

June 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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Guild meeting information and Vice President's report:

JUNE MEETING

Time: 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 8th, 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 June meeting either in-person or on Zoom.

Meeting Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkZzO9#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038*****

JUNE PROGRAM: Worldwide Knit in Public Day

This month, we won't have a demonstration or how-to. Instead, we will head out to knit (and crochet) in public. Details:

Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Worldwide Knit in Public Day is Saturday, June 8! Here's how you can participate:

1. Go somewhere public (outdoors is great) and KNIT! (Or crochet; that's fine too!)

If you're willing, you can also:

1. Take pictures or get someone else to take photos of you stitching.
2. If you have a guild shirt or apron – wear it!
3. Take along an extra pair of needles and some yarn to give away, and teach someone to knit! (Or crochet.)
4. Give out FSWG flyers or business cards to anyone interested in the Guild. (they will be at the guild meeting for you to pick up)

We will have several sets of needles and some extra yarn available at Saturday's meeting, along with some flyers and business cards. (Feel free to bring needles or yarn to donate, too.) After our monthly meeting, we will all disperse to knit and crochet in public!

Not sure where to go? Here are some suggestions. You can team up or go solo.

- The benches in front of or behind the Fredericksburg library
- Hurkamp Park (about a block from the studio)
- Riverside Park, on Sofia Street
- Any restaurant or coffee shop, especially if they have outdoor seating
- Any other parks or public spaces you can think of

Depending on where you go, you may want to bring a portable chair and something to drink. And don't forget your sun protection!

Most of all – have fun!

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- **July: Ice Dyeing** (Judy Klehm. This is an informational program, not a workshop)
- **August: Rope Bowls** (Aileen Campbell. This is an informational program, not a workshop)
- **September:** Annual Picnic and Yard Sale (held at the same venue as last year) The yard sale is where you get to sell your yarn, tools, and equipment to each other.
- **October: Silk Scarf Dyeing with Judy Klehm** (workshop)
- **November: Intro to the FSWG Library** (Denise Kash and others)
- **December: Holiday party and gift exchange**

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.

Upcoming event:

TOUR de FLEECE

Tour de Fleece is an international event held each summer (coinciding with the Tour de France.) This year, the dates are June **29 – July 21, 2024**. The idea is to challenge yourself to spin every day for three weeks! Join the fun and sign up for the FSWG Tour de Fleece "team." We'll have both virtual and in-person get-togethers and even a few randomly awarded prizes for participants. Your co-captains are Kara Pekar and Mary Snellings.

To sign up, go to our Tour de Fleece thread on Ravelry:

<https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/fredericksburg-spinners-and-weavers-guild-fswg/4314037/1-25>

An email announcement went out on May 22, with all the details. If you can't find your email, contact Kara Pekar at vice_president@fswguild.org and I'll forward it to you again. (I will be out of town at a conference all this week, so it may take me a few days to get back to you.)

Prizes: We welcome donations of fiber, fleece, or even spinning or fiber-prep tools. Please let Kara Pekar or Mary Snellings know if you would like to donate a prize. You can also bring donations to the June 8 guild meeting 😊

CRAFT & CHAT

The next Craft & Chat evening will be Tuesday, June 18, 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=S3dyR2pOekRWVldldDNwbIFPTzRmZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 4472 1955

Passcode: 736194

From the President's desk:

Oh my, summer is here! Let's get out there and show the community our knitting/crocheting spirit for Worldwide Knit in Public Day! This month's guild meeting will be shorter than usual so that we can spend our time out in public. So, as Kara said, gather your needles and yarn and get ready to have some fun! What a great opportunity to encourage passersby to stop for a few minutes to learn the basics of beginning knitting!

Later this month the Tour de Fleece will begin – another opportunity to build your spinning skills and participate in a truly fun community of spinners! All the details are near the beginning of this newsletter. If you want a drop spindle to use but don't own one, you can check one out from the guild.

We are also trying out a new approach with some of our programs. Projects or techniques will be demonstrated for the program. If there is sufficient interest, we will look at offering a workshop or mini workshop on the topic. To start this off, Judy Klehm will be demonstrating ice dyeing at the July guild meeting. In August I will demonstrate how I construct rope bowls. I hope that sounds like total fun!

In September, we will hold our annual picnic as well as a sale. This sale is geared for guild members to sell their supplies and/or their crafted items and the guild does not take any portion. Any member wishing to sell items can also have a free "advertisement" in the newsletter that month, which goes out to members the Monday before each meeting. Pictures, details, pricing can all be included! Now's the time to start thinking about what to sell and what to make to sell. It's also a great time to start your holiday shopping 😊.

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Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett):

Our schedule for the rest of the year is:

Saturday, June 22 from 11 - 3 pm Bull Run Library Maker Faire, Manassas VA – email will go out to members later this week.

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

Reminder: 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 Thursday, June 13, at 6 PM. Bring your current project!

Also, please bring your calendars to the FSWG Guild meeting on June 8 so we can discuss changing the Arts & Crafts Night Out schedule. The current time has proven inconvenient for most members. Since the Howell Branch of the library is open 9 - 5:30 on Saturdays, we will be looking at weekend options.

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

Guild Engagement Committee - The next scheduled meeting is July 11th 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=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZIWEs5Zz09>

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):

Link to the latest MAFA Newsletter: https://mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/Reps-News/MAFA-News-2024-May_June.pdf

Upcoming MAFA classes (via lessonface.com/mafa) :

- **June 9: Incredible Ice Dye** with Jess Kaufman
- **June 15: Summer and Winter in Fiberworks** with Maryse Giroux
- **June 25: Colors in Fiberworks for Mac** with Maryse Giroux

Register for Fall 2024 Classes now!

Find them on Lessonface
at lessonface.com/mafa.



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.

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)

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