

November 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:

November 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 November meeting via Zoom by using the information below.

Meeting Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkZzZ09#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Introduction to the Guild's Library Resources by Librarian Denise Kash.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- **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 Linda George, Florence Ridderhof, Amanda Dearheart, Mary Snellings, Mary Collings (and sons), and Aileen Campbell for demonstrating at the Caledon Art and Wine Festival. The event was well attended, the weather was outstanding both days, and lots of people were fascinated with the weaving, spinning, and other fiber arts on display. A really nice event.

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.

Elections: the Guild is holding elections for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. The nominee for Vice President is Beth Honrine and the nominee for Treasurer is Denise Kash. Elections are being held online. Everyone's vote is completely anonymous. Voting is open from November 7 to November 14. Please take a moment to cast your ballot at https://fswguild.org/?page_id=7776. Please note that this link will not show the ballot until voting opens on November 7th!!

Craft and Chat:

The next Craft & Chat evening will be Tuesday, November 19th 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, November 23rd, 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 Thursday, December 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=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZlWEs5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 890 2835 6071

Passcode: 720624

All meeting dates can be found on the guild calendar

Library News (Denise Kash):

This month's program will focus on the Guild's substantial holdings and how to access them.

MAFA updates (Diane Kowalski):

MAFA 2025 Conference

June 26 - 29, 2025 at

Millersville University, Millersville, PA

Website: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2025/

MAFA Virtual

Fall/Winter/Spring Classes

Find details and register for ALL MAFA Virtual classes and lectures on Lessonface at lessonface.com/mafa.

MAFA Movie Night

November 13: Our featured artist will be Lia Cook

Lia Cook is a fiber artist who combines weaving, painting, photography and digital technology to create her work.

Free Lectures

November 19: Barbara Shapiro: Weaver, Dyer and Basketmaker

7 p.m. ET, on Lessonface. Find details and register at:

www.lessonface.com/apply/Barbara-Shapiro-Weaver-Dyer-and-Basketmaker

Here's the link to the latest MAFA Newsletter:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18WFACSVtMITIfW2yWL_sfK_UWsa6AS_/view

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

Other:

Diane Kowalski has previously enjoyed the offerings at Making Zen. This year they are offering twenty different short online classes such as embroidery, mending, sashiko, macrame, even paper cutting. Diane says she always finds a few techniques that she wants to try out! Best of all – these classes are free! You must sign up to get your free ticket, but it's a simple enough process. Check this opportunity out at

<https://www.makingzen.com/?cid=1c67ce66-7c0f-4762-8551-2c82fe1c4b0b>

MZ Nov 24 - Registration

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[Guild Links](#) (most links are currently broken but we hope to have them back again soon!)

[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)

11/9/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Fredericksburg Library Meeting Room #2
12/14/2024	10:00AM – 3:30PM	Hull’s Memorial Baptist Church 420 Enon Road Fredericksburg, VA 22406 followed by the Fifth Annual Cookies with the Clydesdales at 81 Whispering Pines Lane Stafford, VA