

GUILD NEWS

AT THE FINISH LINE, NOW WHAT?

You took months picking out the perfect yarn for that perfect pattern. With each careful flick of the needle or turn of the hook, you've spent hours upon hours building a work of art out of nothing but a simple piece of string. All that time, all that money, and that effort, but something is off. The finished piece looks nothing like how you imagined.

Now that is a nightmare. Fortunately we have Anne Nourse to the rescue. For this month's program, Anne will teach us the necessary techniques to bring out the beauty hidden in our finished knitted and crocheted items.

Meeting Details

Date: Saturday, February 10

Time: 10 AM

Location: 916 Liberty St, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401



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From the President's Desk

Our Guild has been gifted lots of yarn and I do mean lots! Boxes and boxes of yarn. Also, boxes and boxes of fabric! Since it was donated to the Guild, I think the best plan would be to offer it to our members and ask that you make a donation to the Guild. But, as I'm sitting here tonight, I'm trying to figure out the best way to share it with all of you. Trust me this is not an easy task. There really is a LOT! I'll be working on that between now and the meeting. I'm sure I'll work something out so plan to do a little shopping this month. ☺ We will also have our extra library books available.

We have the family of Heather Friar Williams and Maxine Williams Hanzlik to thank for this very generous donation.

On another note, I'd like to thank Lesley for all her hard work and especially the recent changes she has made to the newsletter and our new invitation system (or whatever it's called). She has worked hard to make our newsletter interesting, but now she needs your input. So let's see some editorials, projects in the works, more members sharing their bios, etc! She has come up with some great ideas and now we need your input!

Letters to the Editor

I'd just like to say donations can be wonderful. I know I've complained in the past, well, not really complained, well, yes complained because they can be very time consuming. But I have come to realize that we can perform a real service for people who are searching for a place to leave things they feel have value. Even if it turns out we can't use the items, it gives those people peace of mind. In many cases, they are very generous donations, such as the items we recently received. It proves to be a benefit for our Guild, and we also have the opportunity to share the wealth and assist other organizations, such as From the Heart. So next time you hear me complaining, not really, please feel free to remind that this is a service we can provide for the community and a benefit to many.

Arts in the 'Burg

Flow

A National Juried Show

LibertyTown Arts Workshop

Open Feb 2nd - 25th
Reception Feb 2nd 5-9PM

916 Liberty St. FXBG
540-371-7255
LibertyTownArts.com

Ann Weaver Workshop Update

As we discussed at the meeting, the "Yipes Stripes" Cowl workshop with Ann Weaver will be held on Monday, March 5th. We will start at 11:00 and the workshop will last approximately three hours. We will decide on where we will hold the workshop once we have an idea of the number of participants. The final price will be determined then, as well, but it will be between \$55 and \$65. I have written to Ann about the Yarn requirements and homework and will pass her answers along at the next meeting. If you would like to get a better idea about the cowl, the pattern can be found on Ravelry, along with examples of finished pieces. Basically, the cowl includes several different colors and knitting stitches, all of which are covered in the workshop. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Judy. 540-786-1917, jwklehm@gmail.com



Artful Dimensions Gallery in Fredericksburg VA is hosting it's annual juried show, Dimensional Expressions 2018 in April. For those who have entered in previous years we hope you will submit work again and we are pleased to announce our new location at 922 Caroline Street, the main shopping and dinning street in town.

Please go to the following website for all information on the show and to submit your work. All applications and photos are to be submitted electronically and are due by 4:00 pm February 28, 2018.

artfuldimensionsgallery.com - in the menu list click on Dimensional Expressions 2018

Guild Member Profile

Name: Susann Swan

Ravelry Name: luvcollies

What fiber arts do you enjoy?

Knitting ✓

Spinning ✓

Weaving ✓

Crochet ✓

Felting ✓

Other: Tatting ✓

When did you start working with yarn or fiber?

When I was 10 years old.

How did you learn/who taught you?

I learned to knit from a counselor at day camp.

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

Not yet

Do you have a public studio space? Where?

Where have you traveled?

Paris, Montreal, Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Rio. For fiber? Just

What's your favorite yarn or fiber?

Favorite fiber is Bess the collie's fur. No favorite yarn-

What do you enjoy most about being a guild member?

The great knowledge of the members and being able to borrow



Pattern Watch—Knitting

Leftovers Cowl

by *Wendy D. Johnson*

Published in Wendy D. Johnson's Ravelry Store

Category: Neck / Torso → Cowl

Yarn weight: Fingering (14 wpi)

Needle/Hook size: US 3 - 3.25 mm

Yardage: 2600 - 2800 yards (2377 - 2560 m)

Find it on Ravelry: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/leftovers-cowl-2>

This pattern is available for \$5.00 USD

This is the perfect project to use up those many small odds and ends of sock yarn you have collected over the years. Or a perfect excuse for buying multiple mini-skeins of fingering weight yarn!

This project is designed as a cowl, starting with a provisional cast-on and knit in the round so you can graft the beginning stitches to the end stitches to make a perfect tube. You could also make a scarf, binding off each end separately.

The cowl takes 1300 yards in Color A and 1300 yards in Color B. The cowl shown used 650 grams of left over sock and fingering weight wool and wool blend yarn in many, many different colors. You will also need waste yarn for the provisional cast-on. See the General Notes for a discussion of yarns and colors.

As worked, the cowl is 83" in circumference and 13.5" deep, but it is very easy to resize it up or down -- the pattern includes info on how to do this.

The pattern includes detailed notes and suggestions for mixing yarns and colors, as well as a list of resources for the techniques needed to make the cowl: provisional cast-on, and grafting stitches.



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Project Spotlight

Project Name: Sheepy Golf Club Covers

Project Owner: Judy Klehm

Craft: Knitting

Project Summary:

I must say these were not fun to knit and horrible to rip out to correct an error. The boucle is difficult to knit with, especially the black. However, now that they are finished, I am glad I persevered. If I were to do them over, I would change the eyes. They're cute, but I don't think they're going to stand up to the wear and tear of going on and off the golf clubs. I'm giving my friend an extra pack of eyes, so she can replace them, as needed. If anyone is interested, I'll share the pattern and commiserate with you as you knit them.



If you would like to share your project with the rest of the guild, please send me an email with the above details and if you have one, a link to your Ravelry project page: pixie91075@gmail.com



Sale!

Hey everyone, this month we have some steels of deals on some highly sought after weaving equipment. Donna Bensey, a former weaver in Charlottesville and I would like to sell some of her equipment. If you are interested in any of the following, please give me a call at 434-974-9739 or email me at dbensey@aol.com.

Nilus 8 shaft jack-type loom: 45" weaving width, 8 shafts, 10 treadles, has a sectional beam but can be converted to traditional beam. Also comes with a nice bench with storage. I have complete assembly instructions, and I have assembled it by myself on 2 occasions.

Price: \$850



Harrisville Vertical Warping Reel: Makes winding a warp so much faster!

Price for a new one: \$325

My price: \$175

Schacht Tension Box: a must-have for sectional warping.

Price for a new one: \$300

My price: \$150

Schacht Yarn Yardage Counter:

New price: \$200

My price: \$100

Schacht Spool Rack: Holds 40 cardboard spools (included). An essential tool for sectional warping.

New price: \$272

My price \$135



*Representative, not actual loom





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Reminders and Announcements

Get to Know the Guild

- You can share your interesting fiber facts with the rest of the guild by filling out this [form](#).

2018 Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Hospitality Schedule

- See Mary Snellings for snack sign-ups