

GUILD NEWS



The Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Newsletter

January 2018

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES



For this month, we're just going to keep the good times going. Florence has one again invited us to her home for our January meeting. Bring your show and tell, and any yarn you would like to sell for the good of the guild. No need to bring food, Florence has us covered.

CHARITABLE CHOICES

A few months ago, the guild decided to broaden our community service outreach. I put together an online poll to see what charity or not-for-profit organizations we wanted to possibly help. Here are the top four choices. I was going to present only the top three, but we had three organizations tie. So what happens next? At the January meeting, I will have ballots with the four organizations listed below and we will vote, and I will count them up at the meeting and announce the winner. I've included some additional information on Empower and Hope Houses in case you may not be as familiar with their work.

- NICU Nurses
- First Responders
- Empower House: <http://www.empowerhouseva.org/>

Empower house is a non-profit organization providing confidential domestic violence assistance in the city of Freder-

icksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline. These services include a free and confidential 24-hour hotline, a temporary emergency shelter, information, referrals, and advocacy.

- Loisann's Hope House: <http://loisannshopehouse.org/>
Our program is designed to improve the quality of life for our families by helping them move from homelessness to permanent housing. We offer educational opportunities and support services which include: intensive case management, tutoring, employment or vocational training, placement and referrals, life skills and social skills courses, stress management, as well as financial management, wellness and nutrition.

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From the President's Desk

I want to thank you all for your vote of confidence in “allowing” me to serve as your President for a second, and “final” term. I’ve joked about this a bit, but I really do enjoy working with all of you and think our Guild is strong and has some excellent plans for the years to come. I am quite proud to serve as your President. Also, I’d like to thank Nancy for agreeing to be our new Secretary. I’m sure she will do an excellent job and I’m looking forward to her help on the Board. Speaking of our plans, Aileen is working very hard and has set up some excellent programs for us in the new year. Thanks to all of you who have agreed to help. And a final thank you to Barbara for volunteering to serve as our Membership Chairperson. As the first contact for our new members, I know she will do a great job. If you haven’t already answered, please respond to Lesley’s survey, as well. We will want to move forward with our charity group in 2018. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at Florence’s house this month. This meeting is always such fun. Thank you, Florence. you are such a gracious hostess! I hope everyone will be able to attend and we can start making plans for 2018. Happy New Year to all!

Editor's Note

On my quest to up my newsletter game, I want to open the lines of communication with our readers on a more formal note. I always enjoy reading the “Letters to the Editor” from other publications, and I want to be able to offer the same opportunity to our guild membership. So beginning with the next newsletter I will include a Letter to the Editor section. Guess what that means, for you, yep, I need your letters! I think this is going to be fun and I can’t wait.

Arts in the 'Burg



The poster features a purple background. In the top left corner is a circular logo for LibertyTown Arts Workshop, with the text 'CLASSES OF FINE ART' around the perimeter and 'LibertyTown' in the center. To the right of the logo, the text 'LibertyTown Arts Workshop's Annual' is written in white. Below this, the words 'Student Show' are written in a large, white, cursive script. To the right of the text is a white line drawing of a hand holding a paintbrush. At the bottom, a teal rectangular box contains the text 'Pottery | Oil Painting | Glass | Acrylic | Fiber | Watercolor | Drawing' in white. Below the box, white text reads: 'Join us on **Friday, 1/5 from 5-9PM** for the opening reception of our annual **LibertyTown Student Show!** See the amazing work that our students are making!'. At the very bottom, white text says: 'Open 10-8 Mon-Sat, 10-6 Sun' followed by '916 Liberty Street | 540-371-7255 | LibertyTownArts.com'.

LibertyTown Arts Workshop's Annual

Student Show

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Glass | Acrylic | Fiber
Watercolor | Drawing

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Ann Weaver Workshop Update

As we discussed at the meeting, the "Yipes Stripes" Cowl workshop with Ann Weaver will be held on Monday, March 5th. We will start at 11:00 and the workshop will last approximately three hours. We will decide on where we will hold the workshop once we have an idea of the number of participants. The final price will be determined then, as well, but it will be between \$55 and \$65. I have written to Ann about the Yarn requirements and homework and will pass her answers along at the next meeting. If you would like to get a better idea about the cowl, the pattern can be found on Ravelry, along with examples of finished pieces. Basically, the cowl includes several different colors and knitting stitches, all of which are covered in the workshop. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Judy. 540-786-1917, jwklehm@gmail.com



Artful Dimensions Gallery in Fredericksburg VA is hosting it's annual juried show, Dimensional Expressions 2018 in April. For those who have entered in previous years we hope you will submit work again and we are pleased to announce our new location at 922 Caroline Street, the main shopping and dinning street in town.

Please go to the following website for all information on the show and to submit your work. All applications and photos are to be submitted electronically and are due by 4:00 pm February 28, 2018.

artfuldimensionsgallery.com - in the menu list click on Dimensional Expressions 2018

Project Spotlight

Project Name:

Project Owner:

Craft:

Started:

Yarn:

Pattern:

Finished size:

Project Summary:

YOUR PROJECT HERE

*If you would like to share your project with the rest of the guild,
please send me an email with the above details and if you have
one, a link to your Ravelry project page: pixie91075@gmail.com*

Pattern Watch—Crochet

Mini Heart Knit Look

by Kelsey Daughtry

Published in: Kelsey Daughtry's Ravelry Store

Craft: Crochet

Category: Hat → Beanie, Toque

Suggested yarn: Big Twist Yarns Chunky Solids

Yarn weight: Bulky (7 wpi)

Needle/Hook size: 5.5 mm
(I), 6.5 mm (K)

Yardage: 350 - 400 yards
(320 - 366 m)

Find it on Ravelry: [https://
www.ravelry.com/
patterns/library/mini-heart-
knit-look](https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/mini-heart-knit-look)





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Reminders and Announcements

Get to Know the Guild

- You can share your interesting fiber facts with the rest of the guild by filling out this [form](#).

2018 Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild Hospitality Schedule

- See Mary Snellings for snack sign-ups