

May 2024 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome everyone!

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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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APRIL MEETING and PROGRAM

Time: 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Place: **Fredericksburg Library (CRRL) Meeting Room #1**, 1201 Caroline St., Fredericksburg. There is ample parking beside the library.

Hybrid meeting: You can attend the May meeting either in-person or on Zoom.

Meeting Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkZzZ09#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038*****

MAY PROGRAM: Maryland Sheep & Wool Show-and-Tell

Did you go to Maryland Sheep & Wool? C'mon, show us what you've got! Photos, that is. And yarn, fiber, tools... whatever goodies you picked up at the festival.

1) If you have photos from the show, please contact Kara Pekar at kpekar9@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon, so she can get your photos into a format where they can be displayed on the screen at the meeting. (I'll be out of town and unavailable after Wednesday.)

2) If you bought anything, we'd love to see it! Bring it to the meeting. (But save it for the program time after the meeting, not the regular show-and-tell time.)

POST-MEETING CRAFT TIME

We have the library room until 3:00 PM, so feel free to bring a portable craft! There will be a snack between the meeting and the program, but if you're going to stay after the program, you may want to bring your lunch and a beverage.

CRAFT & CHAT

The next Craft & Chat evening will be Tuesday, May 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Zoom. Bring a craft to work on, a snack or drink if you'd like, and come hang out with your fellow guild members from the comfort of your own home!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744721955?pwd=S3dyR2pOekRWVldldDNwblFPTzRmZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 4472 1955

Passcode: 736194

UPCOMING EVENTS

Things to look forward to:

June 8, 2024: Worldwide Knit in Public Day – spend a few hours knitting in public with your fellow Guild members. (Locations and times to be announced soon.)

June 29 – July 21, 2024: Tour de Fleece – challenge yourself to spin every day for three weeks! We will have a Tour de Fleece "team" with virtual and in-person get-togethers and even a few randomly-awarded prizes for participants. Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!

August or September meeting: annual picnic and "yard sale" (date, time, and location TBD, but probably following one of our meetings)

September 21, 2024: Worldwide Spin in Public Day – spend a few hours spinning in public with your fellow Guild members. (Locations and times to be determined.)

From the President's desk:

As spring marches on, so does the progress of our guild members! A perfect example is LibertyTown's Patron's Show, to which several guild members made contributions. More details are included a little further in this newsletter (thank you Mary Hardy) but I wanted to say the pictures simply do not do these entries justice – in person the colors sing in a way that pictures cannot replicate. Do yourself a favor and stop in at LibertyTown to enjoy the display before it's gone!

While you're at LibertyTown, check out the guild studio space. Several members have continued the cleaning and polishing around the studio as well as rearranging the display area. Members who sell are also setting out new inventory. We are cleaning sections of the carpet to see what improvement that yields. Also keep in mind that there are many resources in the studio that are available to all guild members from fiber journals like Spin-Off and Handwoven, to an extensive book collection, threads & yarns, and don't forget equipment that can be borrowed at no cost.

Guild member Natalie Drummond was recently featured in a PBS show – quite a lovely interview! If you haven't seen it yet, go to <https://www.pbs.org/show/wfwa-arts-focus/> to watch it. (this information also went out last week in an email).

As you can see, there's much going on for guild members – let's keep it going! Plan to join the guild next month for Worldwide Knit in Public Day – this should be lots of fun!

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Patron Show Happenings!

The 16th annual Patron Show is the May Show at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. It is the annual fundraiser that helps to support the renters, building and surrounding grounds with items donated from the artists who work at or are involved and benefit from LibertyTown in some way.

I want to take a moment to let you know that the Patron Show is supported by some of the members who work in Studio 21 and Studio 26. Fran also supported the show by purchasing a ticket for the drawing to be held in several weeks. Lucky you, Fran!

A special thanks to Florence, Linda, Judy and Lynette for donating a special piece of their work to the show. I donated a piece of weaving, also. This helps the guild, as it keeps Studio 21 rent from increasing annually.

Below are photos of the pieces that members donated to the Patron Show. If you want to see how talented and creative the artists are at LibertyTown, stop by the Gallery and enjoy all the work from the resident artists in this show.

The Patron Show will be on display May 3rd through May 17th.

Mary Hardy

FSWG Member and Resident in Studio 21



Judy Klem "A Study in Symbols"



Linda George "Huck Lace Silk Shawl"



Florence Ridderhof "Handwoven Shawl"



Lynette Reed "Shadows at Dusk"



Mary Hardy and Ann Pfau "Beautiful Blues"

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett):

We kicked off this year with the Earth Day Festival on April 20th and the weather was fine. Many thanks to Bonny, Mary, Lori, Aileen and Beth for all of your help to make it a success.

Our schedule for the rest of the year is:

Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 International Family Day at the James Monroe Museum

Saturday, June 22 from 11 - 3 pm Bull Run Library Maker Faire, Manassas VA

Thursday, 4th of July from 10 - 2 pm Port Royal, VA

Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11 - 4 pm disAbility Resource Center Fall Family Festival at the FXBG Fairgrounds

pending--Port Royal Fall Living History

pending--Sat/Sun Nov. 2 & 3 from 10 - 5pm (10 - 4 Sun) Caledon Art & Wine Festival

pending--Saturday Dec. 14? Cookies with the Clydesdales, Stafford VA

Arts & Crafts Night Out

2nd Thursdays, 6-7 PM

All spinners, weavers, knitters, and crafters are invited to Arts & Crafts Night Out, 6-7 PM, second Thursdays at the Howell Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library (806 Lyons Blvd.). We'll gather on the comfy sofas in front of the fireplace.

The next meeting is this Thursday, May 9, at 6 PM.

Bring your current project!

Committee news: (Most committee updates will be shared at Saturday's guild meeting.)

Guild Engagement Committee - The next scheduled meeting is May 30th at 7 PM. All guild members are encouraged 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/j/89028356071?pwd=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZlWEs5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 890 2835 6071

Passcode: 720624

All meeting dates can be found on the guild calendar

Library News (Denise Kash):

No new news.

MAFA updates (Diane Kowalski):

FREE events available:

Cell Weaves on 8 Shafts with Martha Town

A simple repeat threading on paired shafts creates 4 “cells” which can be woven as Lace, Deflected Double Weave, Honeycomb, and Monks Belt! Weave a unique sampler that includes all these structures; play with bold color effects, and gain confidence in fabric design.

Starts Thursday, May 9, at 7 pm ET

Let's Look at Long Draw Spinning Part 1&2 - Fiber Prep with Michelle Boyd

The key to stress-free long draw spinning is preparing your fibres for effortless drafting. There are several ways we can prepare fibres for this style of spinning and this lecture/demonstration session will explain the pros and cons of each style of preparation.

Saturday, May 18, at 1 pm ET & Sunday, May 19, at 1 pm ET

If anyone would like to be part of the MAFA 2025 conference as an Ads and Donations Coordinator or Weekend Classes Coordinator, let Georgette know

Grants Committee is accepting grant or micro-grant applications. Please look at <https://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/> or <http://mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/> for more information.

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

“Making Zen” Online Retreat – FREE!! Diane Kowalski wants to share this very awesome event with guild members...

Nurture your creativity with the twice yearly Making Zen Online Retreat! Featuring a week full of workshops on a variety of topics, given by 20+ textile artists from all over the world. Go to

www.zenstitching.ca/upcoming-events to get your free ticket to the event and to find details about classes like Chicken Scratch Embroidery, Mixed Media Watercolour & Embroidery, Stitch Goddesses, Applique Blackbird Zipper Pouch, 3-D Jogakbo Coasters, and more!!

Guild Lessons and Classes:

Inkle loom lessons with Bonny Davia will not be held during the months of May and June.

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.

Rigid Heddle Weaving Classes:

Rigid Heddle Weaving Lessons are now available and are being taught by Fran Slaterbeck. Contact her at fslaterbeck040@gmail.com for details. She is so excited to have her rigid heddle loom in the guild studio space available for visitors to try.

Guild T-shirts and other Guild logo merchandise:

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 Café Press, Zazzle, etc. Thank you Judy!!!

Selling your work at Liberty Town:

If you are interested in selling and would like to have your items reviewed for approval, please complete the application on our [website](#) 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. 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 and Dues:

Our guild membership numbers are consistently hovering between 60 and 65 members.

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 (Lesley Reynold's name will come up with the guild email - select this for who to send the payment)**
- 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

Leadership Information:

Leadership (executive board members)

President - Aileen Campbell 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 – Mary Collings membership@fswguild.org

Hospitality - Mary Snellings marysnellings@yahoo.com

Education/Outreach - Keren Pritchett kjpritchett11@gmail.com

Newsletter – position vacant

MAFA Rep – Diane Kowalski fswg_mafa_rep@fswguild.org

Liberty Town Liaison - Lynette Reed yarnlyn@aol.com

2024 Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations (subject to change)

5/11/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #1
6/8/2024	10:00AM – 2:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #1
7/13/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #1
8/10/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #1
9/14/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #2
10/12/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #2
11/9/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #2
12/14/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #1