



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

916 Liberty Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

<http://sites.google.com/site/fswg>
March 2013

2013 CALENDAR

March 1: First Friday at LibertyTown. UMW Student Show March 1-31.

March 2: Guild meeting at 10 AM, location at Massaponax HS. Mary Snellings and Lesley Reynolds will be demonstrating the use and advantages of Ravelry.

April 5: First Friday at LibertyTown. "Feast for the Eyes". Food...about Art!

April 6: Guild meeting at 10 AM. Farm Tour and Fiber Talk with Lisa and Perry Darley of Maranatha Alpacas. This meeting will be held at their farm off Rte.17 in Stafford, near Geico.

May 4-5: Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

May 11: We'll have "Show Your Treasure" day on the at the LibertyTown studio. Bring your latest purchases from the festival. Time to be determined.

June 1: Guild meeting at 10 AM at LibertyTown. Andean Knitting: Fibers, Color, and Motifs Discussion and Slideshow with Alex Capshaw-Taylor (knitwear designer and instructor) at the LibertyTown Guild Studio.

March 2 Guild Meeting

The March FSWG meeting will be held at Massaponax High School at 10 a.m.



Massaponax High School is on Rte. 1, just south of Fredericksburg. The address is 8201 Jefferson Davis Hwy, F'burg VA. It's on your left as you travel down Jeff Davis (Rte. 1). It's just south of Massaponax Church Road. GoogleMaps says it is 3 miles south of Cosner's Corner, or about 5 miles south of Four Mile Fork (intersection of Rte. 1, Lafayette Blvd and Courthouse Rd in Spotsy).

We will also be voting on whether to proceed with the cookbook for a guild fundraiser.

***Frantic Fran's Sweet Sock Story
or a tail (tale) with a happy ending...***

As I was sitting minding my own business and knitting with one of my students who had hit a rough patch Jason came into the studio with a man who had a rolled up piece of knitting in his hands. Jason asked if anyone could help him. Well, when he opened it up I saw that it was a Christmas stocking knitted many years ago with hand spun yarn by his step-mother who lives in Maine. It had a ragged hole the size of a tennis ball in the bottom of the foot. His beagle, Jack, decided he wanted chocolate for Christmas and ate the stocking as well as the chocolate. Evidently Jack had never eaten so much chocolate in his life. I'm sure he enjoyed it and being a Beagle I'm sure it didn't hurt him. Well, without batting an eye I told him I'd do it but I didn't have a clue if I really could. I must be mad but he looked so forlorn I couldn't say no. I took the raggedly stocking home to assess the situation and I quickly decided a plan of action. I just happen to have 3 pounds of mohair/wool batts that were the exact color of the toe and heel of the sock so I decided I could spin the yarn for the repair. I spun it, plied it and washed it. The next day I worked on the sock, taking out stitches that were partly chewed (Oh those beagles are really garbage dogs) and knotted them on the underside. I was able to pick up stitches and knit the foot up to the other side of the hole and I used the kitchener stitch to join the two pieces. After that I used the mattress stitch to close the sides and I thought looked wonderful. Frantic Fran, however, was a wreck as usual because I was afraid he wouldn't like it. But alas, my fretting was for naught and he was pleased. The hole had been closed, it looked good and he could tell his step mother the end of the story. I received a note from him thanking me for the handiwork and a great Christmas story to boot. I gave him the rest of the yarn I had spun just in case....

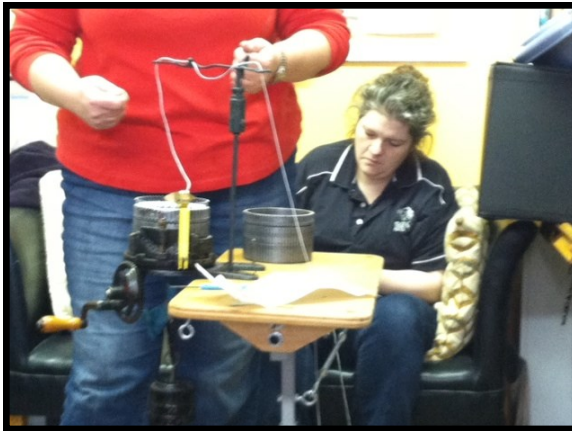
Submitted by O. Frances not O. Henry.

Take note...

~Macomber has a new website. Check it out! <http://www.macomberloom.com/>

~Powhatan Festival of Fiber. Saturday only on April 27. More information at <http://powhatansfestivaloffiber.com/>

~The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is the 20th of



Jennifer Price
demonstrating the use of
an antique sock machine.
It was an interesting,
informative presentation
and lots of fun, too!



Podcast and Blog of Lesley Reynolds

My Ordinary Journey found at myordinaryjourney.com is the home for the weekly webseries *The Knitting Game and Other Stuff*. The Knitting Game weekly video podcast was envisioned as a way to explore the knitting patterns already in my knitting book library, and it allows me the opportunity to review and critique those patterns as I knit through them. The "game" is interactive and allows the viewer to vote for the patterns they want to see me knit. The link to my show is:

<http://myordinaryjourney.com/category/the-knitting-game/episodes/>



April Meeting

The April meeting will be held at Maranatha Alpaca Farm. I spoke to Lisa and she said that they usually charge \$6 per person for the farm tour, but for the club it will be free. Also, they will donate 20% of the sales that day from their gift shop back to the club. It is a new concept that they just started offering to clubs and organizations. If anyone knows of an organization that is in need of a fundraiser, please pass this information on to them.

The Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair July 23- August 8

The Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair is 23 July - 8 Aug this year. Each year we are invited to do a demonstration in the Homemakers building. Our demonstration is usually a big hit because it is one of the few "hands on" things the kids can do (adults too). And the kids love it - they come back year after year. Last year we had a new group in charge of the building. While they did some good things (like insulating the roof so the air conditioning actually worked), we were kind of stuck in the middle of a walk space - not their fault, they had no clue and we didn't really present them with a list of "we need....". I plan to do better this year.

And, it's not too early to start planning for the Fredericksburg Fair. Last year, I had Margaret and Aileen help out one day and Margaret's bobbin lacing was a big hit. Katia, from Richmond came and demonstrated how she made her felted scarves. This has given me some ideas...

Looking through the workshops and all that we have had, I think it would be fun to have one evening devoted to crochet; one for knitting (I think a display with the sock knitter, different knitting machines and hand knitters would be really cool and would tie in with the knitting dollies that I have for the kids to do; one for felting - dry and wet; kumihomo, etc. Even a night with adults weaving on something other than the floor loom (inkle looms, rigid heddle, tapestry).

This would allow our non-weavers/non-spinners an opportunity to demonstrate what they do without devoting an entire week to the fair. And while the fair has a lot of knitted items submitted for the contests, they never have knitters/crocheters demonstrating (unless an FSWG member brings along their needles).

This would take some coordinating and folks willing to bring stuff down and take it home. Last year I think we finally got them to realize the parking situation just wasn't cutting it and we were allowed to park near the building. This makes loading and unloading a lot easier.

If we have a plan, we could even provide photographs that the fair could use to promote the different nights.

Anyone interested in working to plan the fair (okay - you MAY not be able to work one of the days, but you may have some good ideas) please email me at woolbuddy@aol.com. We may have to schedule a planning session one Saturday.

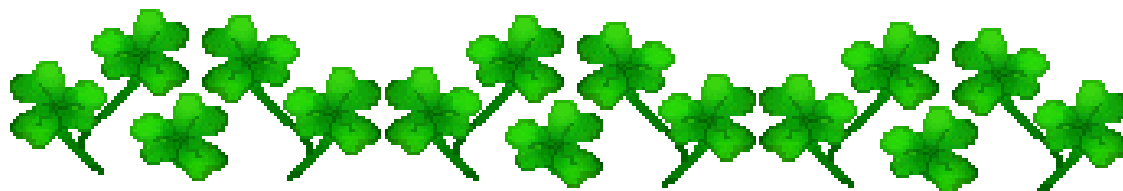
Bonny Davia



Being a member of the FSWG has many rewards, and hanging out with fellow fiber enthusiasts is one of them. We share a love of fiber, food and fun at our monthly meetings. But also enjoyable are the smaller groups that gather and concentrate on a particular interest or skill, such as the sock group, knitting group or weaver's study group. They provide a chance to get to know members better, learn new techniques and share ideas.

During these winter days, the Studio is a welcome place to meet with friends---for informal show and tell gatherings as well as more structured learning sessions. Perhaps your interest will lead you to join one of the groups, or even start one that piques your interest. Our talents cover many areas.

See you at the March meeting,
Keren



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