

Fredericksburg Spinners & Weavers Guild

Minutes of April 13 meeting

meeting notes were taken by Karen Pritchett

22 members were present

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 AM, with president Aileen Campbell presiding.

Newsletter: Aileen asked for those members who are not getting the newsletter to leave their name and e-mail address on the list at the side table.

Snacks: Thanks were expressed for those who brought snacks: Karen Pritchett and Abby Pasinski.

Last month's minutes: The March minutes were finalized without any additional corrections or additions.

Officer reports:

Vice President: Kara Pekar reminded members to let Kara or Aileen know if items need to be added to the agenda. Doing so allows Kara to add those items to the slides for each meeting.

Treasurer: Denise Kash was not present, but sent her report.

TREASURER'S REPORT	
April 2024	
7,442.08	Opening Balance
1,595.88	Deposits
9,037.96	New Balance
800.00	LT Rent Pmt. (15th)
8,237.96	Ending Balance (16th)

Secretary: Nicole White could not attend today's meeting but overall is doing a great job.

Committee and other reports:

Engagement committee: this committee is open to all Guild members. The most recent meeting covered many topics in just an hour. The engagement committee meets via Zoom.

Retreat committee: still working on locating a venue.

State incorporation committee: no report this month.

Library: Door prizes have been assembled from duplicate fiber related magazines. The library now has an assistant - Sharon Adinolfi. Thank you, Sharon!

Technology: several members are having Dropbox issues. The Guild is looking at the possibility of moving to Google Drive. Leslie is also looking into why some members are not receiving emails and or Guild newsletters.

All-Craft groups:

Crafts Night Out: Met this past week but only two people were in attendance. They had a lovely time.

Craft and Chat: this group meets on the third Tuesday of each month by Zoom. The Zoom link is e-mailed to Guild members each month.

Newsletter: the newsletter for the time being will be in a PDF format. It's easier and faster. The Guild is still looking for a newsletter editor.

MAFA Update:

Virtual Learning Classes:

- Digital Record Keeping with Goodnotes, Apr. 13
- The Magic of Canva & Dissolvable Paper for Unique Embroidering, Apr. 14
- Making Zipper Bags Using Handwoven Fabric, Apr. 20
- Pin Loom Weaving from Scratch: 4x4" Squares, Apr. 27
- Cell Weave on 8 Shafts, starts May 9
- Long Draw Spinning: Part 1 (Fiber), May 18; Part 2 (Drafting), May 19
- Thinking with Their Hands: Changing the World of Children with Yarn, May 21

MAFA Movie Nights are free, on Zoom, on the second Wednesday of each month. Sign up at movies@mafafiber.org

Next MAFA Conference: June 26-29, 2025

Hospitality: thanks again to Keren and Abby for today's refreshments. Laurie and Mary are bringing snacks next month. In June refreshments will be provided by Judy and Margaret. Both July and August still need volunteers to bring snacks.

Membership: member Mary Collins has taken on this position. She suggested that the membership application have a spot for parent information if a minor is joining the Guild. This month's new members are Phoebe (Present) and Chris (not present). Other committee members include Tony and Cindy. This committee is full of lots of exciting ideas!

Education and outreach: *Earth Day* is April 20, 11:00-4:00 at Old Mill Park. Keren went over what people need to know about parking and set-up. *International Day at James Monroe Museum* (May 11) still has a flexible schedule. *The Maker Faire at Bull Run Library* in Manassas is June 22.

Programs: Today's program is on Reclaiming Yarn from Commercial Sweaters. *June 8th is Knit in Public Day* possibly at Hurkamp Park. This is the same day as our monthly Guild membership meeting. *September will be Spin in Public Day*. Mary Snelling and Lori Green are leading that effort and may combine it with the disAbility annual event.

Sales/Jury: no new news but Judy Klehm explained the process of getting recognized as a Guild seller.

Digital Learning: Abby is working on developing a flyer needs assistance from somebody or somebodies to balance ideas off.

LibertyTown Liaison: Lynette Reed is working with LibertyTown on the problem with the leaky door. She will also talk to them about a barrier to help decrease the amount of pottery dust getting into the studio. However, she is certain that the Guild will have to erect their own barrier.

Unfinished business:

The spinning class has been doing well but is looking for some new students. There will not be a spinning class on May 4th due to the Maryland sheep and wool festival. A reminder that the spinning classes meet on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:30-ish.

Inkle loom: Inkle loom sessions are being postponed for the next few months. Time for a break!

New business:

Help is needed for monitoring social media such as Instagram, Facebook, and Ravelry. If anyone has pictures to post on Instagram, please forward to Judy Klehm. We are looking for pictures of spinning, weaving, knitting, *et cetera*.

Hand Carders: one set of hand Carters needs repair. Seems to be a simple glue and clamp process. Judy Klehm volunteered for the repair.

Newer members Jan and Barbara were introduced.

There is an opportunity for the Guild to demonstrate at a wine festival at Caledon. The festival is the first weekend in November. Several guild members were interested in the opportunity.

Cookies with the Clydesdales: members who attended this event last year had a great time and the Guild wants to participate again this year. Mary Snellings said the Cookies with the Clydesdales event will be in December, the same day as our holiday meeting/ party. There was a short discussion about possibly combining the meeting with the event.

Handouts: The Guild will shortly need to order additional business cards and flyers to have on hand for events and demonstrations. The spinning class would also like cards to advertise their classes.

Someone contacted the Guild looking for spinning services as they have two bags of fleeces or roving. Discussion ensued suggesting local mills, which will take at least a year.

Announcements:

Florence showed a prayer weaving being constructed in conjunction with Micah Ministries. She's currently working on the 3rd warp installment. Florence explained that parishioners were given strips of fabric and asked to add their prayers or thoughts. Florence then wove those strips of cloth into the piece. She also added words in the weaving as well as strips of cloth to add texture and interest.

All Guild members are welcome to use the Guild studio space. Those who rent space in the Guild are responsible for keeping their area neat and tidy. Anyone who uses the guild studio space is asked to please clean up after themselves. It was suggested that we might need to schedule an annual Guild studio cleanup event. It was also mentioned that more items for sale are needed. Liberty town retains 30% of the sales price and the remainder goes to the artist. Liberty town takes care of payment of taxes.

A raffle was held for door prizes which were duplicates of fiber magazines.

The meeting was adjourned.

Show & Tell:

Aileen and Margaret showed their new Maryland Sheep & Wool t-shirts.

Michelle shared that she has five baby German angora bunnies and hopes to bring them to next month's meeting.

Mary Snellings has socks that she's been working on that use the fish lips kiss heel.

Mary Collins showed her fingerless mitt and promised to share the free pattern with the guild.

Jan modeled sweaters she knitted. A fun feature were the pockets!

June Jackson sported 2 knitted steeking samples. Each sample had a different design in it.