

July 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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JULY MEETING

Time: 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, July 13th, 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 July meeting either in-person or on Zoom.

Meeting Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkJzZz09#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038*****

JULY PROGRAM: Ice Dyeing Demonstration by guild member Judy Klehm

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- **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.

Currently occurring event:

Tour de Fleece 2024

We began our 2024 Tour de Fleece adventure on June 29th. FSWG has a team of about 16 folks this year, and we are having a blast!

Tour de Fleece is a spinning event that runs the same days as the Tour de France. It's based around community/team support for individual goals. You set your own objectives, and determine your own level of involvement. For our guild team, everyone has the opportunity to declare their goal in our team Ravelry forum thread, here: <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/fredericksburg-spinners-and-weavers-guild-fswg/4314037/1-25> . And then we have set up optional meet-ups. We are meeting in person Sundays at 3-4:30 PM (during the same time and place as the guild's beginner spinning class). We also met up at the Port Royal 4th of July demonstration, and at First Friday at LibertyTown (July 5th this month).



Also, we are having virtual meet-ups on Tuesdays at 7PM on Zoom. The last option for engagement is asynchronous – post pictures and descriptions of your spinning adventures on the Ravelry thread, and comment on other people’s posts, to provide encouragement and support. It’s been so much fun to see what everyone is working on, and to hear about what everyone is trying. Algae tried plying on her drop spindle for the first time, and she took right to it! Abby is learning a ton about her new Spinolution Polywog travel wheel. And I’m finally getting my Valentine’s day yarn plied!

At the end of the event on July 21, we will be giving out participation prizes (winners chosen at random.) It’s not too late to donate a prize if you have some special fiber or tools you don’t plan on using, and they would be greatly appreciated.

Tour de Fleece ends on July 21, but it’s not too late to join Team FSWG 2024! Since it’s all about fun, not competition, everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. Join us!

Questions? Contact Kara Pekar (kpekar9@gmail.com) or Mary Snellings (marysnellings@yahoo.com).

(Article by Mary Snellings with contributions and photos by Kara Pekar.)



CRAFT & CHAT

The next Craft & Chat evening will be **Tuesday, July 16, 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

From the President's desk:

Welcome everyone to what so far is a broiler of a summer! Even our dogs are feeling it – staying inside most of the day, hugging the air vents and sucking up all the coolest air! Only 2 more months of this to get through is what I've been telling them.

The guild is cooking as well. Many events are being planned, such as demonstrations and the guild retreat next March. Kara, our VP has all the programs for this calendar year planned out. And how about our Tour de Fleece contingency? Over a dozen guild members are participating and can you imagine the amount of fiber that will be spun by the time the Tour is over later this month? Our guild is continuing to grow. As we were coming out of COVID our guild had fewer than 50 members and now we are 65 strong! Recently several significant donations have been made or promised to the guild. We are indeed very fortunate.

Our guild is being asked to demonstrate at fairs and community events, so we are certainly making a positive impact and that is so rewarding to see happening. I am absolutely delighted...

As we move through these scorching summer months and look ahead to crisp fall days, we will begin looking for members to step into leadership or committee positions. Please keep an open mind when you are asked. We truly need everyone's participation to keep our momentum strong.

I'll finish by sharing that our guild has attained State Incorporation status! Using information gathered by the 501(c)3 committee back in 2021, member Toni Stevens forged ahead by finding a registered agent to work with the guild and getting the paperwork submitted to the state. We were almost immediately incorporated – woohoo! (Incorporation allows guild officers some legal protection). Oh yes, our guild is smoking in a very wonderful way!

Aileen

Member Mary Hardy shares her recent experiences with inkle weaving...



Greetings all!

Last Fall, I went to the Baltic States area with Fran and Judy and found so many fiber things that I had to take a second look at. I love the Baltic Bands and helped myself to several of different designs and sizes. The bands captured my heart, and I decided that I needed an inkle loom. So, I began my search.

I chose the Minstrel Windhaven Inkle Loom in Cherry. The photo above is my sweet inkle loom and a Baltic Band that I purchased in Latvia. These are made to order, so the wait time is 4-6 weeks.

Now, time to weave. All was going well with Plain Weave, but I realized I need to move on to pick-up. I called Red Stone Glen and learned they had offered the class a week earlier. I continued my search and saw an offering for an online class through Handwoven "Baltic Pick-up on the Inkle Loom. Only \$39.00! Woo Hoo! Then, Linda reminded me that I could view it for

free through the Guild site for no cost. Off I went to the Resources on the website. The Guild Handwoven Resource is so easy to use! In every News Letter there is the code for the log-in. Click on the Member's Portal and head to the Guild Resources. It is easy to get into and there are so many choices of courses offered. Don't overlook these. I have found several other courses that I am going to take.

We often hear about our resources and like me, a Librarian, fail to use them. Now, I have and want to make you aware of the ease with which you can take advantage of them.

I hope to see you at the July Meeting!

Any questions, just contact me!

Happy July!

Happy Weaving!

Mary Hardy

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett):

EDUCATION & OUTREACH by Keren Pritchett

Many thanks to Karen Perry and Abby Pasinski for volunteering at the Bull Run Library Maker Faire on June 22. From their report they were right by the door with lots of foot traffic and interested people stopping by. Also, many thanks to those who volunteered at the Port Royal 4th of July event. I applaud all of you for venturing out in this heat.

Future opportunities to share our fiber skills are:

Saturday, Sept. 7th--Port Royal Fall Living History

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

Sat & Sun, Nov. 2 & 3--Caledon Art & Wine Festival, Caledon State Park all day, both days

Saturday, Dec. 14--Cookies with the Clydesdales

RETREAT COMMITTEE:

We have scheduled our Guild Retreat at the Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center in Marriottsville MD for Friday - Sunday March 7 - 9, 2025. We still have a couple of spaces left for those who want to sign up. More info about this at our Guild meeting.

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, July 11, 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 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

Hospitality (Mary Reese-Snellings)

Thanks so much to Judy Klehm and Margaret Campbell for providing our snack packs for the June Knit in Public day.

The calendar for the next few months is:

July – Jeane Camelo and Bonny Davia

August – Judy Klehm and Robin Lanier
September – Picnic Potluck and “Yard Sale” of fiber related items at Judy's clubhouse

October – Margaret Hardy and Jan Price

November – Beth Horine and Karen Perry

December – Potluck Holiday Party at HMBC (same location as last year – reservation confirmed!)

Thanks so much to everyone who has volunteered to bring food and make the guild a welcoming place!

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

MAFA Updates

There will be no movie night in July

Book club will meet on July 23 at 7:30 to discuss Women's Work, The First 20,000 years by Elizabeth Barber

Sign up for the book group email list to receive details on upcoming dates, books, and Zoom links: forms.gle/HQyMbp9T7gpcnfz5.

MAFA virtual classes are on Lessonface (see below)

[Lessonface.com/mafa](https://lessonface.com/mafa)

MAFA Conference June 26-29, 2025 Millersville University Millersville, PA

Class brochure should be available mid-September and registration will be in February 2025.

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 this July and 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 until further notice.

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 but cash is also good (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

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)

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