

December 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:

- **December Meeting** – this month's meeting will be held at Hulls Memorial Baptist Church 420 Enon Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. For the party, bring a dish to share! For the exchange, which is optional but loads of fun, bring a wrapped gift that does not exceed \$20 in value. Be sure to label gifts for spinner, knitter, weaver, felter, anyone, etc.
*****NOTE – this month and next month will not be hybrid meetings!!!**

PROGRAMS:

- **December: Holiday party and gift exchange will be held at**
- **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).**

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett):

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.

Member Amanda Nolan shared with the guild that there is an amazing fiber art exhibit until Jan.5 at the Renwick Gallery. More details are available at the links below and Keren will discuss the event at Saturday's guild meeting.

<https://americanart.si.edu/visit/renwick>

<https://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/fiber-art-by-women>

Open until Jan 5th, admission free

Elections: Last month the Guild held elections for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Results will be announced at the guild meeting this coming Saturday.

Craft and Chat will not be held in December due to the Christmas holiday. We'll see you in January!

Weekend Break for Arts & Crafts will not be held in December due to the Christmas holiday. We'll see you in January! (this group generally meets on the 4th Saturday of each month, from 2-3:30 PM at the Howell Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library (806 Lyons Blvd.). We gather on the comfy sofas in front of the fireplace.)

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

The VA250 Committee has been hard at work! See their update below and we will discuss it further at the guild meeting this Saturday – bravo to our committee!

FSWG proposal for a grant from the VA250 – Anniversary of the American Revolution has been accepted! We will be presenting our program on June 6 & 7.

Take a look at the website to get a feel for the size of this effort. The Manassas Central Library is working with the VA Commission for the Arts to present a series of presentations/workshops that honor the history of textiles in Virginia.

"VA250 – Anniversary of the American Revolution is sponsored by a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VAC). The purpose of the program is to celebrate the evolution of the traditional fiber arts utilized more for its practical use than decorative, throughout the 18th century and how it has maintained its practical use while evolving into an artform or inspiring other art forms."

Our proposal is to present a 2 part program focused on the evolution of fiber from functional to artistic. Part 1 will include a static presentation to be displayed at the Manassas Central Library. The second part of the presentation will include hands-on opportunities in fiber processing, dyeing, spinning and weaving.

There is a fantastic group of FSWG members currently working on this project. We are looking for more volunteers to help with the planning, building of displays and signage, working the event etc. Please reach out to Donna Brown at dlbrown7008@gmail.com or 703-627-4178 for more information and to volunteer your talents to a wonderful project.

Donna L. Brown

703-627-4178

Guild Engagement Committee: The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 2nd 2025 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 news

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.

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 is currently between 70 and 80 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:

[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

Vice President-

Elect – Beth Honrine

Secretary – Donna Brown secretary@fswguild.org

Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect - 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 filled for 2025 by Kara Pekar

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.

*Sewing machine opportunity for someone who likes to tinker a bit. Singer 404A (made around 1960 in the USA, not Germany). Straight stitch only – one of the last all metal machines Singer made! Comes with clear, digital copy of the manual, lots of presser foot attachments in

wonderful condition, power cord, foot pedal*, and wooden table. What does it need? Lots of TLC...oiling, to start, a new throat plate, needles, a new foot pedal as the old one is missing a vital piece, and one hinge repaired or replaced on the table. I do know that the machine runs but not anything more than that.

Yours for whatever donation you would like to make to the guild! Contact Aileen Campbell for information (specedt1@gmail.com). Thanks to Mary Snellings for bringing this opportunity to our guild!



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

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
1/11/2025	10:00AM – noon-ish	Florence Ridderhof's home, 913 Mortimer Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401