



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

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<http://fswguild.org/>

February 2014 Newsletter

2014 CALENDAR

February 7: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. Frozen: A National Juried Exhibition.

February 8: FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. Knitting/Spinning Apps, Taking it to the next level with technology

March 7: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. UMW Student Show.

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

April 4: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. Feast for the Eyes. Art about Food!

April 12: FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

May 2: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop LibertyTown Patrons' Show.

May 3-4: Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

May 10: FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop



Spinners' Study Group

The Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild is starting up a Spinners' Study Group. The group will meet on the second Saturday of the month from 12-1:30 (right after the guild meeting) and the fourth Monday of the month from 6-7:30. The yearly dues are \$10. All spinning skill levels are encouraged to attend – spindle and wheel alike. Please bring your equipment, fiber and questions. The first meeting will take place Saturday, February 8th.

Spin the Bin

The Campbell Girl's New Year's Resolutions!

Last summer, my youngest sister (the Charlottesville sister) succumbed to the allure of spinning her own yarn. She doesn't knit or crochet but the appeal of turning soft, squishy fiber into yarn was more than she could bear - and she'd resisted for more than 5 years! That means that Mom and I and both of my sisters are now spinners! In fact, last summer, my sisters and I participated in Ravelry's Tour de Fleece and had a great as well as very productive time.

So, as we approached the close of 2013, my Leesburg sister shared another idea she had recently seen on Ravelry - "Spin the Bin". The way Spin the Bin works is for each spinner to have some sort of bin into which they place all the fiber they hope and plan to spin in the coming year. The idea is that having all those luscious fibers gathered and visible will help motivate or remind spinners to keep at the spinning! One fun rule is that, as the year marches on, if you come into possession of some new and fabulous fiber, it can be swapped out with something that is already in the bin! That means it's perfectly fine, in fact great, if you come home from, say, Maryland Sheep and Wool, or perhaps Powhatan, with new fiber! Spin the Bin is NOT a destash goal - it's a production goal!

Well, all four of us agreed to create our own bins for the year. Mom also added another rule...if she saw fiber in someone's else's bin that she likes, she will swap something from her bin for it! An interesting, new wrinkle!

So, what did we put in our bins? Take a look...



Mom's Bin



Charlottesville Bin



Leesburg Bin



Aileen's Bin



**Look for
updates on
our
progress in
future
issues of
the
Newsletter!**

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Campbell*



Stay Updated with Guild News!

The website to get information, updates, calendar events and Guild news is found at www.fswguild.org. Lesley Reynolds has set up a wonderful and flexible site for our needs, which is easy to navigate. You can also receive personal email postings to notify you when something new has been added to the website. These posts will be identified by the heading “WordPress.com” in your email box. To sign up for the updates go to the home page of our website, scroll down and on the right side is the heading “Subscribe to Blog via Email” where you can enter your email address. If you are not receiving these posts, try checking your Spam folder to see if they were sent there. There is also an option for “chat” on the message forums section of the site. Instructions for how to sign up and log in are on the website. Thank you, Lesley, for all of your hard work to get this site up and running!



Message from Anna...

A former member, Wendy Clark, has found great success with her weaving. She lives in WVA and the artist group she is a member of made this video about her. It is short, and very inspiring! Enjoy it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SZIInLg2j0>.

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