

FWSG Monthly Meeting – August 10, 2024

1. As President, Aileen Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. She noted that last month's meeting minutes were sent out to membership the week following the guild meeting. Judy K. made a motion to accept the minutes that were sent out and Fran S. seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The October Fiber Show at Liberty Town (LT) will consider any fiber project, even wire if it is knitted or woven. More information can be found on the LT website or use the link in August's newsletter. There is a Sept. 16, 2024 deadline for entries.
3. The Rita Brown Retrospective will be held at LT in October as well. After all, October is National Fiber Month!
4. A Program Committee is needed, ideally with 4-6 members to help spread the workload. The committee would likely meet monthly to begin and their primary goal would be to plan programs for the monthly meetings. The program committee would not be responsible for presenting the programs – only for generating ideas, finding members or others to conduct programs, and scheduling those programs. The program committee would not be responsible for planning workshops. If the program committee would like to meet virtually, MAFA can provide Zoom meetings that do not have the 40-minute limit imposed with free accounts.
5. **Carpet Committee** – first meeting is scheduled for August 14. Door leaking was thought to have been fixed, but it's leaking again.
6. **Digital payments** – we are not using PayPal so we cannot accept electronic payments for now, just cash and checks. Update on this coming this fall.
7. **Vice President's report** (Kara Pekar) – Kara had no news to report but reminded members to let Aileen or Kara know if time is needed at a guild meeting so they can be added to the agenda.

8. **Treasurer's Report** given by Kara as Denise is out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT	
July 2024	
8,475.61	Opening Balance
1,445.00	Deposits
9,920.61	New Balance
800.00	LT Rent Pmt. (15th)
9,120.61	Ending Balance (16th)

Retreat Payments

2nd (of 3) payment for retreat participants will be due sometime in September. Watch your email!

9. **Secretary's Report** – Nicole is not present. Beth Spragins is acting secretary for this meeting. Thank you, Beth!

10. **Engagement Committee report** (Kara) (usually meets two Thursdays prior to monthly membership meeting – all guild members are welcome, and the link is in every newsletter). The committee met on 8/1/2024 to discuss:

- Changing the date of the Sept. Craft & Chat
- Studio carpet
- Need for Program Committee
- Rita Brown Memorial
- The guild's Facebook group (we have both a public and a private page – members must request to be included in the private page)

11. **Education and Outreach report** given by Keren Pritchard. Contact Keren if you are interested in signing up for any of these.

- **Port Royal Fall Living History Day**, Sat. September 7
- **DisAbility Resource Center Fall Festival**, Sat., September 21, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Indoors at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds
- **Caledon Wine Festival**, November 2 & 3. Sat. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sun 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **Cookies with the Clydesdales**, Dec. 14 (same day as our December meeting and holiday party)
- **Virginia Commission of the Arts grant program** – has asked the guild to participate in a program that will be looking at 18th century arts and how they have changed in the present day. Members thought it an interesting idea and Keren will gather further details.

12. **Programs** – today's program is Rope Bowls, presented by Aileen.

- September – will be held at the Community Center in Judy K's neighborhood. Judy assured members that it really isn't far from town. Bring food as it's an indoor "picnic". Also bring items to sell – either crafted items or fiber-related items – to sell. This is our annual yard

sale and members keep their profits. If you are selling items please also bring change and decide if you are willing to accept checks.

- October – Judy K will demonstrate one method for dyeing silk scarves. This is a demonstration only. If there is sufficient interest following the demonstration, a hands-on mini workshop can be scheduled.
- November – Denise will conduct a program on the guild’s library resources and how to access them.
- December – Guild Holiday Party as well as Cookies with the Clydesdales.
- January – Guild Sale – will be held at Florence Ridderhof’s home. For this sale, members donate items to the guild and profits go to the guild treasury.

13. Retreat Committee report given by Keren Pritchard.

- All 16 rooms for the Retreat have filled.
- Emails went out to all Retreat participants. Next payment of \$120 is due by the September guild meeting on September 14. Payments can be left in Treasurer’s Cubby, in the bottom drawer of the blue filing cabinet, or the guild’s mailbox in LT’s office. Please place payments in an envelope.

14. Rita Brown Scholarship given by Judy Klehm.

- No new updates.

15. Library – no report this month.

16. Technology – no report this month

17. Newsletter

- Reminder that the newsletter is published via email to members the Monday evening prior to monthly guild meetings. If you are not receiving a newsletter, please let Aileen Campbell know.
- If you send info to Aileen for the newsletter that has links, please send them within an editable document. If you send a PDF or a picture of links, they are not live links. Or send the links separately.

18. Craft Groups

- Craft Night Out with Beth Spragins is moving from Thursday to the 4th Saturday each month. The location remains at the Howell Branch of the public library (806 Lyons Blvd). Time is 2-3:30 PM. The name is also changing from Craft Night Out to Weekend Break for Arts & Crafts.
- Craft and Chat with Kara Pekar is a Zoom social time held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-9 PM. However, due to a conflict with MAFA, the September meeting will be September 20th (not the 3rd Tuesday)

Zoom Meeting link:

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

Meeting ID: 817 4472 1955

Passcode: 736194

19. **MAFA liaison** given by Diane Kowalski.

- Lesson Face information can be found in the August newsletter.
- Free talk in September: **How String Changed the World** (Cameron Taylor-Brown) Tues., Sept. 24, 7 pm. Register via Lesson Face.
- Virtual Learning classes (register via Lesson Face)
 - **The Business Side of Fiber Arts** (Margery Ericson) 4 sessions, beginning Mon., Sept. 9, 7 pm
 - **Learning to Weave on a Rigid-Heddle Loom & Make a Tote Bag** (Deborah Jarchow) 2 sessions, beginning Thur., Sept. 12, 7 pm
 - **The Magic of Illumination Paste** (David Heustess) Sat., Sept. 14, 2 pm
 - **Blending & Spinning for Super Socks** (Michelle Boyd) 3 session beginning Thurs., Sept. 24, 7 pm
 - ***And more classes beginning in October***

MAFA discussion ensued:

- Next MAFA Conference is June, 2025 in Millersville, PA. No virtual component this time as there is plenty of virtual opportunities via Lesson Face. Expect a cost of \$600-\$700, which includes the conference, the class, room, and board. Some classes will have a materials fee but usually minimal amounts.
- Judy pointed out that scholarships and grants are available, especially for first-time attendees. If a letter of recommendation is needed, please contact Aileen – she will be glad to write one.
- MAFA also has other grant monies available for guild projects. Aileen is happy to write the grant application but not interested in implementing the project. If you have an idea that could benefit the guild and/or our local community, let Aileen know.

20. **Hospitality Report** given by Kara on behalf of Mary Snelling.

- Thank you to Robin Lanier and Judy Klehm for today's refreshments.
- The September potluck and yard sale will be at the clubhouse in Judy Klehm's neighborhood.
- Mary Hardy and Jan Price are signed up for October refreshments.
- Mary Snelling shared that the church near England Run where we held our December meeting last year is welcoming us again this year (for free!).

21. **Membership** given by Kara on behalf of Mary Collings.

- The guild is experiencing growth, with 5-6 new members in the last few months. The guild is approaching at 70 or 70+ members!

22. **Sales & Jury Committee** given by Judy Klehm.

- Those interested in selling their fiber articles at LibertyTown need to submit items and application to the Sales and Jury Committee. LibertyTown takes 30% but they also take care of the taxes.
- No one has expressed interest in the past month.

23. **LibertyTown Liaison** given by Aileen on behalf of Lynette Reed.

- Lynette wants to make sure that everyone is aware of the upcoming Rita Brown Retrospective and the Fiber Show being held at LT.

24. **Digital Learning** given by Abby Pasinski.

- Abby is excited about new equipment that she will soon receive to use for filming new programs (such as the beginning weaving lessons with Linda George and Beth Honrine).

25. **Unfinished Business:**

- Just the carpets...

26. **New Business:**

- None

27. **Next meeting** – September 14th at Judy Klehm’s local community center. More details will go out to membership closer to the event.

28. **Adjournment:** Aileen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Bonny and was seconded by Judy. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Meeting was followed by:

Show and Tell

Refreshments

Rope bowl demonstration by Aileen Campbell

Additional notes:

Fran brought books to sell, as she is diminishing her personal library. \$3 each or two for \$5. All monies raised go to the guild. Thank you Fran!!

Also, be aware that the Fall Fiber Festival is right around the corner – first weekend in October and held near Montpelier in Orange County. The Festival offers lots of vendors, food, animals to enjoy, sheep dog trials, and a competition for fiber related items such as handspun yarn, woven items, etc. Entry deadline is September 18th.