

GUILD NEWS

January's Meeting - Grab Your Thinking Caps

One of the duties for the guild vice president is to put together the monthly programs presented at our guild meetings throughout the year. To help tailor the programs to encourage maximum participation, we will have a short brain storming session at January's meeting. From the lists, I will have the opportunity to hopefully put together

some memorable programs that serve to inform.

The January Guild meeting will be held at Florence's home. She will be making the arrangements for the refreshments, so just plan to bring yourself. Don't forget, this meeting is your opportunity to clean out your stash. Bring those items you just don't think you'll use or you can't remember why you bought. They may be just what someone else is looking for! And all profits will benefit the Guild! Florence's address is 913 Mortimer Avenue, in Fredericksburg.

"Do you have a quote or a short announcement for the Newsletter? Let me know what you would like to say and you could see it here on the front page."

- Lesley Reynolds



Scarf created by Elizabeth Woodford and shared in January 2015

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Helping Refugee Children

In December 2015, FSWG member Elizabeth Woodford, in cooperation with Artful Dimensions Gallery and Studios, organized a quick turn around service project.

From the President's Desk...

Just a quick note to say Happy New Year! I'm sorry I won't be at the meeting in January. Florence always makes us feel so welcome and it's my favorite meeting of the year. However, I'll be enjoying sunny Florida and thinking about you all. I'd like to say thank you, again, to Mary for all her hard work and especially her efforts in finalizing the revisions to the Bylaws. I know everyone is happy to have their own copy of our Handbook. I think our Guild is in great shape and I'm looking forward to serving as President. See you in February!

With the help of several guild members, a load of soft and squishy "stiffies" were created to help ease the transition of Syrian refugee children.



Stiffies for the refugee children in Greece

FSWG Officers and Chairpersons 2016

President

Judy Klehm

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Lesley Reynolds

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Mary Hardy

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Lesley Reynolds

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Keren Pritchett

Librarian

Denise Cash

Membership Coordinator

Fran Slaterbeck

Hospitality Coordinator

Mary Snellings

Guild Sales Chair

Anne Nourse



One of the guild aprons hanging from a studio loom

A New Chairperson Position

In one of her last acts as guild president, Mary Snellings made a recommendation to add a new chairperson position, Hospitality Coordinator. The recommendation was met with approval from the guild members attending the December meeting and holiday party. Mary also volunteered to be the first coordinator. The Hospitality Coordinator will ensure that snacks are provided at each of the guild meetings and that there is a spot for our December and January holiday meetings.

A Changing of the Guard

In addition to the creation of the new chairperson position, several of the guild officers and chairpersons have changed. We have a new president, treasurer, newsletter editor, and membership coordinator. Please congratulate the new cadre.

President - Judy Klehm

Treasurer - Mary Hardy

Newsletter - Lesley Reynolds

Membership - Fran Slaterbeck

Guild Member Profile

Name: Lesley Reynolds

Ravelry Name: PixeKnits

What fiber arts do you enjoy?

Knitting



Spinning



Weaving



Crochet

Felting

Other



When did you start working with yarn or fiber?

I started knitting in 2010 and spinning in 2011 while on vacation to Gatlinburg, TN.

How did you learn/who taught you?

I taught myself by watching YouTube videos after my niece showed me the basics of how to hold the needles and how to make the knit and purl stitches. I've been hooked ever since. I also learned how to spin by watching YouTube videos after one session with a spinning instructor from Northern Virginia. Caroline from Uniquities made all the difference.

Do you have a blog or website? If yes, what's the address?

Yes; <http://myordinaryjourney.com/>

Do you have a public studio space? Where?

Nope, I have a home studio

Where have you traveled?

All around the US from Alaska to Hawaii and mostly the east coast from Maine to Florida. I have lived in Kuwait and South Korea and I visited Barcelona, Spain.

What's your favorite yarn or fiber?

I love to spin polwarth, knit with merino and weave with Tencel.

What do you enjoy most about being a guild member?

I love being together with like minded individuals that get excited to be around yarn, fiber and sheep. I also love that I have the opportunity to work on and maintain the guild's web site and now the newsletter. I have always loved desktop and electronic publishing and this is a great way to gain more experience.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Guild Meeting 10 AM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Upcoming Events

13 February	Guild Meeting	14 May	Guild Meeting
5-6 March	Saori Weaving Workshop	11 June	Guild Meeting
12 March	Guild Meeting	9 July	Guild Meeting
6 April	Guild Meeting	13 August	Guild Meeting
23 April	Earth Day	10 September	Guild Meeting
30 April	Powhatan's Festival of Fiber	1-2 October	VA Fall Fiber Festival
7-8 May	MDSWF		

Last Minute Opportunities

The entry deadline for Handmade: Explorations in Fiber at Blackrock Center for the Arts has been extended until January 7th .



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