

GUILD NEWS



The Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Newsletter

January 2016

January's Meeting - Grab Your Thinking Caps

One of the duties for the guild vice president is to put together the monthly programs presented at our guild meetings throughout the year. To help tailor the programs to encourage maximum participation, we will have a short brain storming session at January's meeting. From the lists, I will have the opportunity to hopefully put together

some memorable programs that serve to inform.

The January Guild meeting will be held at Florence's home. She will be making the arrangements for the refreshments, so just plan to bring yourself. Don't forget, this meeting is your opportunity to clean out your stash. Bring those items you just don't think you'll use or you can't remember why you bought. They may be just what someone else is looking for! And all profits will benefit the Guild! Florence's address is 913 Mortimer Avenue, in Fredericksburg.

"Do you have a quote or a short announcement for the Newsletter? Let me know what you would like to say and you could see it here on the front page."



Scarf created by Elizabeth Woodford and shared in January 2015

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Helping Refugee Children

In December 2015, FSWG member Elizabeth Woodford, in cooperation with Artful Dimensions Gallery and Studios, organized a quick turn around service project.

From the President's Desk...

Just a quick note to say Happy New Year! I'm sorry I won't be at the meeting in January. Florence always makes us feel so welcome and it's my favorite meeting of the year. However, I'll be enjoying sunny Florida and thinking about you all. I'd like to say thank you, again, to Mary for all her hard work and especially her efforts in finalizing the revisions to the Bylaws. I know everyone is happy to have their own copy of our Handbook. I think our Guild is in great shape and I'm looking forward to serving as President. See you in February!

With the help of several guild members, a load of soft and squishy “stuffies” were created to help ease the transition of Syrian refugee children.



Stuffies for the refugee children in Greece

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One of the guild aprons hanging from a studio loom

A New Chairperson Position

In one of her last acts as guild president, Mary Snellings made a recommendation to add a new chairperson position, Hospitality Coordinator. The recommendation was met with approval from the guild members attending the December meeting and holiday party. Mary also volunteered to be the first coordinator. The Hospitality Coordinator will ensure that snacks are provided at each of the guild meetings and that there is a spot for our December and January holiday meetings.

A Changing of the Guard

In addition to the creation of the new chairperson position, several of the guild officers and chairpersons have changed. We have a new president, treasurer, newsletter editor, and membership coordinator. Please congratulate the new cadre.

President - Judy Klehm

Treasurer - Mary Hardy

Newsletter - Lesley Reynolds

Guild Member Profile

Name: Lesley Reynolds

Ravelry Name: PixeKnits

What fiber arts do you enjoy?

Knitting



Spinning



Weaving



Crochet

Felting

Other



When did you start working with yarn or fiber?

I started knitting in 2010 and spinning in 2011 while on vacation to Gatlinburg, TN.

How did you learn/who taught you?

I taught myself by watching YouTube videos after my niece showed me the basics of how to hold the needles and how to make the knit and purl stitches. I've been hooked ever since. I also learned how to spin by watching YouTube videos after one session with a spinning instructor from Northern Virginia. Caroline from Uniquities made all the difference.

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

Yes; <http://myordinaryjourney.com/>

Do you have a public studio space? Where?

Nope, I have a home studio

Where have you traveled?

All around the US from Alaska to Hawaii and mostly the east coast from Maine to Florida. I have lived in Kuwait and South Korea and I visited Barcelona, Spain.

What's your favorite yarn or fiber?

I love to spin polwarth, knit with merino and weave with Tencel.

What do you enjoy most about being a guild member?

I love being together with like minded individuals that get excited to be around yarn, fiber and sheep. I also love that I have the opportunity to work on and maintain the guild's web site and now the newsletter. I have always loved desktop and electronic publishing and this is a great way to gain more experience.

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Last Minute Opportunities

The entry deadline for Handmade: Explorations in Fiber at Blackrock Center for the Arts has been extended until January 7th .



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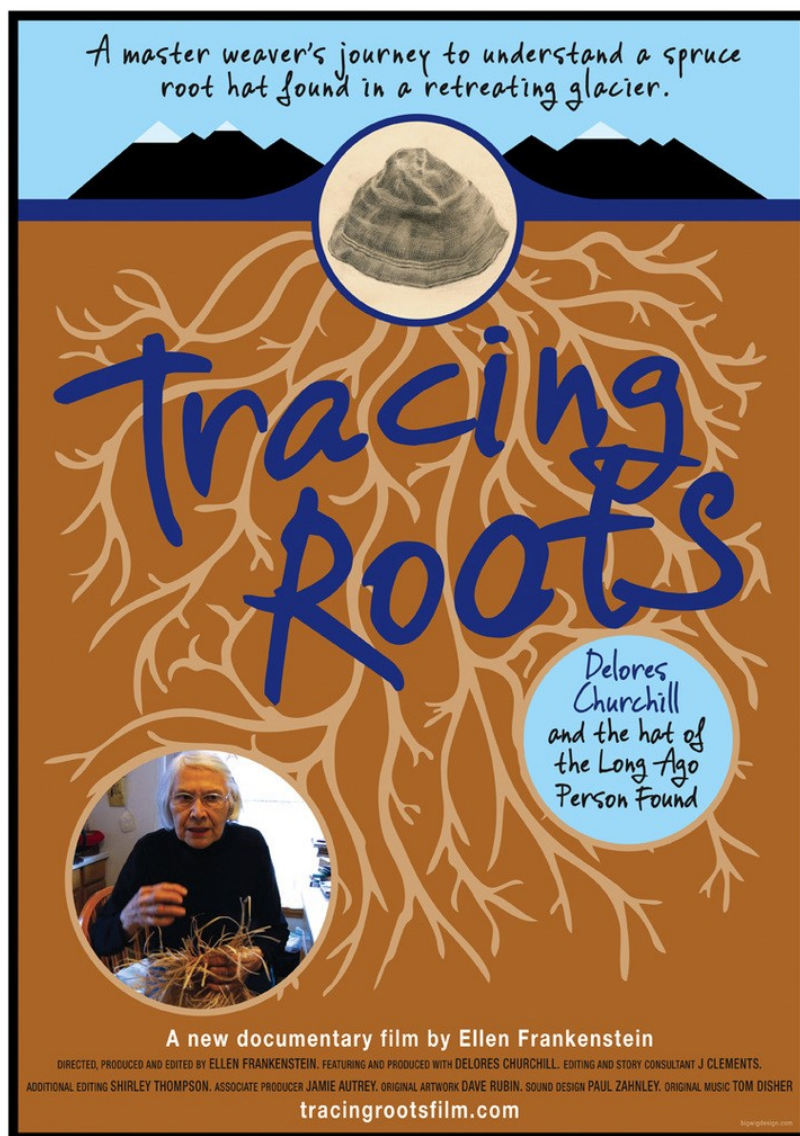
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February's Meeting - Screening "Tracing Roots"

A heartfelt glimpse into the world of Haida elder and weaver, Delores Churchill and a discussion generating documentary about the multilayered meaning of an object.

Tracing Roots is a portrait of an artist and a mystery. The film follows master weaver and Haida elder Delores Churchill on a journey to understand the origins of a spruce root hat found with Kwäday Dän Ts'ínchi, the Long Ago Person Found, a 300-year-old traveler discovered in Northern Canada in a retreating glacier. Delores's quest crosses cultures and borders, involving artists, scholars and scientists, raising questions about the meaning of connection, knowledge and ownership.



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Helping Refugee Children

Our next date for creating Sock Critters and Stuffed Lovies for Refugee children and for children of the barrios of Honduras, will be February 4. 10am-1pm. Drop In and Create , We have lots of supplies. Bring scissors that cut fabric if you have them. We will also meet on Saturday, February 20 from 10-1 for those who cant come during the week. Mark your calendars and come have fun with us! inspired

At Artful Dimensions

Artful Dimensions Gallery, a non-profit, 3-D only, art gallery in Fredericksburg, VA is hosting its' 3rd annual regional juried show; Dimensional Expressions 2016. The show is open to all 3-dimensional artists. Our juror this year is Trudi Van Dyke. The application deadline is Feb. 21. For complete details on the show and the application process, please view our web page. http://artfuldimensionsgallery.com/?page_id=695



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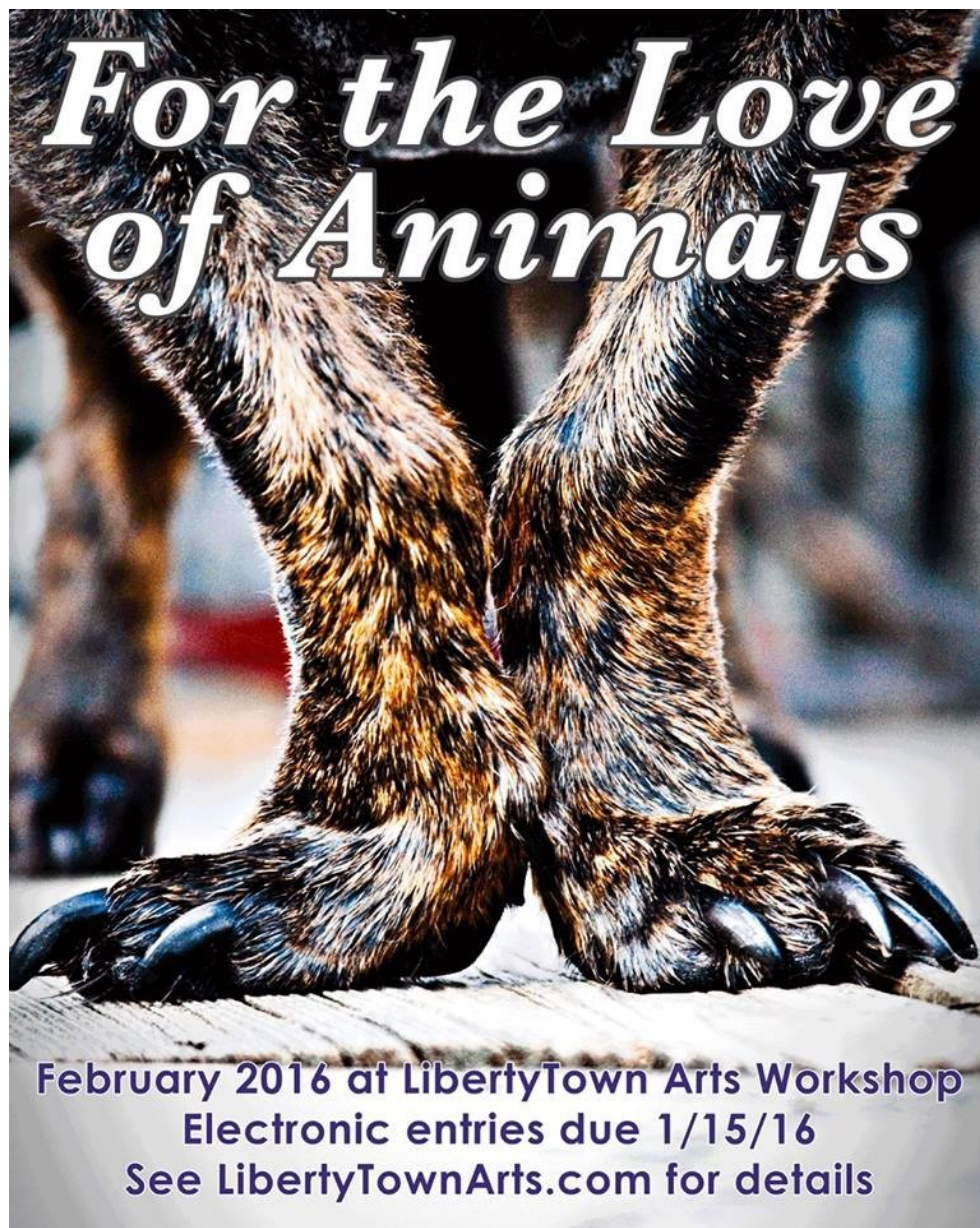
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For the Love of Animals

February 2016 at LibertyTown Arts Workshop
Electronic entries due 1/15/16
See LibertyTownArts.com for details

LibertyTown in February

Our first juried show of 2016 is a great one! Artists from all over the country have participated in "For the Love of Animals" show. 10% of the jury fees and 10% of show sales (both coming out of the gallery cut and not the artist's!) go to the Fredericksburg SPCA! They will be on site that night talking about their programs and animals and maybe even have a critter or two for you to pet!!

Guild Member Profile

Name: Judy Klehm

Ravelry Name: penspal

What fiber arts do you enjoy?

Knitting ✓

Spinning ✓

Weaving ✓

Crochet

Felting

Other



When did you start working with yarn or fiber?

I learned to crochet when I was about 12 years old and have been doing some sort of fiber related activities ever since. About 30 years ago, a friend tried to teach me to knit, but it didn't take. Then about 15 years ago, Fran Slaterbeck suggested I take up knitting when I was really stressed out about my job. I was much more successful this time around and have been knitting ever since. When I retired, I decided I wanted to spin my own yarn. Once again, Fran was my teacher. At that point I didn't think I ever wanted to weave. However, I went on a trip to Scotland with a group from the Guild and that was that! I've been weaving now for about 6 or 7 years and can't imagine not being involved with all my fiber activities.

How did you learn/who taught you?

My Great Aunt and my mother were my crochet teachers. Fran Slaterbeck taught me to knit and to spin. Linda George taught me to weave. I've also taken quite a few classes at The Mannings and have learned a great deal from Tom Knisely. And I think I learn a lot by interacting with people in the Guild. I feel like I am always learning something new and I see that as one of the many benefits of our Guild.

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

No blog, no website, but I do enjoy following other people.

Do you have a public studio space? Where?

I rent a space in our Guild Studio at Liberty Town. I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to weave with other weavers. For most, weaving is a solitary activity by virtue of the equipment. It's not transportable like knitting. I also have a loom at home and I enjoy weaving alone, as well. But I

think we are very fortunate to have our studio at Liberty Town, not just for weaving, but all our activities. I'd love to see more members spending time there with their spinning

Name: Judy Klehm

Ravelry Name: penspal

Where have you traveled?

My husband served in the Marine Corps and we have lived in Florida, California, South Carolina and, of course, Virginia. I've been lucky to travel to quite a few countries including Japan, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Ecuador, Peru, Italy, Greece, Spain and the Balkan countries of Slovenia, Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro. I also went on a Weaving Tour to Scotland and Knitting Tours in Scotland and Ireland. Now I'd like to see more of the United States.

What's your favorite yarn or fiber?

This is a hard question. For weaving, I think I'd have to say Rayon or silk would be my favorite. For knitting, I like them all, although I do prefer fingering weight when I'm knitting.

What do you enjoy most about being a guild member?

My most favorite thing about belonging to the Guild is being with people of like minds. I love being around people that know when I'm talking about fiber, I'm not talking about a healthy diet.

January Meeting Highlights



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New Digital Magazine - Heddlecraft

A new weaving magazine that strives to offer something new and different! It's a digital weaving magazine designed for weavers who love to weave and want to know more! Heddlecraft is published six times a year and includes weaves and weav-

Heddlecraft

Sharing the passion of weaving

Premiere
Issue!

Volume 1, Issue 1
January/February 2016



Who's your
tabby?
It's not just
plain weave

New Key to
Weaving
Revisiting Mary
Black's book

Tips 'n
Techniques
A quick and
easy way to
weave your
next header

The Versatility of Advancing Twills
Unleash the potential

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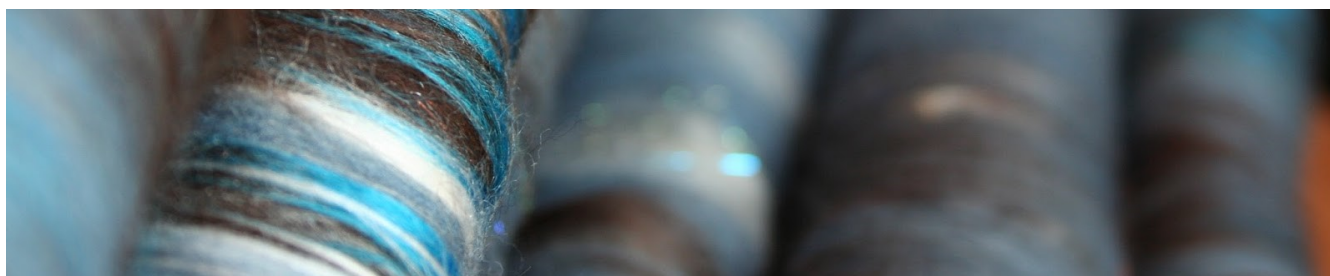
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March Meeting Madness - Fun with Fiber Tools



Guild members, Lori and Maury will be demonstrating how to use some fiber prepping tools. Lori will show how to make rolags/punies with her blending board and Maury will show us how to tackle fiber with one of the most intimidating tools, COMBS.



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From the President's Desk

Who does what in our Guild? That's a good question and for many members, it's a mystery. At the recent Board meeting we developed a list of our current officers and chairs and their responsibilities. Something to consider... These Chair positions all used to have committees under them. However, over time, people have been less actively involved and the Chairs have had to work independently. Any of these Chairpersons would be delighted to have help with their jobs. People join groups for many reasons. I think our Guild is special because we share the common bond of our love of fiber and all the related activities. That will always be our focus and may be enough to meet your needs.

FSWG Job Descriptions

President:

- *Officiate at Guild and Board meetings*
- *Liaison with Liberty Town and other organizations on the Guild's behalf*
- *Appoint committees as appropriate or required*
- *Facilitate the resolution of questions or issues regarding the Guild*

Vice President:

- *Preside over Guild/Board meetings when the president is absent*
- *Establish and publish a schedule of programs for each meeting for the year*
- *Coordinate the program for each meeting*

Secretary:

- *Maintain a written record of all meetings of the Guild/Board*
- *Distribute the minutes to members after each meeting*
- *Handle Guild correspondence as required*

Treasurer:

- *Receive all deposits and disburse all Guild funds*
- *Keep an accurate record of the Guild's income and expenses*
- *Report the financial status of the Guild at each meeting*
- *Maintain a Guild Budget and approve all Guild expenses and expenditures*
- *Maintain membership card file boxes*

FSWG Job Descriptions

Communications:

Newsletter:

- *Collect all information and collate into a newsletter each month*
- *Distribute the newsletter, no later than one week before the next meeting.*

Publicity:

- *Maintain the Guild web page*
- *Distribute information regarding the Guild activities to the media as appropriate*
- *Facilitate the distribution of flyers and/or announcements of upcoming Guild events*

Education/Outreach:

- *Serve as the Liaison for organizations/events requesting Guild participation*
- *Arrange sign up sheets and coordinate member participation in events*
- *Librarian:*
- *Maintain the Guild Library and a current database of all books and videos*
- *Check in and reshelv materials when returned by members*
- *Accept donated books and determine if they should be added to the Library*
- *Catalogue and shelve new books*

Workshops:

- *Accept workshop suggestions and present them to the membership for consideration*
- *Facilitate the arrangements, once the membership has decided to hold a workshop*

Membership:

- *Receive and maintain the membership enrollment forms for new members*
- *Send new membership information to the Treasurer, Secretary, and Communications Chair*

- *Contact members when told by the Treasurer that they are late paying their dues*

Special Events:

- *Coordinate all Special Event activities decided on by the Guild*
- *Delegate responsibilities for activities required in preparation for special events*

Guild Sales:

- *Convene the Sales Screening Committee when a Guild member applies to participate in the Guild sales arrangement with Liberty Town*
- *Serve as a voting member of the Sales Screening Committee*
- *Collect the one time sales fee and notify the Treasurer of the member's acceptance*

Hospitality:

- *Establish and maintain the list of refreshment volunteers and the months they agreed to serve refreshments*
- *Remind members when it is their turn to provide refreshments*
- *Make all arrangements for the Guild Holiday Party*

Board Member at Large:

- *Serve on the Board and provide additional information and/or assistance to the President or other Board members*

Change to By-Laws Regarding Dues

The Board met after the regular meeting in February. One topic of discussion was the collection of dues. Currently the Bi-Laws state "Dues are collected starting in September for the next calendar year. Any member neglecting to pay dues by January 15 will be dropped from the Guild roll and will forfeit Guild benefits until rejoin-

ing the Guild." This seems to have caused some confusion. Members seem to think they have that window to pay and then if they pay in January one year they have continued to pay in January. This creates a bookkeeping problem and means the roster has to be updated repeatedly. The Board proposes the following change.

"Guild dues are due at the September meeting. Any member neglecting to pay their dues by the December meeting will be dropped from the Guild roll and will forfeit Guild benefits until rejoining the Guild."

Hopefully, this will clarify when dues are due. Anyone who has been paying in January, you have actually been paying for something that was due in September anyway, so this doesn't change your status. And this change means members are dropped at the end of the same year that their dues were due. An additional change is the



Arts in the 'Berg

ARTFUL DIMENSIONS GALLERY
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Linda George

*A Cozy Corner
Handwoven Textiles*



MARCH 1 – 27

Opening Reception MARCH 4

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University of Mary Washington
**Invitational Student
Exhibition**

March 4th - 27th

in the Gallery at

LibertyTown Arts Workshop

First Friday Reception 3/4, 5-9PM

916 Liberty Street. Fredericksburg, VA
540-371-7255 | info@LibertyTownArts.com

Artful Dimensions Gallery Upcoming Workshops

Artful Dimensions Gallery is hosting several interesting workshops in the coming months. If you are interested in signing up

May 18-19, 2016

Watercolor Nuno Felt Collage Scarf with Judith Dios

May 20-22, 2016

Exploration in Watercolor Nuno Felting a Garment (Vest or Chemise) with Judith Dios

June 5-6, 2016 9:30AM-
4:00PM

Creating Tapestries using Reclaimed and Recycled Materials With Martina Celerin

Wearable Heart Shrine With Laurie Mika

June 25, 2016 9:30AM-
4:00PM

Triptychs Crafted by Hand With Laurie Mika

Guild Member Profile

Name: Beth Spragins

Ravelry Name: fiberhunter

What fiber arts do you enjoy?

Knitting



Spinning



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When did you start working with yarn or fiber?

Shortly after 2000

How did you learn/who taught you?

I learned to spin on a dare. I was extremely early for an appointment (in Cary, NC), and I noticed a lovely old house nearby had been repurposed as a yarn shop. I was curious about the building and went in. A veterinary school student who worked at the shop in her spare time was giving a spinning demonstration, and I was mesmerized. I said something along the lines of "I'll bet I could never do that" and she answered "You're on!" (I did not know she was also a spinning instructor.) Anyway, the rest is history. I eventually spun so much yarn that I had to become a proficient knitter to use it up. (A friend of mine insists that yarn is a finished product, so there is no pressure; however, our cat finds baskets of yarn too tempting to resist, so I must keep the quantity in check.)

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

<http://www.authorsden.com/elizabethspragins>

Where have you traveled?

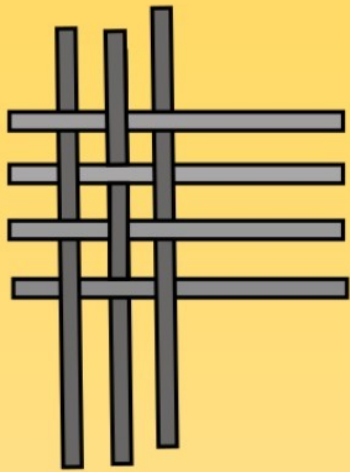
International points of interest: Mexico, Spain, and Western Europe on one of those "if it's Monday we are in Rome" tours. Within the US, the most interesting places have been Alaska, Arizona, Maine.

What's your favorite yarn of fiber?

Do I have to choose? It just depends on what I want to make. Generally speaking, I am not a fan of glittery yarns because I don't enjoy working with that texture. If it's soft and in the blue or purple family, I can rarely resist.

What do you enjoy most about being a guild member?

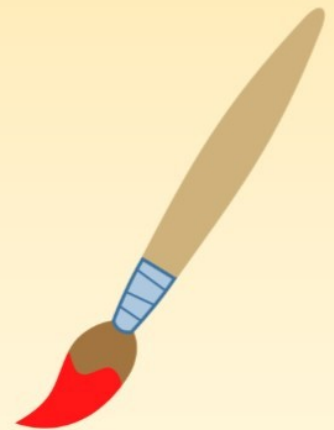
I absolutely love the willingness to share ideas and skills. What a warm and interesting group!



Artist's Studio Sale

March 19th
9AM—2PM

Fiber and fiber supplies
Painting supplies
Polymer Clay supplies
Craft supplies
Books, books, books
And
Huge sale prices on
finished artwork



For inventory list email me at: yarnlyn@aol.com
Sale address: 25 Glen Oak Rd., Fredericksburg

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The Itty Bitty City Committee

Please remember to send Lynette your entries for the Fredericksburg area landmarks and what skill sets that you would be willing to lend to the cause. Quilting, knitting, weaving and crochet are just some of the ways you can help. The success for this project is based on your input and enthusiasm for the project.

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Finishing Techniques and Tips

Finishing techniques are the last step in creating beautiful garments. Whether it's a delicate lace shawl, cabled sweater, or other fiber project, finishing techniques can bring out the special details in a handcrafted project.

At April's guild meeting, let's share our finishing tips and techniques. If you have a finishing tool that you would like to share, or a tip that makes your finished projects pop, let us know. Bring examples and tools to share.



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What's in it for you? Everyone joined the Guild for their own reasons. You may have wanted to learn something new, improve your existing skills, or maybe you are just looking to be with people that share the same interests as you. Whatever your reason, I hope the guild is meeting your needs. I think I joined for "all of the above", but a big one for me is spending time with like minded people. We all have busy lives and most of us don't have the time to drop by the studio and hang out. But another option could be to extend our meeting day and stick around after we have officially adjourned. I checked with the Spinners and they said they would be happy to open their group to all. So this is an open invitation to you to bring whatever you are working on

Reminders and Announcements

Send your photos to Lesley for our Picture Roster

Save your thrums and bits of leftover yarn for our Itty Bitty City Project

Volunteers for meeting refreshments

- April - Susann Swan
- May - Anna Branner
- June - Lori Green and Beth Spragins

Mary Snellings is willing to organize a car pool to Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival 7-8 May. She can take up to 6 other people if we're cozy.

Missing Job Description for the Librarian: Maintain the Guild Library and a cur-

Saori Workshop Roundup

Members of the Guild participated in a Saori Weaving Workshop in the guild's studio March 5th and 6th with Connie Diamant. Saori is a free style weaving technique that allows the weaver to experiments with shapes and textures.



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FOOD IS ART FOOD IS ART

LibertyTown Arts Workshop's 10th Annual

Feast for the Eyes

**A month-long exhibit of art about food
Opening Reception April 1st, 5-9PM**

**with Edible Art Competition 5-8PM
Vote for, then eat, your favorite!**

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Guild Member Profile

Name: Lynette Reed

Ravelry Name:

What fiber arts do you enjoy?

Knitting ✓

Spinning ✓

Weaving ✓

Coiled ✓

Felting ✓

When did you start working with yarn or fiber?

1979

How did you learn/who taught you?

First weaving class in college and then more weaving from a Brethren minister in Dayton, OH. Lots of workshops, conferences, etc. Still learning daily.

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

www.bylynettereed.com

Do you have a public studio space?

Water Street Studio, 915A Sophia Street

Where have you traveled?

Just booked a trip to Russia but have been out of the country to China, Kenya, Ireland, England, Greece, Italy, France, Netherlands, Sweden, Belgium, Luxemburg and lived in Germany....I like to travel! All but 4 of the United States.

What's your favorite yarn or fiber?

Anything wool for coiling. Tencel, perle cotton and silk for weaving.

What do you enjoy most about being a guild member?

Friends

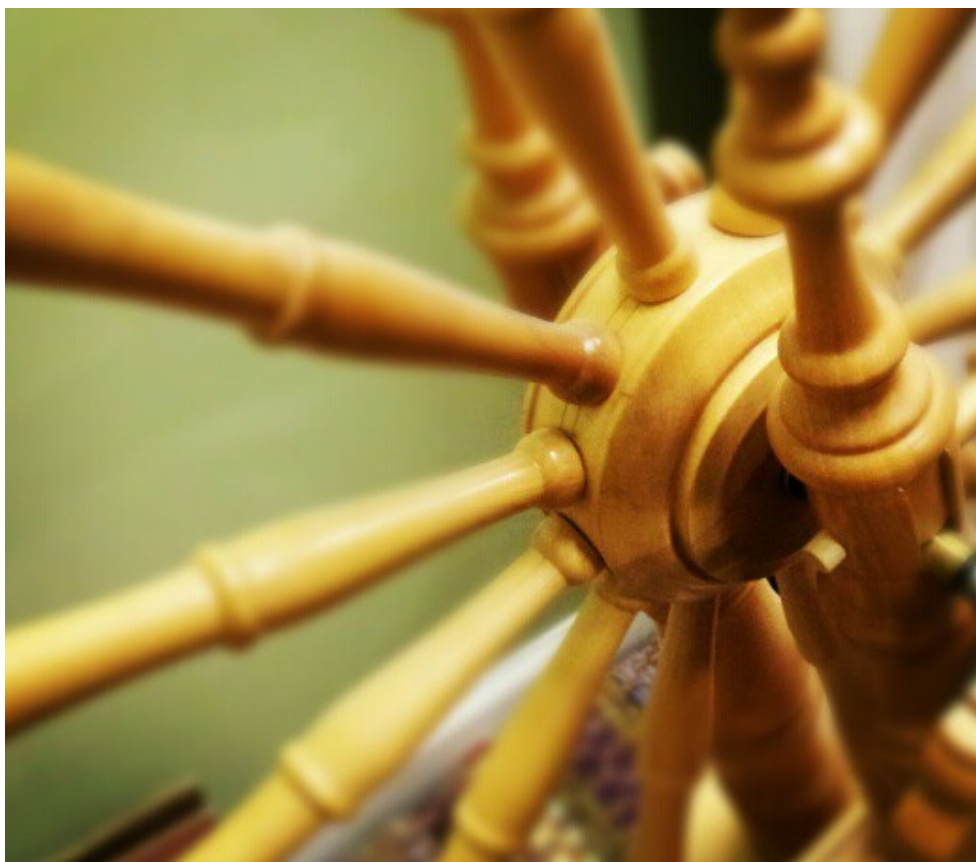


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Flash Your Stash

Did you go to the Powhatan Fiber Festival? Planning on making some purchases at Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival? This month's guild meeting is the place to be. Bring your purchases to share with everyone so that we can all ooh and aah over all the fibery goodness.



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I am just home from Earth Day, and have to say it was a wonderful day. Such a great turnout of demonstrators from our Guild! Thank you to everyone who came out today! And a special thank you to Bonnie and Lorie for taking charge of both the set up and take down! Demonstrations serve such an important role. They provide an opportunity to be out and about and part of the community. We can spread the word about the fiber arts in Fredericksburg and let people know we are here and what we are about. There are many members in our Guild who found us by seeing our group at a demonstration. And last, but certainly not least, they are an opportunity for us to gather and have fun! We

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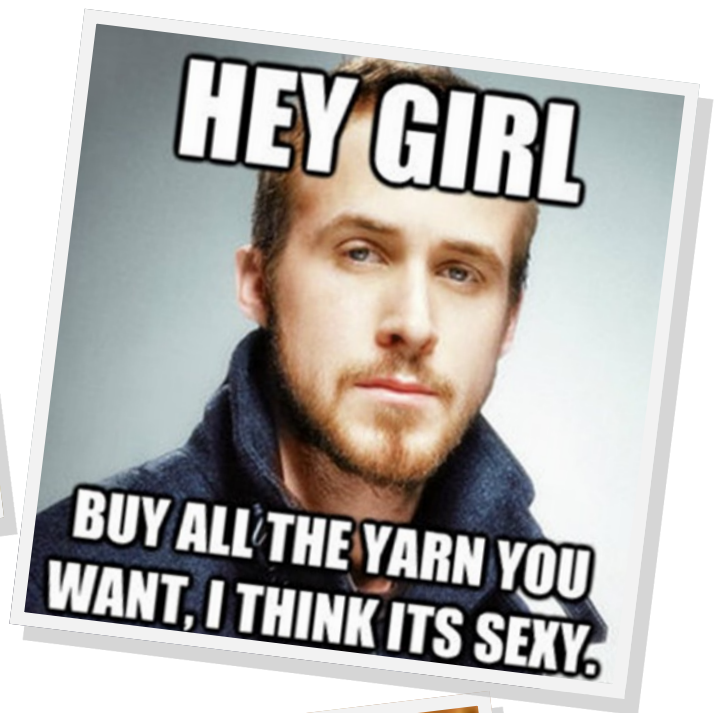
- Send your photos to Lesley for our Picture Roster
- Save your thrums and bits of leftover yarn for our Itty Bitty City Project
- Volunteers for meeting refreshments
 - ◆ June - Lori Green and Beth Spragins
- Fran would like to ask for yarn donations. She is doing bookmark kits for *Rock the River* and teaching a summer camp for kids this summer. Yarns requested include worsted, bulky, funky, novelty. Roving would also be helpful. Any yarn can be put by her loom or brought to the May meeting.

Congratulations to One of our Own

Florence Ridderhoff has been named as "Fredericksburg's Woman of the Year". Her contributions of both time and energy over many years are too

Yarn Stash Humor

They say sometimes the truth hurts, in this case, it will make you laugh.



Arts in the 'Berg

LibertyTown Arts Workshop's Patrons' Show



How it works:

1. Come to LibertyTown to buy your art voucher starting at our First Friday reception, May 6th, 5-9PM.
2. Visit the show throughout the month to pick your favorite pieces.
3. Come to the closing reception & drawing on Friday, May 20th to find out which piece you'll take home!

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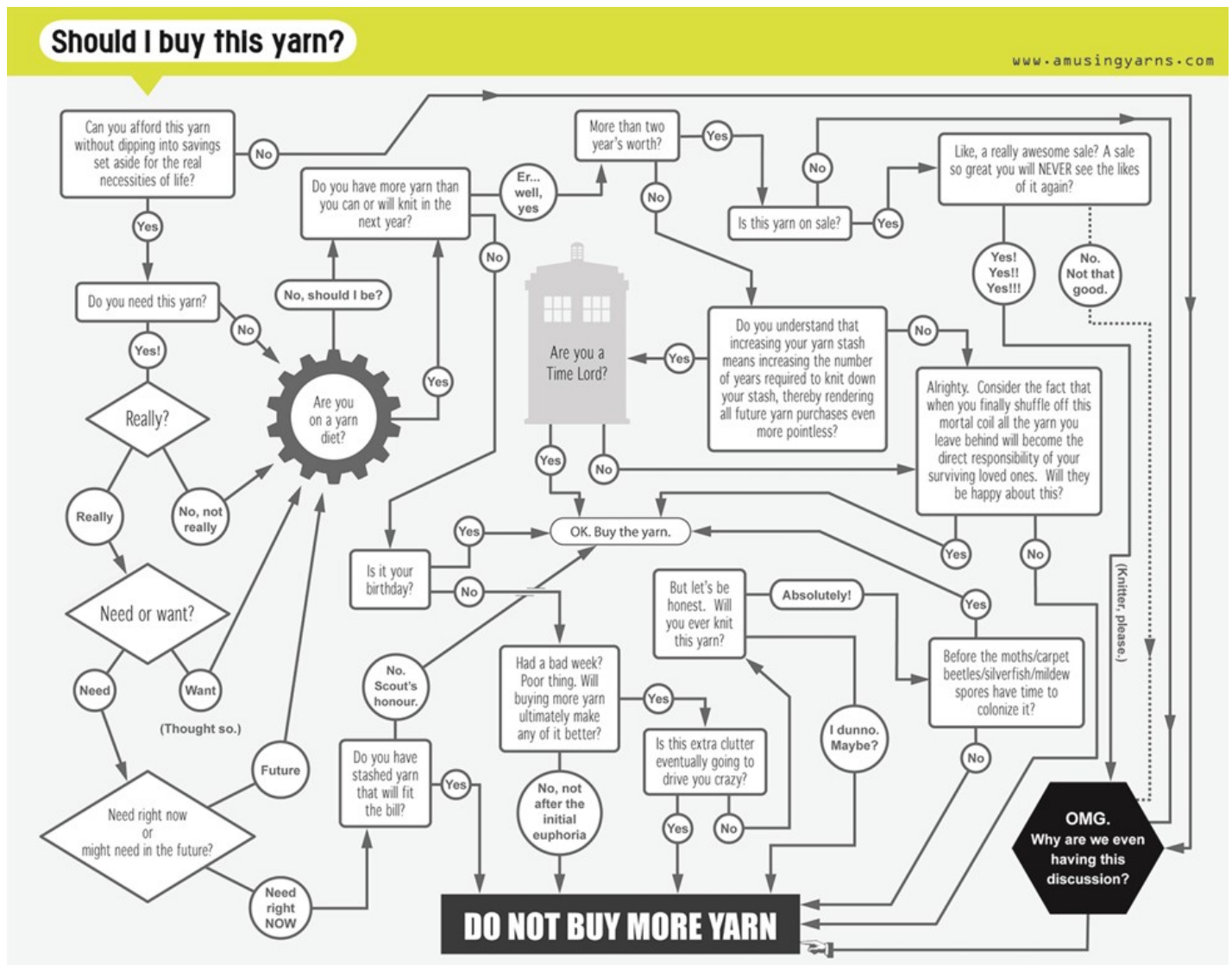
Yarn Organization Ideas

Information or tips on how to organize your stash – there are many online articles

- <http://blog.lionbrand.com/2013/03/05/spring-cleaning-7-ways-to-organize-your-yarn-stash/>
- <http://blog.lionbrand.com/2014/05/01/too-much-yarn-not-enough-space-lets-get-you-organized/>
- http://blog.lionbrand.com/2012/02/02/12-tips-on-how-to-organize-your-yarn-stash/?utm_source=Blog08292012&utm_medium=RL12tip&utm_campaign=LB
- <https://thecrochetcrowdblog.com/2013/08/24/mikeys-yarn-storage-tips/>

Personal Yarn/Fiber storage ideas

1. Catalog your new stash as soon as you come in the house – Record at least the date of purchase, purchase price, yardage, fiber content and picture using a spread sheet or Ravelry's stash page. By recording your stash as it comes in the door, you keep your list up to date and it will help keep you organized. Another advantage to cataloging your stash – if anything were to happen to your stash, like a house fire, you have a detailed list for the insurance company.
2. You have several options for organizing your stash. You can either organize by color, weight/size, or fiber content. I like to store my yarn by weight/size.

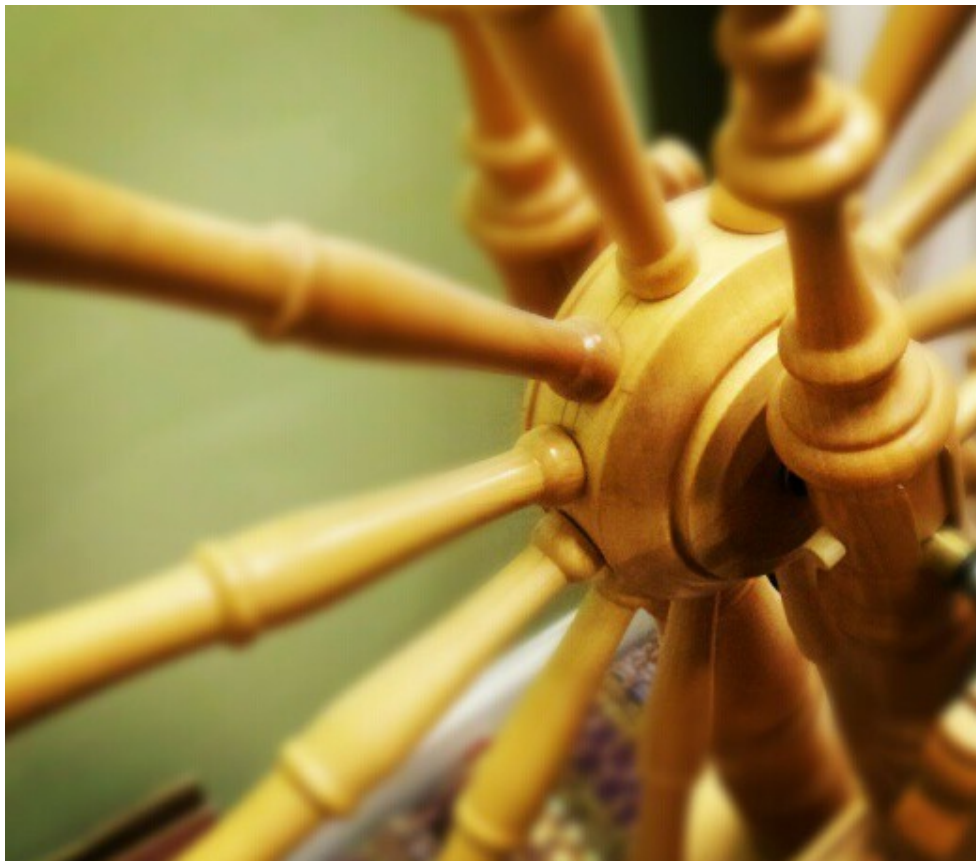


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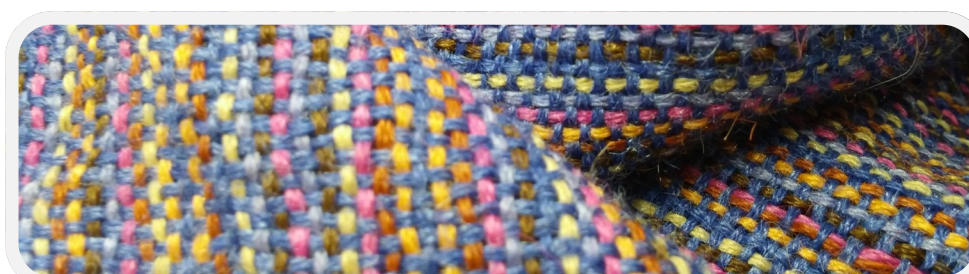
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Yarn: Beyond the Loom, Needles and Hooks

As we head into fall, the cooler temperatures and crisper air reminds us that the holiday season is right around the corner. I'm sure we are all planning out our holiday knitting/weaving/crocheting schedule for this year's hand made gifts, but the holidays give us some more options to create beyond the normal ways to manipulate yarn. For this month's program, we will go over some simple and fun ideas for using yarn in you holiday decorating.



Dues are Due

Due season is now upon us. Annual dues for the 2016/2017 fiscal year will be collected starting at the September guild meeting. All members are required

to pay dues yearly. As a reminder, those members that have not paid dues by the December meeting will be removed from the guild roster and will no longer receive the newsletter starting in January.

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I have several topics running through my head as I write this message. First of all, I am thinking that we might want to consider having our yard sale and picnic at a different time of the year. It didn't seem to be quite so hot in August several years ago (or maybe I just don't tolerate the heat as well as I used to). Please give this some thought and let's talk about it at our next meeting. Also, please think about the possibility of having one yard sale for yarns and another one for equipment. This might allow us to spread out our spending.

Secondly, I've been remiss in searching out a nominating committee, for which I apologize. I know

the biggest issue for the Vice President is coming up with ideas for the programs for each meeting. I've been doing a little research in that regard and have a few ideas, so if you have any interest in the VP position, please let me know. And rest assured, you won't be left hanging out there alone.

Thirdly, our shirts and bags... Since the meeting I have found two other places that can do our design on the shirts/bags. Since we don't have too many people interested, I thought I should look into these other sources to see if we can get a better price (the fewer purchases, the higher the price) I plan to bring the info to the next meeting and promise to place the order immediately after we compare prices and make a decision.

And finally, don't forget we will have a tent at Hurkamp Park on September 3rd. Please plan to come for a while. Bring your knitting, crocheting, spinning, or whatever other fiber goodie you might be working on and

Summer Camp with a Twist



Fran with a student at the first week of Summer Camp at Libertytown.

There are 3 weeks of camp with different students for each week. The age groups are 6-9 and 10-15. The kids do a variety of weaving including making mug rugs the floor loom. The older groups do a tapestry which is exciting for them. The younger do weaving on a CD. They both do cardboard pouches and bookmarks. They take a "field trip" to the studio to see me weave on my "big" loom. DD said she would like to continue having weaving as part of the camps. She said that the kids are exposed to many art forms in the schools but not fiber arts. She is happy to have weaving as part of the summer experience for kids. Several adults expressed interest in having an adult

weaving camp. Sounds like fun. Thank you all for your support and yarn contributions. Also thank you Aileen Campbell and Linda George for helping me make the weeks a success. I'm so pleased to have been asked to be a part of LibertyTown's Summer Camps for Kids.

Fran

Linda George showing the younger campers how to weave on a CD.



Aileen and Fran working with the campers

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Snacks

- Sept- Lesley R, Keren P, Bonnie D.
- Oct - Nancy Ballas, Mary Hardy

Little Surprises

Although I try really hard to get the newsletter out before the end of the month, sometimes my schedule just doesn't work. However, this month I have a little surprise to share just because I was a little late this month. On Saturday, September 3rd, a group of guild members participated in community days at Hurkamp Park in downtown Fredericksburg. We were all a little concerned that the weather was going to get ugly because of Post-Tropical Weather Storm Cyclone that used to Hurricane Hermine, but surprise #1—we couldn't have asked for a better day. It was cool and breezy (almost sweater weather) with overcast skies that kept the sunburns away. The second surprise was something I have never seen before. While Judy was spinning away at her wheel, she had a little friend come to visit. As you can see, her friend had a front row seat to her handy work. Thank you to all the volunteers that came out and made the day another success for our out reach efforts.



LibertyTown Arts Workshop



Landscape Photographs by Ben Greenberg

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Sale!

Louet Horizontal Warping Reel

Used, in very good condition.

For sale: \$100 obo

Dimensions:

Height: 25.5"

Width/depth: 20"

Length: 33"



Old loom - type unknown with one Reed

\$20 obo

Reed is not labeled but appears to be a 10

It is 18 inches long (the wood makes it 19 inch-

The body of the loom is 20 x 21"



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Education/Outreach

The Welsh Festival

The Welsh Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 11 - 5 pm on Charles Street between William & George Streets. It's a fun event to demonstrate at. Come spin, weave, knit, etc. for a few hours and enjoy Celtic music and crafts.

Virginia Fall Fiber Festival (aka Montpelier)

Please join us to help demo fiber crafts in the Display and Demos tent at the Fall Fiber Festival and Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials, October 1 & 2, 2016, at James Madison's Montpelier (near Orange, VA)!

We are particularly looking for volunteers to help children and adults try weaving on floor and table looms! We also need volunteers to help with the ball winding station, and demos of knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning, felting, rug hooking, circular sock machines, and more! Please visit the website for info about the festival, sheep dog trials, workshops, skein & garment competition, kids' activities, music, fleece sale, and animal exhibits at fallfiberfestival.org.

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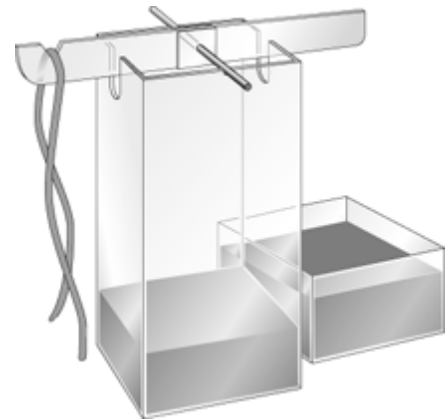
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Tools of the Trade - and how to Use Them

Some of the tools fiber artist need may look like some sort of Midlevel torture devices. Others may not look like a fiber tool at all. For November's program, three such tools will be featured: the McMorran Balance, Nostepinne, and Niddy Noddy. If you have any of these tools at home, please bring them to the meeting, especially if they are unique or different. Also, bring some yarn to measure on the balance so that we can play and experiment calculating yardages. Instructors will guide guild members through hands-on use of the tools to allow members to become familiar with the equipment.



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From the President's Desk

This month I have been thinking about the idea of studio visits and was wondering what happened to that idea? I know many of you went to the Shenandoah Fiber Festival and/ or Montpelier and I'm sure we all came home with goodies we just had to have, but really didn't need, to add to our ever growing stash. Wouldn't it be fun to see how other members organize their treasures? Do you have a designated space? Do you hide yours behind the shower curtain in the guest bathroom? Is it under your bed? I think it would be great fun to visit each other's "fiber cave". I'm sure we have come up with some really creative ways to organize and store or maybe hide our fiber collections. Maybe we could have studio tours once or twice a year as our program. Who

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\$110 Class Fee.

12 Spaces Available



Current and Upcoming Shows:

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LibertyTown Arts Workshop presents

6" x 6" x 6"

**Our Annual Juried
Small Works Exhibition**

**Opening Reception
Nov 4th, 2016, 5-9PM**

**And don't miss our early bird
specials on Small Business
Saturday, Nov 26th, 8-10AM!**

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LibertyTownArts.com**

Sale!

At the November meeting there will be an auction. One of the potential items for sale will be 22" Harrisville Designs loom - direct tie-up. The current owner is donating the loom and is in the process of fixing it up a little (although it looks really good from the pictures provided). A new 22" 4 shaft loom retails for over \$1,000 directly from HD. Similar used looms are selling for nearly \$300 online. If you were looking for a great starter loom, this just might be right up your alley.



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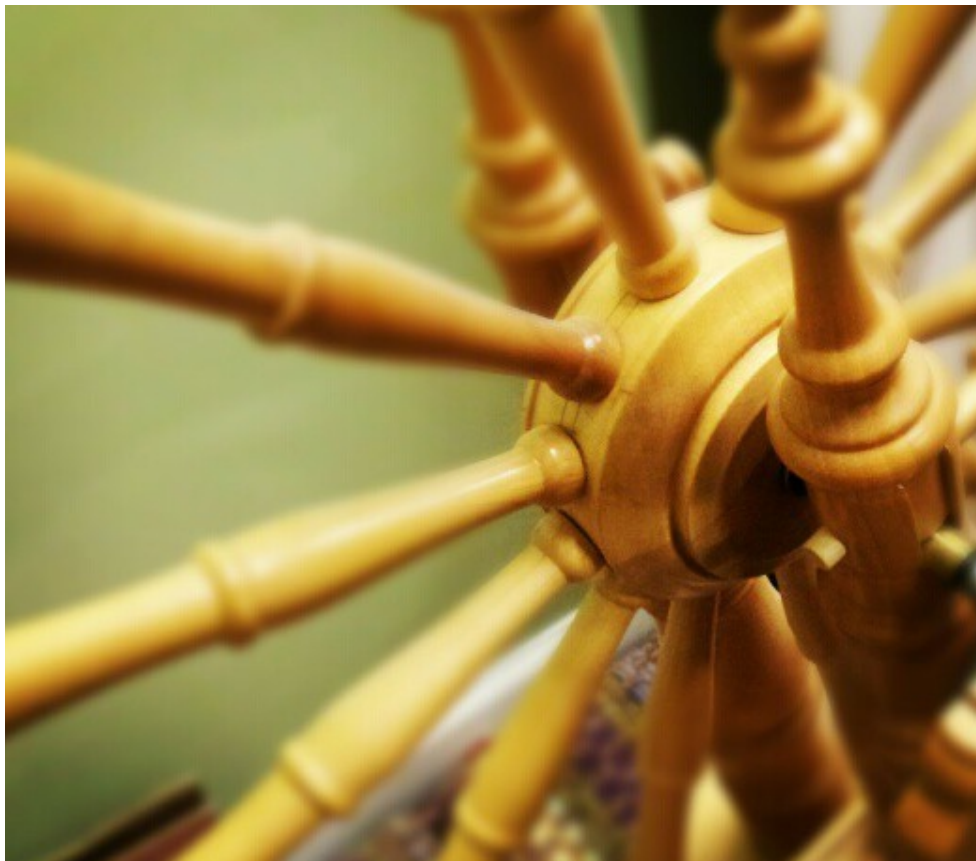
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12 November Guild meeting

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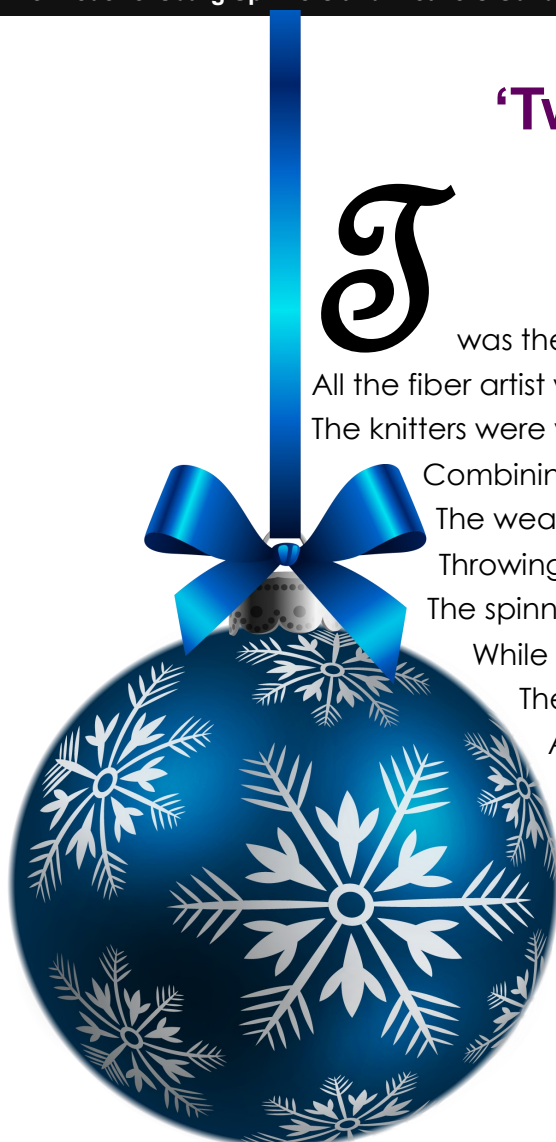
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GUILD NEWS

'Twas the Night Before



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was the night before gift giving and all through the place,
All the fiber artist where scurrying about at a furious pace.
The knitters were working on stockings with care,

Combining stitches together with the utmost of flair.

The weavers were opening and closing their sheds,

Throwing their shuttles with no thoughts of their beds.

The spinners were twirling fluffy locks into yarn,

While others were working on warn out socks to darn.

The Basket makers were weaving their reeds,

And the felters crafted figurines of every creed.

From socks to scarves, wraps and hats,

Mittens and gloves, and sweaters for cats,

All the gifts will be crafted with love and care,

For loved ones near , far, and everywhere.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

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Well there's no denying it, the holiday season is here. If you have any doubts, just travel on route three around the mall in the afternoon or on the weekend! I hope everyone has their Christmas shopping well in hand and all those hands made treats well under way. This is such a busy time of the year, but I hope we can all take a little time off for the Christmas Party at Bonnie's this weekend. It's always so much fun to get together without a real meeting and just eat and enjoy each other's company. And there is also the gift exchange to look forward to. I've been browsing on the internet and there are lots of knitting and

weaving treasures for \$20 or less out there. The problem is, the ones I like I want one for me, too! Even though the meeting is away from Liberty Town this month, I hope you will make an effort to join us at Bonnie's. She is so gracious to open her house to us and get her decorating done early! Mary Snellings has offered her van to carpool, from LibertyTown, if there is anyone who would like to ride with her. Please call or email her if you're interested. I am also happy to take some others with me if you live west on route three and would like to meet at Chancellorsville Elementary about 9:30, please call or email me if you're

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Fleece, Fleece, Fleece!

If there is anyone who was not at the last meeting that would be interested in a big bag of fleece, please let me know. I've been carrying it around in the trunk of my car planning to take it to the dump. Since I haven't made it there I decided, I'd make one last effort to find it a home. I really hate to throw it away. It's not in great shape, but would be free and good for someone that has never tried starting from the raw fleece. Here is your chance if you would like to try it without a big investment. I once bought a raw fleece with great aspirations. However, after washing about a third of it I took the rest to be processed! That was an expensive learning curve. This way you could have the experience for free! Please call or email me if you're interested. Judy 540-786-1917, jwklehm@gmail.com.

Project Spotlight

Project Name: My Temperature Year 2015

Project Owner: Lesley Reynolds

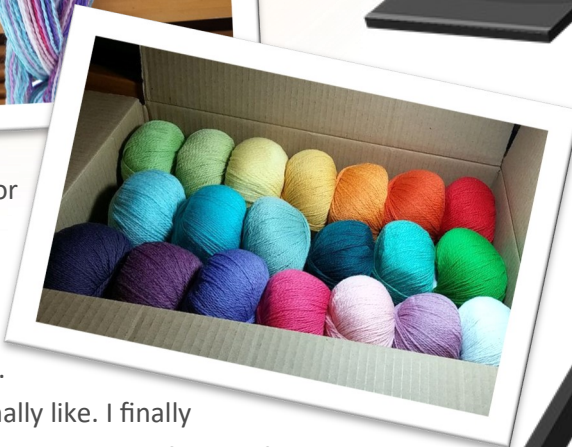
Craft: Weaving

Started: January 16 2015

Yarn: Knit Picks Palette Yarn

EPI / PPI: 20 epi x 20 ppi

Project Summary: In January 2015 a podcaster featured a knitting project that recorded the high temperature of each day in two rows of knitting. Each color corresponds to a particular temperature range. I started the project twice, but nothing really felt right and it was hard for me to keep up. Part of the problem is that I am not in love with the yarn. It's not as soft and the twist not as tight as I normally like. I finally decided that the best way to achieve project success was to shift gears from knitting to weaving. So now, every two warp threads is a day, and instead of a scarf, the project has turned into a wrap/throw. I'm now winding the warp, so stay tuned for project updates.



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December at LibertyTown

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Unique gifts that you can bring home with you!

12/2-4 | Annual Student Pottery Sale
Affordable pottery from LibertyTown's up-and-coming potters!

12/17 | Holiday Open House
Enjoy holiday refreshments with your favorite artists, 10AM-8PM!

Open 10-8 Mon-Sat, 10-6 Sun
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The Reading Room

The Holidays are upon us and gifts are a plenty. Come on down and browse the “new” acquisitions (books & DVD’s) in our FSWG Library. Thanks to all of those who donated these items. Also, the elves have been busy processing them for borrowing. Check them out at your library.

TITLE	AUTHOR	LOCATION / SPINE LABEL
Collapse Weave: Creating Three-Dimensional	Field, Anne	WVG FIE
Peggy Osterkamp's New Guide to Weaving Number 2: Warping Your Loom & Tying On New	Osterkamp, Peggy	WVG OST
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Network Drafting: An Introduction	Schlein, Alice	WVG SCH
Loom-Controlled Double Weave From the Note-	O'Connor, Paul R.	WVG OCO
Big Book of Weaving: Handweaving in the Swedish Tradition - Techniques, Patterns, Designs & Materials	Lundell, Laila	WVG LUN
Art of the Loom: Weaving Spinning & Dyeing	Hecht, Ann	WVG HEC
Knitting With Dog Hair: A Woof-to-Warp Guide to Making Hats, Sweaters, Mittens & Much More	Crolius, Kendall	KNT CRO
Patchwork Knitting: Pullovers, Jackets, Waistcoats	Schulz, Horst	KNT SCH
Knit in New Directions	Wood, Myra	KNT WOO
1,000 Artist Trading Cards: Innovative & Inspired	Bolton, Patricia	MSC BOL
Unexpected Knitting	New, Debbie	KNT NEW
Tracing Roots: A Master Weaver's Journey to Understand a Spruce Root Hat Found in a Retreating	Churchill, Delores	DVD KNT CHU
Warping Your Loom (RT disc 1, 65 min. RT disc 2,	van der Hoogt, Madelyn	DVD WVG VAN
Considerations for the Care of Textiles & Costumes: A Handbook for the Non-Specialist	Mailand, Harold F.	MSC MAI

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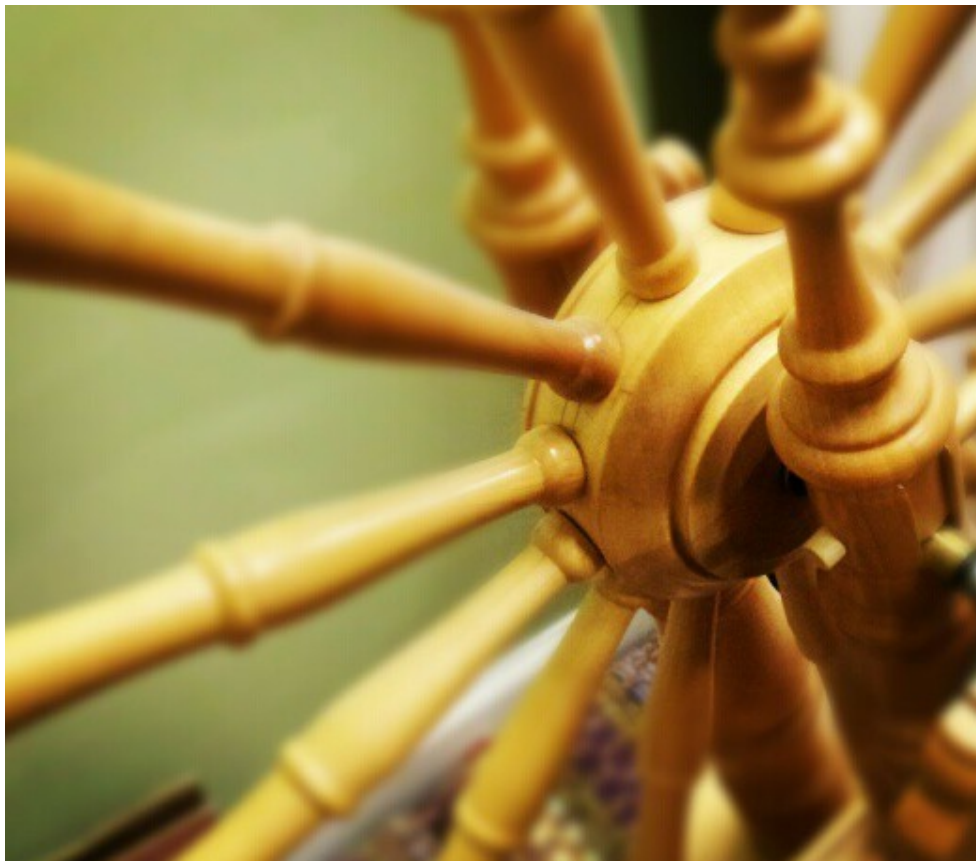
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