



LibertyTown Arts Workshop

916 Liberty Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
<http://fswguild.org/>

March 2015



2015 CALENDAR

March 6: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. UMW Student Invitational 5-9 PM in the Gallery.

March 14: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio. Program is getting to know English Angora bunnies.

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<http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com/>

Spin the Bin 2015

The Campbell Gals are at it again!

With a new year comes new challenges, right? Leesburg sister, Marla, decided to spice things up a bit and created a rather comprehensive list of spinning options (she got a spinning book last year that has opened a glut of new spinning choices opportunities to explore - The Spinner's Book of Yarn Designs: Techniques for Creating 70 Yarns, by Sarah Anderson), divided the opportunities into categories which she wrote on paper dice. Then we each rolled four times to generate our spinning prospects. Here's what we came up with...

Mom (Margaret) has to spin by means of the longdraw method, spin a yarn that is 3ply, spin using roving, and, finally, spin with a project in mind.

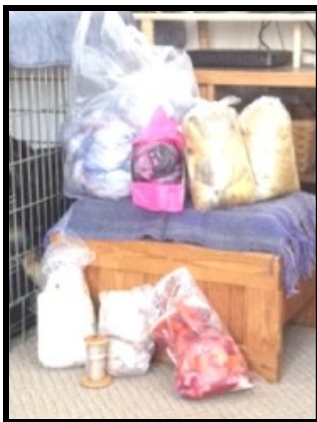
Bonnie, my Charlottesville sister, decided to spin twice for a total of 8 spinning parameters. Her first roll created spinning with a short forward draw with twist, spinning a 2 ply yarn, using rolags to create a yarn, and then forming a yarn that features beads. The second roll turned out spinning a yarn that is 8 wpi or less when finished, spinning from top, and she has to spin everyday for a week (poor thing - what a hardship!).

Marla also opted to have two turns with the spinning die and she has found herself with needing to use the longdraw method, try a new plying technique, spin a fiber that is hand combed or carded, and finish spinning something previously started! Her second roll revealed that she has to spin a gradient yarn, spin a yarn with two plies, and spin a yarn with a project in mind.

My roll pretty much echoes several of the options already noted. I need to spin a yarn that has 8 or fewer wraps per inch, spin a yarn that is only 2 ply, spin something that has glitz (what fun!), and create a yarn with a project in mind.

Oh, after rolling, we all decided that two or more techniques could be combined into a yarn and then we dove into our stashes to find fibers we wanted to use! This will be a fun Spin the Bin year!

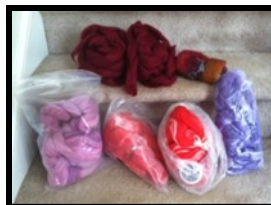
Next month I'll let you know what we are doing for weaving challenges...we are calling it Weaving Wings. ~Aileen Campbell



Margaret's Fibers



Marla's Fibers

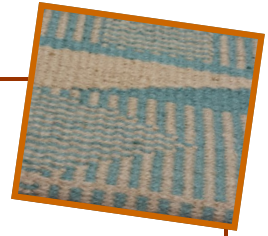


Aileen's Fibers



Bonnie's Fibers

Fiber, a National Juried Exhibition



This October, in partnership with the Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, LibertyTown Arts Workshop presents *Fiber*, an exhibition celebrating everything fiber. We want to showcase the full breadth of fiber art, including but limited to weaving, dying, felting, sculpture, sewing, quilting, knitting, and crocheting. Fiber can be, but is not limited to, cotton, wood, wool, paper, metal, or synthetic materials. Pieces must consist primarily of fiber and be of original design. Kits and commercial patterns are prohibited. The method of displaying the work must be obvious or clearly indicated and easily achieved by our staff. Any specialty hangers or forms must be included with the work. Artists should indicate all fiber media used in each piece.

Weavers' Study Group

The Weavers' Study Group will spotlight a weaver and the weaving sample created each month. It is located on the bulletin board between the two tall bookcases.
Be sure to check it out!



From the Heart Waste Not-Want Not Workshop ***Saturday March 14 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm*** ***Ruritan Building 5994 Plank Road, Fredericksburg***

Bring your tools and a dish to share and come for a fun filled day! Plates, cups and utensils will be provided. Coffee, hot tea and bottled water will be available. The building has a large kitchen available. We will need a setup and clean up team so let us know which you are able to help with.

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends and relatives. For more information or to volunteer to demonstrate, contact Pam at 540.661.7967.

Needed items: All types of baby items. Chemo hats. Blankets of all sizes (please note that oncology is requesting blankets of 30 X 50 or larger). Also needed are leg-warmers for adults living in rehabilitation and long-term care.



Upcoming Spring Programs

March - Getting to know English Angora bunnies by Lori

April - A Day in the Life of a Local Yarn Store by Nancy from Untangled Purls

May - Flash Your MDSWF Stash

Library Happenings... from Denise

Changes are coming to your FSWG library. In the short term, we are adding more shelf space and over 45 more donated books. We are also working on a searchable database so everyone can see and search the wealth of resources our Guild possesses. All resources may be borrowed by Guild members. Another longer term project being planned is creating a more user friendly and accessible environment for our resources. Stay tuned for updates!

Articles and announcements to be published in the NL are due to Mary Hardy by the 25th of the month.



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Happy Spring!





Ashford spinning wheel with one treadle. A yarn winder is attached. \$350.
Contact Rita for more information.

Carol Leigh's Hillcreek Fiber Studio Triangular Loom in Walnut with matching collapsible stand. Includes video, and bag of tools. \$250. Contact Lynette for more information. yarnlyn@aol.com



Library Happenings from Denise!

I have processed at least 50 new books for our Guild library. We have (new to us) books in every Genre: Spinning, Knitting, Weaving, Dyeing, Miscellaneous, and our NEW GENRE, Fiction. Thanks to all those who have donated materials. FYI, we have a lot of oldies but goodies, also.

The library upgrade is about 50% complete. Come on down and check it out. No really, let's get those books moving - CHECK THEM OUT :) All you have to do is put your name on the card in the back of the book (and the date you checked it out), and place the card in the "Book Card Holder" on top of our brand new bookcases.

When you want to return the books, place them on the bottom shelf of the new bookcase and I will re-file them. I hope to have a book return box (labeled) there soon.

Happy Reading!



Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

May 2 & 3

9-6 Saturday

9-5 Sunday

Howard County Fairgrounds

West Friendship, Maryland

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The March program brought
Angora Bunnies to
LibertyTown.
The bunnies were shared with
us by Maury and Lori.
Thanks to you both for
bringing them for us to learn
about and enjoy!

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April Update for Spin the Bin by Aileen Campbell

We've all been pretty busy, but each of us has managed some progress on our Bins!

Mom has been hard at work on depleting some bags of Louet roving. She plans to create a 3-ply yarn, two plies from Northern Lights Marmalade, which is a variegated wool top, and one ply from a tan Corriedale roving. That will take care of two spinning requirements: spinning from roving and spinning a 3-ply yarn. Go Mom!



Bonnie went shopping. She needed rolags to meet her Spin the Bin challenge. So, all of us decided to shop the Powhatan Fiber Festival so the rolags could be found - and they were! The festival is growing each year, and despite the off-and-on rain, there was plenty of merchandise to tease fiber folks into opening their wallets. Bonnie isn't sure yet about how she plans to spin her rolags...I think she just wants to admire them for a while first!



Marla is off to a fantastic start, as she spun some absolutely dreamy Cormo at 2-ply and 18 wraps per inch. She plans to dye the yarn and then hand it over to Mom, who is going to knit her a pair of fingerless mitts for next winter. What a plan and she will be able to knock 'spinning with a project in mind' off of her list!



So what have I done lately? Well, I dusted off my wheel, as I hadn't spun anything since last August.

I'm spinning some lovely Corriedale from Whitefish Bay that was cleaned and processed into roving before ever arriving at our house (my favorite method of going from fleece to spin-able fiber). It's an easy to spin batch of fiber and a good way to get me back into spinning after such a long hiatus. This will fulfill my 2-ply yarn requirement. Next I hope to spin something with glitz in it...perhaps I'll find that glitz at MD Sheep and Wool this weekend!



The Kash Report

The library "book" upgrade is complete. We have expanded our resources with donations from several members. If you have a question about knitting, weaving, spinning, dyeing fabric, how fabric behaves, how colors work together, need a pattern or if you just want to read a novel with knitting as a subject, come in and browse our library first! Soon, we will have a database for you to search in the comfort of your home so you can see the plethora of information that our Guild possesses and continue on your journey of learning everything "fiber". The books need exercise too, so come on by and check them out and get those pages moving!



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June~July 2015

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June 6: Rock the River Festival at Old Mill Park.

June 13: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio.

July 3: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. *Plein Air Exhibition*,

July 11: : FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio.

August 7: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. *Heat*, a National Juried Exhibition.

August 14: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio.

Rock the River Festival

Rock the River FXBG will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 7AM to 8PM at Old Mill Park. Rock the River FXBG is the first event of its kind for Fredericksburg, Virginia. The event combines activities from various communities who benefit from, are inspired by, and enjoy their time on the Rappahannock River. There is adventure with a multi-sport river and foot race, outdoor activities for grown-ups, kids, and their furry friends, a display of unique art and crafts, as well as the enjoyment of great craft beer, tasty food, and live music throughout the day. These communities have one thing in common — the desire to show our beautiful Rappahannock River the love it deserves!

www.rocktheriverfxbg.com

2015 Programs

June is going to be a bye day for yarn, fiber, and warps.

July is going to be the crochet curly q tendril that Bonnie shared.

August is the picnic /yard sale.

September is going to be prep for the October events

October is the month long event at LibertyTown.

November is a Tentative plan to take a field trip to the Textile Museum with a mini yarn crawl to Loops and Fiber Space.

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Education & Outreach

Members are encouraged to participate in the event at Port Royal, 4th of July celebration. We would like volunteers for demonstrations. Contact Linda George, as she is very familiar with this event. Also, Ferry Farm Fourth of July will soon be here. Demonstrations of weaving and spinning will be done by Fran and Mary.



October is Fiber Month!

Let's Stitch

Let's Stitch will be held on Saturday, October 10. Mark your calendars!

Fiber Day October 24, 2015

Fiber Bombing will be done in conjunction with and to promote Fiber Day; the guild is dressing up everyday articles with knit/crocheted/woven/felted coverings. Lynette brought in a small lantern and an old stool for guild members to take and then dress up. All members are encouraged to look around at home for items to dress up in fiber and donate to the Fiber Bombing effort. Lynette will be collecting these articles in October and distributing them around town. Each article will be tagged and hopefully the finders will come to LibertyTown to celebrate with us!

"Fiber"

This is a juried show and pieces are due in September. This is a national show, with submissions being accepted through a blind jury process. The guild is sponsoring a day, likely sometime in early September, for professional photo shots of pieces you are submitting. A \$5 donation is suggested to help cover costs, etc. If you need help or have questions about the submission process, contact Lynette or Elizabeth Woodford. It was suggested that items submitted but not accepted into the show could still be displayed and sold within the guild studio area.

These events require substantial volunteer involvement! Please plan to help in some way.



Workshop News from Linda George

The August workshop with Beth Brown-Reinsel will be held August 1 and 2, from 10-5 each day at Untangled Purls. Beth specializes in Scandinavian and historical knitting and is well thought of as an instructor. One day will be devoted to a class on Latvian fingerless mitts and the other day will be a child's twinned mitten class. You can find photos on her website at <http://www.knittingtraditions.com/>. The cost of the workshop is \$150.00. If you haven't signed up and would like to take the workshop, I will have the sign-up at the meeting on June 13 and Linda will need a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit at the time of sign-up. Contact Linda George with any questions.

Shenandoah Fiber Festival

September 26th and 27th, 2015

Saturday 10am - 6pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

Clarke County Ruritan Fair Grounds
890 West Main Street
Berryville, Virginia 22611



Reminder..

There will **not** be a Newsletter in July.
Enjoy the Holiday and stay safe.

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August 7: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. *Heat*, a National Juried Exhibition.

August 8: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio. Pot luck lunch and yard sale.

September 4: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop.

September 12: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM at the guild studio. Preparation for October Fiber Month.

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October 24: Fiber Day at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

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Reminder...

The August meeting is a potluck and guild sale. This is a great time to organize and clear out fiber, yarn, tools, that you are no longer using. We will be talking about the Fiber Month activities. We need everyone to contribute to the October celebration in some way.

Fall Fiber Festival & Montpelier Sheepdog Trials

The fiber festival will be held on Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd at James Madison's Montpelier home in Orange County, VA.

Workshops, fleece sales and skein, garment and fiber arts competitions will be held.

For more information go to www.fallfiberfestival.org

Two of our members will be vendors at this event. Anna Branner will be selling her pottery and Diane Kowalski will be selling her yarn and fibers.

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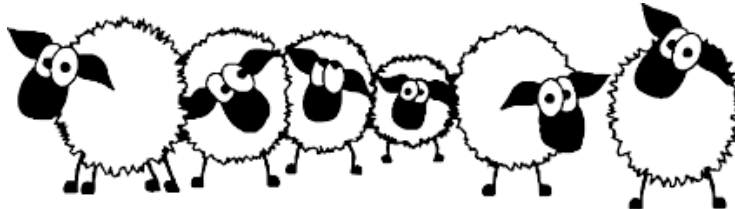
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<http://www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com/>



Guild Related Activities

The Welsh Festival will be held September 19 from 11 am - 5 pm on Charles Street. Let Keren know if you are willing to demonstrate.

England Run Library has a small group (knitting or spinning) which meets there. The group asked if someone from our guild would be willing to demonstrate spinning either the 3rd or 4th Sunday. Time was tentative at 1-3 pm.

The date is September 27.

Contact Keren if you can help with either of these events.

Special Events from Lynette Reed

Let's Stitch will be held on October 10 from 10 am to 4 pm. This event will be much the same as in previous years. We are hoping that From the Heart Stitchers will be more involved. LibertyTown will provide coffee, water, paper goods. Only LibertyTown chairs will be used this year, rather than borrowing from Parks and Rec. There will be at least three demonstrations for the day. We are not asking individual artists to vacate their studios for the day, except for the break room. Door prizes are being reduced to 3 or 4, to be given away hourly. In August, a time sheet for Let's Stitch will be available.

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The Guild is also planning on hosting a "Tool Table", which will be a static display of fiber tools, complete with labels and explanations regarding their use.

LibertyTown will provide refreshments, assistance with set-up and take-down and Bonnie Davia assistance with children's activities.

Yarn Bombing Event...local businesses are being offered the opportunity to have fiber bombed pieces in the front of their shops. The Tourism window is also available for display pieces.

Photo Shoot

We will be setting up our fiber photo shoot on August 29th - time has yet to be determined. There will be a \$5 donation to the guild, up to three pieces, for having your work photographed. You do not have to enter the fiber show to participate in this photo session. Questions? Contact Lynette at yarnlyn@aol.com



***Water Street Studio
featuring Lynette Reed***

**"Wallflowers", new fiber
sculpture show by
Lynette Reed.
August 6-30
Opening Reception
August 7, 5:00-8:30**

A fabulous weekend with
Beth Brown Reinsel...
and amazing results!
Thank you Linda for putting this
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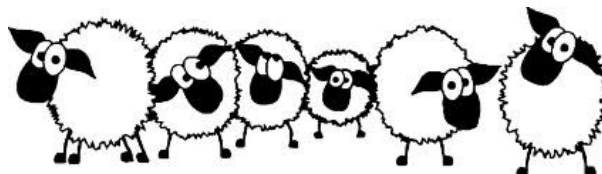
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CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

Get a jumpstart on your holiday gifts! Bring a friend, daughter, granddaughter, spouse and your gift list.

September 20th, 1-4PM, Cost: \$55 all materials included

- Decorate and pour a scented candle
- Create a cinnamon stick ornament
- Design a stencil to use on a cotton tea towel
- Stencil and bundle a peppermint stick sachet
- Stencil your own gift tags



Contact Lynette to reserve your spot yarnlyn@aol.com or 540-903-2684



or writingandarts@gmail.com

Water Street Studio, 915A Sophia Street



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October Happenings:

Friday, October 2

First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop

'Fiber' is finally here!

Other important October dates:

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Fiber Day October 24 from 10am to 4 pm

**Get your Yarn Bombing pieces and
Curly Qs to Lynette or the Studio asap.**



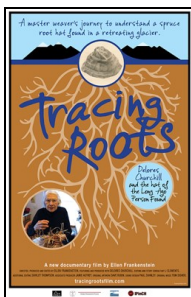
***Tracing roots:
a weaver's journey, a film screening and discussion with Delores Churchill***
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Baird Auditorium Ground Floor
National Museum of Natural History
10th St. and Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20560

Archived in museums, stored in collections, kept safe in our very own homes – what is it about objects that make them so special, and what can we learn from them? *Tracing Roots* is a new documentary that inspires audiences to make powerful connections between environment and art, collecting and living cultures, and between what is on the shelf and the meaning of its origin. The film focuses on Haida elder and master weaver, Delores Churchill, and her unique discovery of an ancient spruce hat found in a retreating glacier during a warm summer.

Join us for this film screening and discussion with Delores Churchill and producer/director Ellen Frankenstein, as we explore why culture and heritage matters and the rich livingness of objects.



A weaving demonstration with Delores Churchill will follow. This program is presented by NMNH's Education & Outreach Department with Recovering Voices (NMNH), The Arctic Studies Center (NMNH), and Artchange, Inc.

Registration is free, but required: http://go.si.edu/site/Calendar?id=100881&view=Detail&s_src=nmnh_er_em_tracing_fsw



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2015 CALENDAR

November 6: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop 6x6x6, a Regional Juried Exhibition

November 14: FSWG Meeting at 10 AM/Field Trip. Short general meeting and then off to Washington for those wanting to travel.

December 4: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. **Small Works Show**

December 4,5,6: Student Pottery Opens at 5pm on Friday

December 12: Holiday Open House at LibertyTown. 10am-8pm

December 12: Holiday Party/Information to follow

January 8: First Friday at LibertyTown Arts Workshop. **Student Show**

January 9: FSWG Meeting



Fiber Fest 2015
Anne Nourse enjoying
the alpaca and the
beautiful day.





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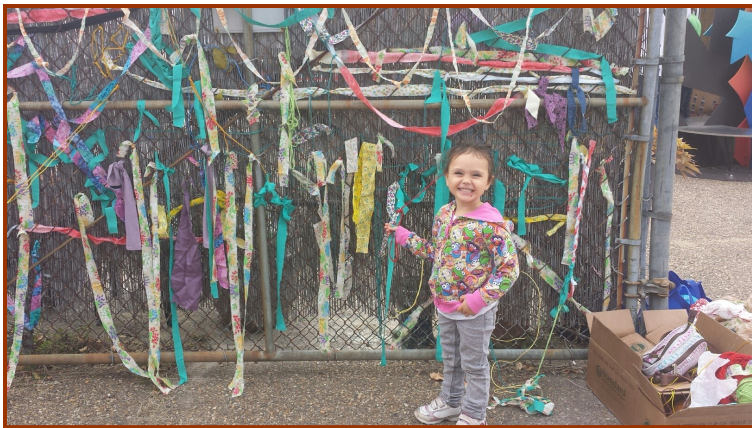
Celebrating Fiber!

Yarns...Projects...Fibers...

A very memorable month.

Thank you to all who helped make these fiber events a success.





Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier

**Maury Mairs' hand
spun and hand wo-
ven scarf.**



**Aileen Campbell's
hand spun and
hand-dyed socks.**



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