
FSWG August 2023 Newsletter

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Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome everyone!

Code for Member Portal on the guild [website](#):

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(the Member Portal is your gateway to guild newsletters, the roster, the guild's subscription to Handwoven magazine, and guild forms)

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May Meeting Minutes link: [click here](#)

May Video link: not available due to technical issues

June Meeting Minutes - ???

Zoom link for August Meeting :

[click here](#)

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

Meetings begin at 10 AM and generally conclude shortly after noon.

VP's REPORT:

MEETING LOCATION

Just a reminder that, unless noted otherwise, we continue to meet at the Fredericksburg branch of the library at 1201 Caroline Street, in Room #2 (in the basement.) There is ample parking behind the library.

Hybrid meetings: As much as possible, we will continue to hold meetings in a hybrid format, allowing participation by people who, for whatever reason, cannot or prefer not to attend in person.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August program: MAFA Show & Tell

Did you attend the MAFA Conference in June? Are you participating in the MAFA Virtual Conference this weekend? The August post-meeting program will be your reports from both conferences, with show-and-tell. Bring what you made (or photos), and be ready to share briefly about your experiences and the class or classes you took!

Other programs include:

SEPTEMBER: September Picnic and Yard Sale

The September meeting will be held on Sept. 9 at an alternate location - details coming soon. After the meeting, we'll have our annual picnic and yard sale. Bring a dish to share, and whatever you would like to sell at the yard sale.

Rules for the yard sale:

1. You can sell fiber, yarn, weaving thread, equipment, and finished items of a fibery nature.
2. This event isn't open to the public.
3. You are responsible for selling your own stuff, and whatever you earn is yours.
4. If you are selling, bring enough cash (in small denominations) so you can make change if you need to. It's up to you whether to accept checks, etc.
5. If you have items you want to donate for the Guild to sell, please hang on to them until the January meeting. Or, you can sell the item(s) at the September sale, and donate the proceeds to the Guild later.
6. Buyers: bring cash, just as you would to a regular yard sale. (You can bring your checkbook, but understand that some people may not accept checks.)

DECEMBER: Our annual **holiday gathering and secret-elf gift exchange**

If you have an idea for a program, class, or workshop, please let me know! You can email me at vice_president@fswguild.org .

<http://aspinnerweaver.blogspot.com/2010/07/meet-my-family-of-inkle-looms.html>





From the President's Desk

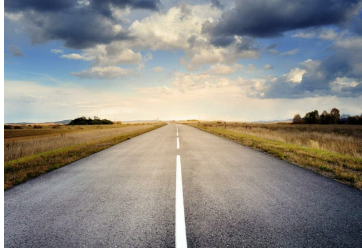
Don't forget that the first Friday of every month is, well, First Friday! Come to Liberty Town (LT) to chat, sit and knit, spin, etc. and see what everyone else at LT is creating!

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In an effort to streamline the membership meeting and to facilitate efficiency, I am going to ask anyone who has a business item to submit the topic, an estimated length of time for the topic, and the topic type (information only, discussion topic, vote, etc..) No later than the Thursday before the meeting. This way we can get a more accurate picture of what the meeting will entail and be able to prioritize the business items for the meeting. There is a chance that not all topics will be added to the agenda, in those cases the engagement committee will work with the topic to make sure the business point is properly addressed. It maybe that it would be better suited for a different approach or need additional work before being brought before the membership.

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On the Horizon...



Education and Outreach

from Keren Pritchett

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Upcoming events are:

Saturday, Sept. 23--Oktoberfest at St. Paul's, King George from 3-8 pm. One feature of the event is a holiday craft market. If anyone is interested in being a vendor at the event I have an application. Vendors supply their own table and tent.

Saturday, Sept. 23--the disAbility Resource Center is having their Family Fall Festival at the FXBG Fairgrounds from 11 - 4 pm. I will bring a sign up sheet to the meeting.

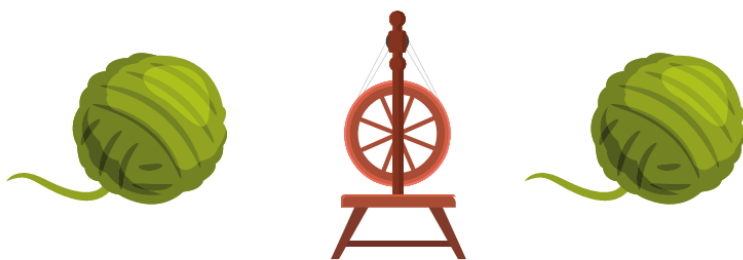
Saturday, Oct. 28--Port Royal VA History Day

Saturday, Dec. 9--spinning program for the DAR

Hospitality Happenings

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for snack duty last month at the guild meeting. We still have openings, so if you wish to participate call or text Mary Snellings @540-589-0173.

Team FSWG



Tour de Fleece 2023

July 1 - July 23



Tour de Fleece - this year's event went very well, with a healthy number of participants. Coordinators are looking into ways to expand the a more relaxed version of the Tour de Fleece into the rest of the year. Stay tuned!

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The next scheduled meeting August 31st 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.

At the August 3rd meeting discussion topics were September picnic, possible guild retreat, how the guild reimburses members for expenditures, this Saturday's program, needs of Georgette's weaving program, recent grant recipient, Tour de Fleece outcomes, and the business portion of the monthly guild meeting.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028356071?pwd=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZIWEs5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 890 2835 6071

Passcode: 720624

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

MAFA:

We are all still catching our breath following the conference and virtual classes. Lots more info in the coming months.

Remember - 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.

Congratulations once again to guild member Fran Slaterbeck as the recipient of a MAFA mini grant for the purchase of a rigid heddle loom. This loom will be used to entice and introduce people to the joys of weaving.



Lessons/classes



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Beginning Spinning Classes:

Beginning Spinning classes are taught by guild members Lori Green and Mary Snellings. Sign up by contacting Mary at 540-589-0173 or marysnellings@yahoo.com.

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 all 88 new books recently 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.

Please Please Please - when you use the guild studio space be sure to tidy up before you leave.

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.

Bits and Pieces

First Fridays at LibertyTown - First Friday of each month is an event to celebrate art, community, and Downtown Fredericksburg. LibertyTown participates in First Friday and would love for our guild to have a few members in residence in the guild studio space during First Fridays. For more information on First Fridays, check [this](#) out. Having someone in the guild to coordinate this would be a terrific way to help the guild and get to know other guild members while only taking up a few minutes each month. If you are willing to consider handling this, please contact Mary Snellings at 540-589-0173 or marysnellings@yahoo.com for details.

Facebook - all guild members are encouraged to join the [guild's private Facebook page](#).



Introducing my great niece, Madison, 8 years old, to weaving. She took to it like a duck to water and wove some plain weave and some twill. I cut it off the loom so she could take it home to New Hampshire and it was about 21" x 18" before washing.

Guild member Linda George

T-Shirts and other items with our Guild Logo

Well, Judy Klehm figured out an easy way for all guild members to order their own merchandise with the guild logo on it! Judy ordered her shirt from Zazzle - she played around with placement and size of the logo and voila! a really cool shirt! A few of the guild engagement committee also ordered shirts to test the quality and speediness - all was quite satisfactory!

So, how to order your own? An easy, peasy way is to follow [this link to Zazzle](#), as the logo is already on a shirt. Then play with the many choices of type of T-shirt, colors, sizes, etc. You can even order aprons, tote bags, and a myriad of other items! Then order and wait until your package arrives.

Or, you can access the jpeg file for the logo in the guild's dropbox by [clicking here](#). Copy the file and use to create your own items at sites like Cafe Press, Zazzle, etc. Thank you Judy!!!



Interested in selling your work at LibertyTown?

If you are interested in selling and would like to have your items reviewed for approval, 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 08/07/2023, the guild has grown to 58 members in full standing (dues are paid).

Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) are due each year 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.**

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 [Ravelry](#)

[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 kjpritchett11@gmail.com

Newsletter - Aileen Campbell specedt1@gmail.com

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