamental approach to repairing items)
- traditional and/or Swiss darning (a way of embroidering a stitch that looks like a knit stitch)
- SpeedWeve-style darning looms (see image below)
- or other methods of repairing holes in knitted, crocheted, or woven fabric

I would love to talk with you about presenting a short program, demo, or workshop, either this fall or sometime in 2023.

Likewise, if you have an idea for a quick, fun, and easy fiber-related holiday craft – Halloween, Thanksgiving, winter holidays, or even spring-themed – please let me know!

You can reach me (Kara Pekar) at vice_president@fswguild.org



From the President's Desk

Happy almost Fall everyone!

The first false fall a few weeks ago only made me want the real thing more. This last month I've been moving my little loom into the guild studio and I'm so giddy to be in such wonderful company. I really feel a closer connection to the guild which is silly, but being there and using the space has been wonderful for allowing me to focus on my work without the distractions of the day. I highly recommend taking advantage of the fact we do have a dedicated space.

Please don't forget that dues are due this month and our creating for charity from now through Thanksgiving. We are donating items to Empower House. Aileen was able to mail down the details of what would be the best for us to focus on:

Don't forget about the cookout and yard sale on Saturday.
I hope to see a lot of you there,

Lesley

On the Horizon...

Fiber Festivals

[Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival](#), September 27-28 in Berryville, VA

[Fall Fiber Festival](#), October 1-2 in Montpelier, VA

From Education and Outreach:

Sat. Sept. 24th:

You can sign up now to volunteer demonstrating your fiber skills at the disAbility Resource Center event to be held at the FXBG Fairgrounds on Sep. 24th from 11 - 6 pm. The event will include music, games, food, vendor tables and more to raise awareness and funds to support its works.

I will need names to provide the organizers so that you will get in for free.

Also, I need the times you would like to volunteer so we can make sure our area is active during the day. We will be inside one of the buildings, and they will provide a table and chairs. I hope to have more details by our next meeting.

Sat. Oct. 15 at Chatham Manor:

Chatham is celebrating 250 years with a Community Day of Remembrance and Reflection. We participated in an event at Chatham a few years ago and it was great fun. We will be outside on the lawn under our tent, along with many other demonstrators and vendors. They also want the names/number of volunteers as they will provide lunch for us as well.

Let Keren Pritchett know if you have questions or to sign up to participate in one (or more!) of these 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

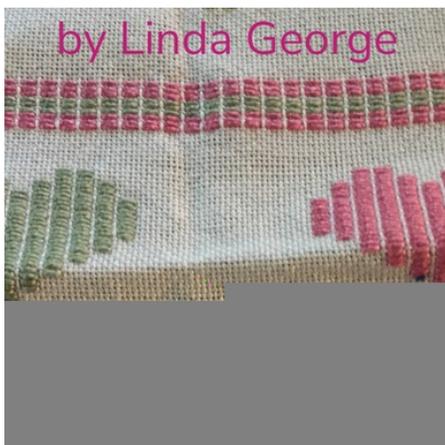
~Mary R. Snellings

Dukagang Weave Structure

Dukagang is a weave structure first discovered in woven cloth from ancient Egypt and later popularized by the Norwegians. The weave is composed of a strong ground cloth with lots of short contrasting, colored floating threads that form the pattern. This is a 'laid-in' technique using plain weave, It is a twill pattern using shafts 1-2-3-4. Shaft one is by itself, so the tabbies are 1-3 and 2-4.

A basic explanation, along with step-by-step pictures of this embroidery weave can be found in the February 2013 edition of VAV, Scandinavian Weaving Magazine, page 54. More examples are in Handwoven's March/April 2017 edition.

Several guild members recently attended a Dukagang workshop at Red Stone Glen.



Studio News

The guild studio at Liberty Town is open to all guild members! 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 next meeting is Thursday, September 29th, beginning at 7 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:

The September/October edition of the MAFA Newsletter is ready.

[Click here](#) to view the entire 9 page Dropbox document. It is also accessible at the MAFA website under the Guild Resources tab.

Classes and Workshops for June 2023 Conference can be seen [here](#) - WOW!

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

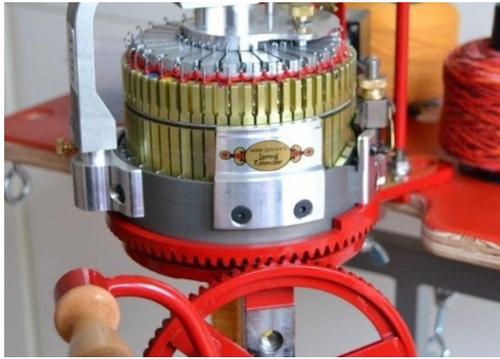
MAFA VIRTUAL CLASSES kick off in September with classes taught by John Marshall, Molly Elkind, Dia Robinson, and David Heustess - and lots more to come! Registration for all classes and lectures will be on Lessonface.

[CLICK HERE](#) for class details and to register.

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](#).

MAFA MOVIE NIGHTS will take place on Zoom, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Eastern, starting September 14th. We will send a reminder email with details on the videos and a Zoom link each month. This is an enjoyable - and free - way to discover more about fiber arts and socialize with members of other guilds!

Save the Date: The MAFA 2023 Conference will be held at Millersville University (near Lancaster, PA), June 22 - 25, 2023. The Conference Committee is working hard to finalize instructors for this conference.



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 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.

Weavers Wisdom

Yarn with a slight twist makes for a softer fabric, with a high twist makes a harder fabric.

The position of the tube used for winding off yarn can greatly effect the amount of twist in the yarn. A horizontal mounting does not alter the twist, but standing on one end adds twist and on the other ends subtracts. This can affect both the edges and the finished appearance of the fabric.

Preshrinking wool yarn before weaving yardage will improve the selvages, give a more reliable weft, and the fabric will react to washing more predictably.

Knitters Knots

When gifting a knitted item, cut a sweater shaped tag and include the care instructions and fiber content. Wrap a small amount of the project yarn around the middle of the sweater in case it is needed for mending. Attach the tag to the item with a bow.

To keep track of difficult knitting pattern repeats, write each set of directions on individual 3x5 cards. Flip each card as you complete the directions. This can also be done with a small spiral notebook with the spiral at the top. Each set of directions should be written on a different page. The pages can be flipped as the directions are completed.

To avoid constant measuring when knitting, mark your work with a length of yarn a few inches longer than the required length. Create a loop to fit the yarn around your needle.

Tie a knot at the other end at the length your knitting should be. When the distance between the needle and the knot is taut and the slack is gone, you will know you have reached the appropriate length.

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?

Deadline for Applications to Sell at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

The review committee has received several applications to sell items at Liberty Town. There will be a review scheduled for the week of September 19th . 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 9/4/2022, 53 members are currently active in the guild (they have paid their 2022 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 \[newsletter_editor@fswguild.org\]\(mailto:newsletter_editor@fswguild.org\)](#)

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 kjpritchett11@gmail.com

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