

September 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:

September Meeting

I am not certain that we can hold a hybrid meeting this month due to, well, technical issues. The guild needs someone(s) to help with technology, such as running the equipment for hybrid meetings, maintaining our website, and several other technology-based tasks. If you are willing to help with any part of these technology needs, please contact Aileen at fswguild@gmail.com

Hybrid meeting: If we are able to make it available, you can attend the September meeting via Zoom by using the information below.

Meeting Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Annual Guild Sale and Picnic: this fun meeting consists of 3 parts: business meeting, indoor potluck picnic, and sale.

- Bring a dish to share for the potluck picnic and a beverage for yourself.
- We will eat during the business meeting.
- Shortly after the business meeting we will hold the sale.

Each member who is selling items conducts their own sales. The guild does not receive any portion of the sales (that sale is held in January). Members may begin setting up their food and their sales items as early as 10 AM. Food table will open at 11 AM and the business meeting will begin promptly at 11:15 AM. Sales will commence shortly after the meeting ends.

Address: 7435 Lee's Command Blvd. This is a community center within a gated neighborhood, but the gate will be wide open. It's a lovely venue.

This is a great shopping opportunity. There will be spinning fiber, yarn, fiber equipment, and finished goods – and the prices are usually awesome!

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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

POST-MEETING CRAFT TIME

Not available this month due to our alternate location.

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett):

A big thank you to those who volunteered at the Port Royal Fall Living History last Saturday. I know they appreciate our participation.

Saturday, Sept. 21 is our next opportunity to volunteer our talents at the disAbility Resource Center's Fall Family Festival at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds from 11 - 4pm. More info will be shared at the meeting.

On the horizon:

Sat/Sun, Nov. 2 & 3: the Caledon Art & Wine Festival

Sat. Dec. 14: Cookies with the Clydesdales

Retreat Committee:

A reminder has been sent out for the second deposit payment which is due by our Guild meeting on Sept. 14th.

I have started a waiting list. If you are interested in adding your name please let me know.

Upcoming local fiber festival – The Fall Fiber Festival is coming soon. October 5-6 and it's less than an hour's drive from Fredericksburg! Lots of vendors, animals to see, food, and sheep dog trials.

Check out the details at <https://fallfiberfestival.org/>

Craft and Chat:

The next Craft & Chat evening will be Tuesday, September 17th 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

Weekend Break for Arts & Crafts, 4th Saturdays, 2-3:30 PM

All spinners, weavers, knitters, and crafters are invited 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 news: (Most committee updates will be shared at Saturday's guild meeting.)

Guild Engagement Committee - The next scheduled meeting is Thursday October 3rd 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):

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

MAFA has posted the workshop instructors for the [MAFA 2025](#) Conference next June. The brochure should be available mid September.

Second, they have opened the Winter/Spring 2025 [Virtual classes](#) for enrollment.

Lots of interesting classes.

Special Notes from Mary Hardy:

Casanova's Inkle Loom Class and Baltic Pick-up



Recently, on a visit to the Baltic States, I fell in love with the Baltic Bands and, being a weaver, knew that this was what I wanted to learn to do. I purchased my sweet Windhaven Inkle Loom and was ready. I checked several of my weaving school resources and they had a class on Baltic pick-up but weren't offering it in the near future. I found Kelly Casanova's Inkle Loom class and it is the answer to my learning about pick-up and Baltic weaving.

She starts at the beginning and her class is divided up into each part of learning on the loom. I began the class and am very pleased with it. It is an extensive and in-depth class.

This class runs through 'Teachable' and is self-paced. It costs \$40 for the entire course and the instructor is thorough and easy to follow. Check out the class information below.

<https://kelly-casanova-weaving-lessons.teachable.com/p/inkle-weaving>

Guild Lessons and Classes:

Inkle loom lessons with Bonny Davia are still on hold.

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.

Weaving Classes (harness looms):

Linda George is offering two types of weaving classes using floor looms. Project-in-a-Day (ages 14-adult) and Beginning Weaving Lessons (ages 16-adult).

Project-in-a-Day: the loom will be warped and ready to weave. You choose a scarf, small table runner or kitchen towel and have a complete project at the end of the day (about 4 hours) - \$60.

Beginning Weaving Lessons: Learn to weave on a small floor loom. This class will cover the basics of weaving: calculating the amount of yarn needed for a project, warping (or threading the loom), weaving the project, and finishing techniques. You will weave two projects – a scarf in wool and a small table runner or kitchen towel in cotton. Loom rental and materials are included. Individual or small group instruction. Approximately 5 – five hour sessions - \$225.

Contact Linda George at Lgeorge1951@gmail.com or 540-842-7001 for additional information.

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? 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. 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

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

Program Committee – overseen by Vice President

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)

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