

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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AUGUST MEETING

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

Meeting Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkZz09#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

AUGUST PROGRAM: Rope Bowl demonstration: using cotton clothesline and a sewing machine to construct beautiful bowls.

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.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

· **September: Annual Picnic and "Yard Sale"** *We will hold our annual "yard sale" during and after the picnic at the September meeting, held at the clubhouse in Judy Klehm's neighborhood. The address will be posted in the September newsletter.*

This sale is your chance to sell your extra or unwanted yarn, thread, fiber, tools, books, and even equipment! Each person handles the sale of their own stuff. Price your items to sell, and bring plenty of cash so that you can make change. Just like a community yard sale, whatever you don't sell must go home with you!

If you would rather donate something to benefit the Guild, please hang onto it until the January Guild sale.

- **October: Silk Scarf Dyeing with Judy Klehm** (workshop)
- **November: Intro to the fantastic FSWG Library** (Denise Kash and others)
- **December: Holiday party and gift exchange**

CRAFT & CHAT

The next Craft & Chat evening will be Tuesday, August 20, 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

Weekend Break for Arts & Crafts (formerly known as Arts and Crafts Night Out), 4th Saturdays, 2-3:30 PM

c to Weekend Break for Arts & Crafts, 4th Saturdays, 2-3:30 PM, 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 first meeting is Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 PM. Bring your current project!

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

Guild Engagement Committee - The next scheduled meeting is September 5th 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

Other Guild Reports:

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett): Here is the list for upcoming Education & Outreach activities:

Saturday, Sept. 7: Port Royal Fall Living History from 10 - 4 pm.

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

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 2 & 3: Caledon Art & Wine Festival from 10 - 5 pm (10 - 4 Sun)

Saturday, Dec. 14: Cookies with the Clydesdales (after our Guild mtg/holiday party)

LibertyTown Liaison (Lynette Reed):



Just a reminder about the fiber show in October (applications due in September) and a plug for the September show with Elizabeth, Joan Limbrick and I ... I will have quite a few coiled sculpture pieces with 90% of the yarn spun by guild member Anna Branner.

Lynette

From LibertyTown Arts Workshop's website:

Fiber IV, a National Juried Exhibition

DEADLINE: Monday September 16, 2024

This October, LibertyTown Arts Workshop in Fredericksburg, Virginia presents **Fiber, an exhibition celebrating everything fiber.**

We want to showcase the full breadth of fiber art, including but not limited to: weaving, dying, felting, sculpture, sewing, quilting, knitting, and crocheting. Fiber can be, but is not limited to, cotton, wood, wool, paper, metal, or synthetic materials.

Additional details and application see the website or click [here](#).

Library News (Denise Kash):

No new news.

MAFA updates (Diane Kowalski):

Register for Fall Classes now!

Details and registration for ALL
MAFA Virtual classes and lectures is
on Lessonface: lessonface.com/mafa.



Free Lecture

September 17:
**How String Changed the World: An
Exploration of Fiber, Culture and
Human Ingenuity with Cameron
Taylor-Brown,**
7 p.m. ET, on Lessonface



On the heels of our July Book Group discussion of *Women's Work: The First 20,000 Years*, join us for a presentation of "How String Changed the World," by artist and educator Cameron Taylor-Brown. Taylor-Brown will discuss the history of flax, wool, silk and cotton as well as new ways to view textiles.

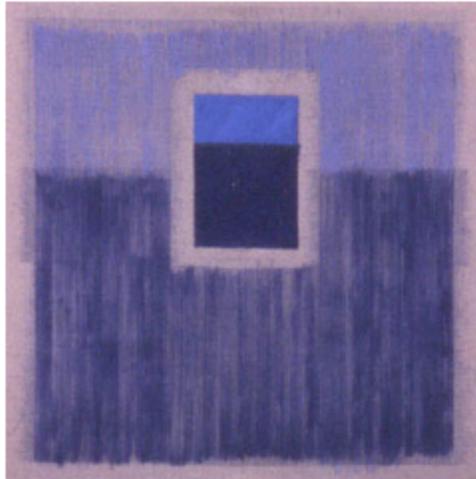
Find details and register to attend at www.lessonface.com/apply/How-String-Changed-World-Exploration-Fiber-Culture-and-Human-Ingenuity.

Questions about lectures? Email events@mafafiber.org.

Movie Night

August 14th: Our featured artist will be Virginia Davis

Davis uses ikat, a technique of applying color to threads before they are woven into a textile, not only for the dimension it gives her work, but also for its historical and ethnographic aspects.



Questions about Movie Nights? Email movies@mafafiber.org.

Link to the latest MAFA Newsletter:

https://mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/Reps-News/MAFA-News-2024-July_August.pdf

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.

Tour de Fleece:



FSWG's Tour de Fleece "team" went really well this year. We had 16 spinners sign up officially (and one or two who joined us informally)—the most we have had since we started several years ago!

A lot of us met at the Guild studio on Sundays during the Tour (June 29–July 21); we also had virtual meetups on Tuesday nights on Zoom. Several spinners turned out for the Port Royal Fourth of July event, despite the heat. All the participants challenged themselves to spin better or more often, or try a new fiber, technique, or tool. Everyone enjoyed the three-and-a-half weeks of camaraderie, and we ended the Tour with a random drawing of prizes ranging from drop spindles to fiber to an Electric Eel Nano mini-wheel! Many thanks to everyone who donated a prize, and everyone who participated this year.

Kara Pekar and Mary Snellings coordinated the group again this year. I (Kara) want to thank Mary for handling everything solo for the final week while I had to be out of town.

General Guild Information:

Guild Lessons and Classes:

Inkle loom lessons with Bonny Davia are on hold for the current time.

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 has 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 it 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 number is approaching 70!!.

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). Cash is also fine. A method of digital payments is being researched. We are no longer using PayPal to accept payments.

LibertyTown Arts Workshop
Attn: FSWG
916 Liberty Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Guild Links: many of these are out of date/non-working. As time allows, they will be updated.

[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 spcedt1@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)

8/10/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #1
9/14/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Clubhouse in Judy Klehm's neighborhood
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	TBD