



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

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April 2014 Newsletter

2014 CALENDAR

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

April 12: Bedford, VA "Olde Liberty Fibre Faire"

April 26: Powhatan's "Festival of Fiber"

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 This will be "Flash your Stash"

June 6: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. The show is "**Bent**" – a group Metal exhibition.

June 14: FSWG Meeting. 10 AM at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

Reminder: **April 12 Meeting/Earth Day**

We will have a short business meeting at the studio and then we will head on to Old Mill Park for Earth Day festivities. The program will be replaced this month with our participation in the Earth Day Festival. Be sure to bring your knitting, spinning or weaving. Earth Day is from 11-3.



Handweavers Guild of America Convergence® Conference July 14-19, 2014



Convergence® 2014 will be held Providence, RI. If you weave, spin, dye, make baskets, or use one of the many other fiber techniques, this may be the premier fiber experience for you. More information about Convergence® classes and events can be found online at:

<http://www.weavespindye.org/convergence2014>.

Upcoming programs for 2014

May: Flash your Stash (items you purchased at a recent Fiber show)

June: Fix it Day. Questions/Help with knitting, crocheting, weaving or spinning

July: Second part of the Deb Menz Kitchen Dyeing DVD

August: Annual Potluck Lunch and "Yard Sale".



Colorful Sheep!

These darlings were made in a class that was given by Dina Callow. Participants made the bodies and then fluffed with colorful locks.

You may even see some hanging out in the studio!



Photo by Kenneth Lecky

Spin the Bin-March, 2014

by Aileen Campbell



For March, the little ditty "in like a lion, out like a lamb" keeps rolling around in my head. The lamb part, of course, has me looking at the totally, unbelievably cute pictures online of new born little lambies and the wonderful fleeces they'll produce as the year moves along. Here, check out this precious little guy from Whitefish Bay's Ewe Turn blog (<http://whitefishbayfarm.com/eweturn/>)...



I just checked in with my Charlottesville sister, Bonnie, to see what she's been spinning from her bin...she's been working on some Hog Island fiber that Mom picked up last year at the Powhatan Fiber Festival. It's a lovely, springy fiber that spun up into quite a lofty yarn. It's not a next-to-the-skin yarn but it should make terrific outer garments! She's been spinning the singles on a Kromski Polonaise, which is the only wheel she's ever spun on. She then triple plied those singles to create with this...



Bonnie's only been spin-
think she's a natural).
as she really wanted
her rug hooking projects. Her favorite part about spinning is the treadling, as it she finds it to be soothing and meditative. She especially enjoys crafting lofty yarns - ones she can sink her fingers into and squish, just like the "Charmin"! She's thinking that some of her handspun yarns might work really nicely as rug binding on some upcoming rugs!
So, what's next from Bonnie's bin? Well, she shared that she's drooling over some royal purple pencil roving and right now she's planning on chain-plying it - but that could change!
P.S. If you would like to learn more about Hog Island sheep, check out the Hog Island Sheep Breeder Association's page (they are headquartered in Goldvein, VA) at <http://www.hogislandsheep.org/> .

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She started with a drop spindle,
something more portable than

This and That...

From the Heart Stitchers is in need of baby items. Deposit finished items at the guild studio in the basket as you come in the door.

Mary Snellings would like each officer and committee head to give her a job description by April 12. This was discussed at the last meeting.

Spring is here and there are fiber festivals coming up:
April 26 is the Powhatan's Festival of Fiber from 10-5.

May 3 & 4 is Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

We are still in need of someone to help with May snacks on May 10. Let Mary Hardy know if you are willing to help out.



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