

October 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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For sale item (Currently we are not posting items for sale on the website – hopefully this will be resolved soon. Until then, items can be posted in the newsletter.)

Guild meeting information:

October Meeting – this month's meeting will be held at the Fredericksburg branch of the public library at 1201 Caroline St Fredericksburg, VA 22401. The meeting will begin at 10 AM in meeting room #2. Please be prompt!

Hybrid meeting: Join the October meeting via Zoom by using the information below.

Meeting Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkZzO9#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

OCTOBER PROGRAM: Silk Scarf Dyeing Demo with Judy Klehm (demonstration)

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- **November: Intro to the FSWG Library** (Denise Kash and others)
- **December: Holiday party and gift exchange**

- **January: New Year meeting held at Florence Ridderhof's home plus Guild Sale (for this sale, items are donated for sale and profits go to the Guild).**

POST-MEETING CRAFT TIME: This month the meeting room at the library is reserved for the Guild until 3:30 PM so bring your lunch or a snack and something to craft and relax for a bit!

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett):

Thank you to Abby, Aileen and Bonny for joining me at the Fall Family Festival supporting the disAbility Resource Center on Sat. Sept. 21. This was our third time attending this event. We had a nice day and enjoyed introducing some visitors to the world of fiber.

NOVEMBER:

Caledon Art & Wine Festival will soon be here, Saturday Nov. 2nd from 10 - 5 pm AND Sunday Nov. 3rd from 10 - 4 pm.

I need volunteers for both days. I have sent out a separate email with more details on this.

DECEMBER:

Sat. Dec. 14--Cookies with the Clydesdales, Stafford VA from 9 - 5 pm. This is the same day as our Guild holiday gathering, so last year we participated for the afternoon. I will start signing up for volunteers at our Guild meeting.

A Little Help Please: Makerspace at Bull Run, where the Guild recently demonstrated, has received donations of a spinning wheel and a loom. They are looking for Guild members who might be willing to visit their space and help staff there understand the wheel and how to get started with spinning. They also have a Louet floor loom that they are considering how best to utilize it in the limited space that is available. More details at the meeting this Saturday.



Upcoming Elections: the Guild will hold elections next month for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. The nominating committee presented their slate of potential officers at last month's guild meeting. The nominee for Vice President is Beth Honrine and the nominee for Treasurer is Denise Kash (Denise has been our Treasurer for several years and is willing to continue).

"Fiber IV, a National Juried Exhibition" with "A Tribute to Rita Brown"

From LibertyTown's website:

"This October, "Fiber IV, a National Juried Exhibition", presents the viewer with fiber-based artworks ranging from functional to fantastic, as artists created beautiful items for home and fashion to abstract works to engage viewers into a dialogue with materials and themes!

Also, in Studio 18 we are hosting "A Tribute to Rita Brown" presenting fiber art pieces from celebrated local Fiber Artist Rita Brown. This exhibition is a celebration of Rita's 100 years and the beautiful fiber works she has made.

The works will be on display, Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 27, 2024."

Guild members were invited to submit entries into this show. Wonderful entries were submitted by Mary Hardy, Abby Pasinski, Fran Slaterbeck, Linda George, Judy Klehm, Lynette Reed, and Florence Ridderhof. Splendid works of art – congratulations one and all!



Always and Forever by Mary Hardy



Auroras Touch by Abigail Pasinski



Gossamer by Fran Slaterbeck



Midnight Garden by Linda George



Red by Judy Klehm



Roots by Lynette Reed



Silvery Ruana by Florence Ridderhof

Craft and Chat:

The next Craft & Chat evening will be Tuesday, October 15th 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 next meeting is Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 PM. Bring your current project!

Committee news: Committee updates will be discussed at Saturday's guild meeting and shared in the meeting minutes.

Guild Engagement Committee: The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 30th 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):

First - MAFA has posted the workshops and the instructors for the [MAFA 2025](#) Conference next June. The brochure is available [here](#).

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

Third, they have opened the Winter/Spring 2025 [Virtual classes](#) for enrollment. Lots of interesting classes.

Fourth, MAFA movie night is this Wednesday. Information about movie night can be found [here](#).

Guild Lessons and Classes:

Inkle loom lessons with Bonny Davia are on hold for the foreseeable future.

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 – Donna Brown 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

For Sale:

Sweet Harrisville loom with a 22 inch weaving width. It has four harnesses, 6 treadles, a tool tray, and one reed. Asking \$600. Contact Judy Klehm at 540-842-1970.

2024 Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations (subject to change)

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