

## Minutes from October 12, 2024 Meeting Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Call to Order: Aileen called the meeting to order shortly after 10 AM. The meeting began with each person in attendance sharing their name and their interests in fiber arts. Approximately 28 people attended the meeting in person and 2 people attended via Zoom.

Sept. meeting minutes: no corrections or changes were discussed. Florence motioned to accept the minutes as originally published, seconded by Linda, and approved by all in attendance. The September meeting minutes are finalized.

### Officer Reports:

Vice President (Kara Pekar via Zoom): reminded members to provide information for monthly meetings to her or Aileen in time to be included in the agenda slides (Wednesday prior to guild monthly meetings).

Treasurer's Report (Denise Kash):

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
<b>Sept 2024 ***</b>	
6,905.36	Opening Balance
6,265.00	Deposits
4,800.00	Total retreat collected to date
290.00	Total Rita Brown Scholarship collected to date
13,170.36	New Balance
8,080.36	Bal w/ retreat & scholarship subtracted
800.00	LT Rent Pmt. (15th)
7,280.36	Available Ending Balance (16th)

\*\*\*Reflects the retreat & scholarship dollars and the available balance to be spent for guild purposes.

Secretary's Report (Donna Brown) - nothing to report.

## Committee Reports:

### Guild Engagement Committee: Open to all

- Meets Monthly; on Thursdays at 7 pm, a week and a half before the Guild meeting
- Link in newsletter

Discussion topics from most recent meeting:

- Program Committee
  - Status of Rita Brown memorial exhibition & scholarship
  - Studio water leak seems to be fixed
  - Liability insurance research
  - Exploring digital payments
  - DUES are due!
    - Programs, Oct. – Jan.
    - MAFA guild membership dues due
    - How to structure meetings
    - Need people for tech positions: website administrator, and someone to oversee hybrid meeting equipment & software

### Program Committee:

Program committee has 3 members, and we're working to schedule the first meeting.

### **Upcoming programs**

- **TODAY:** Dyeing Silk Scarves (Judy Klehm)
- **November:** FSWG Library intro
- **December:** Holiday Party & Cookies with the Clydesdales event
- **January:** Annual Guild sale & meeting

### Retreat Committee (Keren Pritchett):

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Caledon Art and Wine Festival, Sat. Nov 2 (10:00 - 5:00) and Sun Nov 3 (10:00 - 4:00). The guild will need to bring a tent, tables, chairs, guild display board and materials, guild banner, guild literature. Be set up and ready by 9:30 AM but can set up on Fri. Nov 1 from 10:00 - dusk. Aileen volunteered a tent and Judy can loan tables. Aileen and Linda will set up on Fri. and Aileen will dismantle on Sunday afternoon. Volunteers are still needed for Sat and Sun as well. Please let Keren Pritchett know which day and times you can be there. She needs to pass your name along so that you are not charged by the festival folks for parking.
- 2) Cookies with the Clydesdales, Sat. Dec. 4 in Stafford County following our Guild holiday party. 9:00 - 6:00. The guild will need to bring tables and chairs but a tent and ground cover is being provided by the hosts. Fran and Linda are also planning to have a sheep to shawl demonstration and are looking for another person or two to help with spinning.

## Other Education & Outreach items:

The Grant Committee (Manassas) has asked our guild to design an educational program. The emphasis of the entire grant involves the evolution of traditional arts from the time of the Revolutionary War to their current renditions. A guild committee was formed to begin the planning process. Committee members include Abby P., Amy G., Mary S., and Donna B.

In addition, the MakerSpace staff in Manassas has asked our guild for some advice and instruction on their recently donated spinning wheel. Staff would like to be able to provide instruction themselves so as to at minimum get visitors to the MakerSpace started spinning on a wheel. Amy G. volunteered to make contact with MakerSpace staff and see what the guild might be able to do to help them.

## Coordinator Reports:

Membership (Mary Collings - not present today) no new members during the previous month. But several new or returning members at today's meeting! Welcome all!

MAFA Representative (Diane Kowalski - not present today) reminder that Virtual Classes are available through LessonFace - link can be found at the MAFA website. Also, the classes and the instructors for next June's conference are also posted on MAFA's website.

Hospitality (Mary Snellings) Mary thanked Jan Price and Margaret Hardy for bringing today's refreshments and reminded next month's providers. Mary also shared that Hull Baptist Church is once again allowing the guild to host our holiday party at their spacious, decorated, complete kitchen facility - yay!

LibertyTown Liaison (Lynette Reed - not present) Fiber IV show at LibertyTown is in full swing. Several guild members had submissions accepted into the show, which is on display through the end of the month. What a talented group!

Also, the Rita Brown Retrospective is on display at LT, with proceeds going to our guild's Rita Brown Scholarship Fund. There is a room with Rita's weavings and the hallway outside the Guild studio is also hung with Rita Brown's weavings.

Social Media - nothing new to report

Sales/Jury - nothing new to report

Library - nothing new to report. However, next month's program will cover the resources that our guild library has to offer (which is a lot!).

Digital Learning (Abby Pasinski) Abby reiterated that she is available to put together a digital learning experience, such as a class or workshop. Her skill is getting instruction into a digital format that is accessible via a learning platform. Guild members need to provide the information and skills that need to be presented in a class or workshop. Contact Abby if you have an idea!!

Technology - the guild really needs some technology assistance from guild members who are, well, technologically inclined! Our needs have steadily increased and it's all too much for one person. We are looking for at least 2 people to train on how to run the Zoom equipment for our monthly meetings, as well as help with our website. Please contact Aileen Campbell if you can assist in any way.

### **Special Committee Reports:**

Nominating Committee: last month the nominating committee presented officer candidates for Vice President (Beth Honrine) and Treasurer (Denise Kash). Elections will be held in November.

Rita Brown Scholarship Committee: the committee will be working to establish guidelines, applications, etc. for the Scholarship Fund.

Carpet Committee: being resurrected now that the water leakage no longer appears to be an issue.

**Unfinished Business**: while there currently are no open spaces at the guild studio for rental to guild members, a wait list is held in the event that a space does open up. Let Aileen Campbell know if you are interested.

**New Business**: Judy Klehm brought up an idea to help those devastated by the recent hurricanes. Judy has had some experience with groups that send materials, supplies, and equipment to help replace some of what has been lost. Judy will keep us informed so that, when it's the right time to send things, we are ready to pitch in. Thanks Judy!

### **Announcements/Reminders:**

- 33rd International Scarf Exchange - if you would like details, please visit [www.spinweavesa.org](http://www.spinweavesa.org)
- **Spinning Classes** (Mary Snellings & Lori Green)
- **Weaving Classes** (Fran Slaterbeck for rigid heddle and Linda George for harness looms)
- **Micah Ministries** – donate knitted hats & scarves - there's a basket for donations as you enter the guild studio space.
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**All guild groups and members are welcome to use the guild's studio space in LibertyTown Arts Workshop.**

1. **Groups or classes with regular meeting times are listed in the Guild calendar.**
2. **No alcohol** (LibertyTown rule)
3. **Please be sure to tidy up before leaving**
  - Food trash should not be left in trashcan. Empty the trash and take it to the bins outside LibertyTown.
  - Run the vacuum cleaner if needed, and empty its bin.
  - Return chairs & benches to their places.

## Calendar: Recurring Events

- **Spinning classes:** Sundays, 3:00 pm (studio); Spinning Group after class
- **Weavers Studio:** Thursdays, 11:00 am (studio)
- **Weaving Study Group:** Third Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm (studio)
- **Sock Group:** Mondays, 12:00 pm (studio)
- **Knitting Group:** Fridays, 1:00 pm (studio)
- **Circular Sock Machine Group:** Fourth Saturday of each month, 10:00 am (studio)
- **Fran's Studio Lesson Time:** Tuesdays, 10:30 am; Thursdays, 5:30 pm; Saturdays, 11:00  
(*contact Fran to arrange lessons*)
- **Craft Night Out:** Fourth Saturday each month, 2:00-3:30 pm (Howell Branch Library)
- **Craft & Chat:** Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

- Show and Tell
- Next meeting will be at the Fredericksburg Library, meeting room #2, beginning at 10 AM on Saturday, November 9th.

Mary Snelling motioned that the October meeting be adjourned and this motion was seconded by Lori Green. All present were in favor of adjourning for refreshments and this month's program of silk dying by Judy Klehm.