



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

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<http://fswguild.org/>

March 2015



2015 CALENDAR

March 6: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. UMW Student Invitation-al 5-9 PM in the Gallery.

March 14: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio. Program is getting to know English Angora bunnies.

April 3: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. "Feast for the Eyes" a Regional Juried Exhibition.

April 11: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio. Program is "a day in the life of a local yarn shop" featuring the new shop in Fredericksburg, *Untangled Purls*.

May 1: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. Annual Patron Show.

May 2 & 3: Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. Carpooling is being organized. Contact Mary Snellings for further information.

June 5: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. *Home*, a National Juried Exhibition. See LibertyTown's website for further details.

June 13: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio.

Powhatan Festival of Fiber

The Powhatan Festival of Fiber will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The event is from 10am until 5pm at 3920 Marion Harland Lane in Powhatan and admission will be \$5 with children 12 and under free. As the name suggests, Fibers are celebrated at this festival. There will be hands-on exhibitions of felting, drop-spindling, weaving, spinning, shearing and more. Exhibited animals will include alpaca, angora rabbits, and multiple breeds of sheep. Carpooling is being organized for this festival. Contact Mary Snellings for further information.

<http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com/>

Spin the Bin 2015

The Campbell Gals are at it again!

With a new year comes new challenges, right? Leesburg sister, Marla, decided to spice things up a bit and created a rather comprehensive list of spinning options (she got a spinning book last year that has opened a glut of new spinning choices opportunities to explore - The Spinner's Book of Yarn Designs: Techniques for Creating 70 Yarns, by Sarah Anderson), divided the opportunities into categories which she wrote on paper dice. Then we each rolled four times to generate our spinning prospects. Here's what we came up with...

Mom (Margaret) has to spin by means of the longdraw method, spin a yarn that is 3ply, spin using roving, and, finally, spin with a project in mind.

Bonnie, my Charlottesville sister, decided to spin twice for a total of 8 spinning parameters. Her first roll created spinning with a short forward draw with twist, spinning a 2 ply yarn, using rolags to create a yarn, and then forming a yarn that features beads. The second roll turned out spinning a yarn that is 8 wpi or less when finished, spinning from top, and she has to spin everyday for a week (poor thing - what a hardship!).

Marla also opted to have two turns with the spinning die and she has found herself with needing to use the longdraw method, try a new plying technique, spin a fiber that is hand combed or carded, and finish spinning something previously started! Her second roll revealed that she has to spin a gradient yarn, spin a yarn with two plies, and spin a yarn with a project in mind.

My roll pretty much echoes several of the options already noted. I need to spin a yarn that has 8 or fewer wraps per inch, spin a yarn that is only 2 ply, spin something that has glitz (what fun!), and create a yarn with a project in mind.

Oh, after rolling, we all decided that two or more techniques could be combined into a yarn and then we dove into our stashes to find fibers we wanted to use! This will be a fun Spin the Bin year!

Next month I'll let you know what we are doing for weaving challenges...we are calling it Weaving Wings. ~Aileen Campbell



Margaret's Fibers



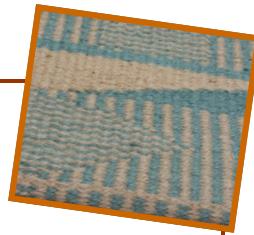
Marla's Fibers



Aileen's Fibers



Bonnie's Fibers



Fiber, a National Juried Exhibition

This October, in partnership with the Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, LibertyTown Arts Workshop presents *Fiber*, an exhibition celebrating everything fiber. We want to showcase the full breadth of fiber art, including but limited to weaving, dying, felting, sculpture, sewing, quilting, knitting, and crocheting. Fiber can be, but is not limited to, cotton, wood, wool, paper, metal, or synthetic materials. Pieces must consist primarily of fiber and be of original design. Kits and commercial patterns are prohibited. The method of displaying the work must be obvious or clearly indicated and easily achieved by our staff. Any specialty hangers or forms must be included with the work.

Artists should indicate all fiber media used in each piece.

Weavers' Study Group

The Weavers' Study Group will spotlight a weaver and the weaving sample created each month. It is located on the bulletin board between the two tall bookcases.

Be sure to check it out!



From the Heart Waste Not-Want Not Workshop

*Saturday March 14 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm
Ruritan Building 5994 Plank Road, Fredericksburg*

Bring your tools and a dish to share and come for a fun filled day! Plates, cups and utensils will be provided. Coffee, hot tea and bottled water will be available. The building has a large kitchen available. We will need a setup and clean up team so let us know which you are able to help with.

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends and relatives. For more information or to volunteer to demonstrate, contact Pam at 540.661.7967.

Needed items: All types of baby items. Chemo hats. Blankets of all sizes (please note that oncology is requesting blankets of 30 X 50 or larger). Also needed are leg-warmers for adults living in rehabilitation and long-term care.

Upcoming Spring Programs



March - Getting to know English Angora bunnies by Lori

April - A Day in the Life of a Local Yarn Store by Nancy from Untangled Purls

May - Flash Your MDSWF Stash

Library Happenings... from Denise

Changes are coming to your FSWG library. In the short term, we are adding more shelf space and over 45 more donated books. We are also working on a searchable database so everyone can see and search the wealth of resources our Guild possesses. All resources may be borrowed by Guild members. Another longer term project being planned is creating a more user friendly and accessible environment for our resources. Stay tuned for updates!

Articles and announcements to be published in the NL are due to
Mary Hardy by the 25th of the month.



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The Guild meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM. Call for location.