



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

916 Liberty Street
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<http://fswguild.org/>
September 2014

2014 CALENDAR

September 5: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop featuring Ben Greenberg's photography. He is from Charlottesville, VA.

September 13: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

October 3: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. "Fear"...Just in time for Halloween!

October 11: Let's Stitch held at LibertyTown. Please try to help with this event. More information to follow. ***NO MEETING WILL BE HELD THIS MONTH!***

November 7: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.

November 8: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.



From the Heart...

Immediate needs for September are:

~Lap Blankets

~Baby Items

~Hats and Scarves...children to adult sizes with a particular need for colors for men and boys.

Looking forward to all of us coming together at Let's Stitch! Please attend.

Weavers Tripping: Family Heirloom Weavers... *by Aileen Campbell*

A few days ago, the sisters, Mom, and I went on an adventure to Family Heirloom Weavers in a little Pennsylvania town named Red Lion. Family Heirloom Weavers is a small textile mill that produces wonderful tablecloths, curtains, placemats, towels, and rugs modeled after several distinctive styles, such as French Country, Arts and Crafts, Jacquard, and Primitives. While they don't do their own dyeing, most of the rest of the process of producing textiles for the home are done on premises!

Several guild members had expressed their admiration for this business and their website looked intriguing, with an abundance of pictures that made me want to reach out and touch...so we went to visit and it was amazing! First, the drive was such fun, winding along narrow roads in farm country that looks much like this area did 30 years ago, though with more hills. With the ample rain we've had this year, everything was lush and green - a terrific day for a drive. The GPS didn't fail us and we made it right on schedule for our tour, given by a family member (can't think of his name right now, sorry!). The tour was fantastic, with the \$5 admission fee being turned over to the World Hunger Fund. We started with a look at samples of historic carpets and other textiles the mill has been reproducing since their start in 1983. They have woven pieces for several movies, including "Gettysburg," "Gods and Generals," "Cold Mountain," "Jonah Hex," "Cowboys & Aliens" and "Lincoln." Then we were led into the mill itself where several antique power looms churn out yards and yards of lovely woven fabrics. Most are jacquard looms, driven by punch cards or punch film. One, the "baby" of all their looms, made in the 1970's in France, doesn't even use shuttles! On the right side a device pulls a thread halfway through the shed and a similar device streaks over from the left, grabs that thread and yanks it the rest of the way across the shed! Fast and noisy the tour was, as several looms were in operation.

Their warping mill winds an impressive 8 yards per turn and the better part of a large, long room was devoted to it and the rack holding dozens of cones for sectional warping. There were even machines for winding threads from industrial bobbins to cones, and another that can automatically wind up to 12 pirns at a time and stack them in a bin!

While the mill was really impressive, the show house next door was just as wonderful. All manner of textiles, from coverlets to towels to rugs, were displayed in period settings. I particularly enjoyed the gauzy, tab-topped curtains and rep-warp rugs in vibrant colors. I'm so glad I saved some of my Christmas money to indulge myself with a table cloth and several other goodies!

This was a wonderful day trip - we even had time to scoot over to Mr. Ed's Elephant Museum on our way back to Leesburg:-)



Creative FSWG Spinners at Work!

August created a lot of excitement for many of the Guild's spinners. Marla Campbell taught a Corset Yarn Spinning workshop and the results were beautiful!

Thank you, Marla for spending time with us!



Please note...

No Newsletter to be published in October. I will be gone for three weeks. If you want something to be sent out please contact Lesley Reynolds.

Information:

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