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# **December 2021 Newsletter**

## Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild



### **Needle felting a sunflower**

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## Upcoming Guild Membership Meeting

Zoom Link for December 11 meeting - [click here](#) or use this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905033088?  
pwd=bTFyNUdOWGZja1pIZmVpWUpKRXBiZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905033088?pwd=bTFyNUdOWGZja1pIZmVpWUpKRXBiZz09)

Meeting ID: 829 0503 3088

Passcode: 830678

### December Program

For December's program, Lesley will teach us how to make **Mini Yarn Hat Ornaments**.

This quick and easy craft uses materials you probably already have around the house:

**paper towel or toilet paper tubes, yarn, tissue paper, and scissors.** Here's a chance to use up your scrap yarn! (Worsted yarn works really well, but you could use any yarn weight.) So gather up your materials and get ready to deck the halls!

If you're not able to join us for the meeting, you can find the instructions for the Mini Yarn Hat Ornaments at <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/mini-yarn-hats-ornaments/>

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(Photo copyright: Easy Peasy and Fun)

November meeting video - <https://youtu.be/bCMJEtrTh7A>

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November meeting minutes - not currently available

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## From the President's Desk

Hello everyone -

HELLO everyone,

I hope that this month's newsletter finds you well. I always look forward to this time of year because it means a lot of good food, good friends, and family. Regardless of how you celebrate this time of year, or don't, I truly wish that it is a time of peace, love, and joy for you and those you hold close to your heart.

I know that two years ago none of us could have imagined the journey we were all about to take, and it seems that every time we are close to coming out the other side of this very long tunnel, it just keeps getting longer. It is so very important with everything happening around us, that we take just a moment, a deep breath, and be calm... and I need to take my own advice once in a while. One thing that has kept me going over this trying time is thinking of you. Just this week, I had to drop my oldest off at the train station in Culpeper and the drive took me past Judy's house. I was pointing it out and thought about the times we've had our get-togethers at her house. Then I thought of Denise who has hosted many times, and I thought of how nice it would be to go back again. On the way back home the GPS took me home via 17 and I thought of Mary H, and then I thought of Aileen and our towel exchange there in Bealeton. I remember Barbara hosted a Christmas party or two, and how I had to miss them because I was sick, but I heard how wonderful it was, and that's why every time I drive the "backway" to Southpoint on Route 2 I hope that one day I'll be able to celebrate there too. On Saturday, I was driving out to meet my great niece for the first time and I passed by Fran and Mary S's neck of the woods, the little voice in my head called out, "You know who lives down that street?" and I thought, "I sure do." and I got a warm hug in my heart knowing that you were out there. When I drive up William St going back into Stafford, I think of Florence every single time. I don't know exactly where all of you live, but I want you to know when I drive around town, and I know that you live close, I think of you all the time. The point is, I know we haven't been able to meet together like in years past, but knowing you are all out there makes me happy.

With love wrapped in some warm cozy yarn,  
Have a wonderful holiday season, and see you at the meeting if you can make it.

Lesley

**ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!**

**Don't forget to send me pictures of your studio space/ crafting corner so we can do virtual tours at the meeting.**

# Elections Results

For President, Lesley Reynolds was elected for a 2-year term.

For Secretary, Nicole White was elected for a 2-year term.

Congratulations to both of our newly elected officers!

# Membership & Dues

As of 12/6/21, 37 members have paid their 2022 dues. Our guild currently has 55 members, including Liberty Town.

**Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) are currently being collected and were due by September 30. Members who do not submit their dues by December 30th will be removed from the guild's membership rolls.**

Payment by check is preferred (make payable to FSWG and mail to the guild at LibertyTown or leave in the guild mailbox at LibertyTown).

LibertyTown Arts Workshop

Attn: FSWG

916 Liberty Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401 Payment is possible by PayPal but please follow these instructions or PayPal will keep a portion of your money rather than crediting all of it to the guild:

1. Go to PayPal.com and login. You may need to click on the "MyPayPal" icon to get to the money dashboard.
2. Click on the "Send" icon.
3. In the box asking for a name or email address for where you want the money to go, enter the guild's email address: [fswguild@gmail.com](mailto:fswguild@gmail.com)
4. Type in the amount of money you want to send.
5. In the "notes" box, enter in what the money is for, such as "donation", "August rent", or "annual guild dues".
6. Click on "continue".
7. When it asks what the payment is for, choose sending to a friend.
8. Scroll until you can see the "Send Payment/Money Now" button and click on it.





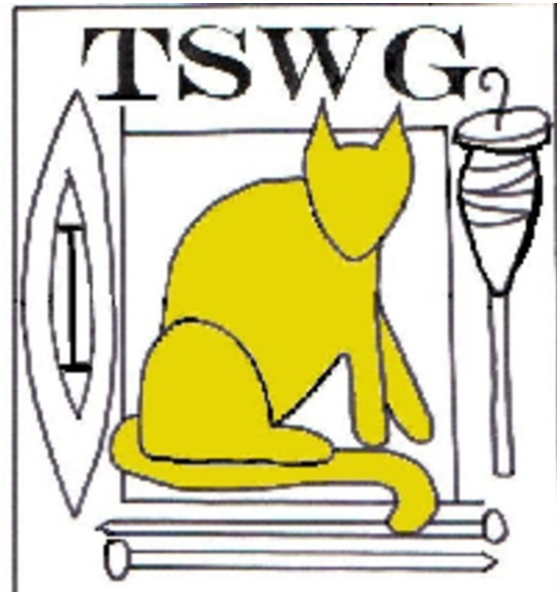
Hughlett's Tavern



Tavern Welcome Sign



TSWG Studio (upstairs)



Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild

## **Excursion to Heathsville, VA – Aileen Campbell**

Last week Mary Hardy and I took a road trip to Heathsville to meet up with members of the Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild. This is the guild that offered selling space for our guild members as a way of creating an income stream for our somewhat barren coffers. It was an absolutely gorgeous day for a drive, and we were on a mission!

The tavern is a vintage property – one that was relegated at one time to be demolished. The efforts of the Rice Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern Foundation and many hours of volunteer labor over the course of several years created a special location that highlights the work of local artists. Several guilds call the tavern their home: the Blacksmith Guild, the Culinary Guild, a Quilter's Guild, a Woodworkers Guild, a Crafters Guild, and the Spinners and Weavers Guild. The Foundation offers heritage art classes as well a truly unique destination for shopping and dining at their café, which is operated by the Culinary Guild. Several rooms have been restored with historic or period pieces.

The Tavern Spinners and Weavers have a studio on the upper floor of the tavern, consisting of a large room with 6-8 looms of various styles and sizes. There's also a "yarn room" where yarn and threads for all types of weaving are stored. The studio is open to tavern visitors and at least twice a week a guild member is present to answer questions and provide information. The guild also keeps at least one or two looms warped for kitchen towels so that all members can weave and thus participate in the guild's sales in the tavern shop.

The guild has developed a straightforward system for members to sell their work as well donate their weaving for sale to benefit their guild. The tavern shop does retain 30% of the sale price. Each artist selling items is responsible for determining the selling price and labeling their items, which must be recorded on an inventory listing. The tavern shop does the work of paying all sales taxes and that amount is deducted from the item's selling price.

Kitchen towels are the most popular handwoven item sold by the Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild – they sell several hundred a year and anticipate selling around 400 in 2021!

All in all, the Rice Hotel/Hughlett Tavern is an intriguing place to step back a bit in time – shop the treasures of artisans and enjoy the nibbles in the Tavern Café.

For more information on the Tavern Spinners and Weavers Guild, visit their website:

<https://www.tavernspinweave.org/>

For more information on the Rice Hotel/Hughlett Tavern foundation, visit their website:

[www.rhhtfoundationinc.org](http://www.rhhtfoundationinc.org)



# On the Horizon...

## Share your holiday craft and gift ideas

Since we aren't able to get together this December to share our holiday treats, Judy suggested we share holiday gift and craft ideas and patterns instead. *[Note to Aileen: I think it was Judy, but I don't have my notes with me!]* Do you have a go-to gift pattern or a new holiday craft you can't stop making? Have you come across the perfect knit stocking pattern or holiday weaving motif? Please share your gift and craft ideas for a mini-publication we'll put together for January — just in time to start planning your 2022 holiday gift making!

Send your ideas and patterns to Mary Snellings at [marysnellings@yahoo.com](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com). Please include a photo if possible, and as much information as you can. If the pattern or instructions are public domain, please include them. If the pattern or instructions are copyrighted, please indicate where they can be found, and include a link to them online if you can.

The deadline for submission is December 19.

(photo credit: Etsy seller One of the Flock)



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# MAFA Update

Nothing new to report!

Aileen Campbell, MAFA rep for FSWG

## Committee News

The 501(c)(3) committee will meet Wednesday at 6:30 via zoom. We do have some things to talk about, so participation is highly encouraged.



# What Comes Next?

A nod to handspun yarns

Margaret Campbell

Last week I was looking in the library at Liberty Town for a new project and came across the book Fibres to Fabrics by Hazel Clark. There are a lot of weaving projects in this book and all made from handspun yarn. Since there is an abundance of handspun yarn in my house it inspired me to start planning a cozy warm blanket. The blanket will be in twill since it will have to be double weave to get the width needed for a bed and twill is so easy to thread and treadle.

When you are planning your next weaving project don't forget about your handspun yarn. It will make your finished item really special.

## Weaving Wisdom

**This month's tip, shared by Judy Klehm, come from the Weavers Guild of Boston and from Nimble Needles Website**

Always put on an extra yard of warp. It is easy insurance against disaster, provides material for sampling and it allows you opportunity for experimentation. For speed in winding a single color warp, wind two or more threads at the same time from as many cones of yarn. The warp will be wound twice as fast and should the dye lots vary, the color change will not show in the warp.

Shared by Judy Klehm  
Knitting Knotes – from knitom.com

Keep the stitches moving along

If you're noticing random loose stitches scattered throughout your stockinette fabric, you have a tension problem. But this time, it's related to how you manage the stitches on the needles before and after you knit them.

The goal is to keep the stitches on the left needle moving smoothly up close to the tip of the needle, and then after they are knit to the right needle, moved along smoothly to make room for new stitches. This way, each stitch is being created with the same amount of yarn.

It's a good idea to have your stitches bunched up close to the tip of the left needle for easy knitting and flow. With the stitches nice and close to the tips, you can feed them out one at a time and they don't have to be stretched or tugged to get them off the needle.

But you must keep moving new stitches into place. If you just keep knitting without readjusting, you'll be giving out more yarn for the stitches that are further from the tips, resulting in different sized stitches.

Once the new stitches are on the right-hand needle, you need to move those along to make room for new stitches.

You'll want to do this every four or five stitches or so.

If you try to knit too many stitches before adjusting, you'll end up with bunches of stitches and a tension problem.

## **Group Meetings**



(photo credit: [John Wise workshops](#))

Sock Knitting Group meets Mondays from about noon to 3-4 pm. in the guild studio space. Contact [Fran Slaterbeck](#) for more information. Some meetings may be via Zoom.

The Weavers Study Group is open to all weavers. We are studying crackle weave this year. The group is currently meeting via Zoom on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Contact: Diane Kowalski, [Diane@wovengems.com](mailto:Diane@wovengems.com)

Knitting Group meets Friday from 1PM to 3PM in the guild studio space. Contact [Margaret Campbell](#) for details. Some meetings may be via Zoom.

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## For Sale, Free, or Wanted

***Leclerc Fanny Loom for Sale***



**This loom is a Counterbalance loom that has 4 shafts and 6 treadles. It has a 45" weaving width. The back beam folds in for storage. It has an amazing shed when weaving. It has updated heddles and a new brake installed.**



**I have woven silk scarves and rugs on this loom. The cost for this loom is 675.00. Kindly contact Mary Hardy at [mary22720@yahoo.com](mailto:mary22720@yahoo.com) with questions and for further information.**

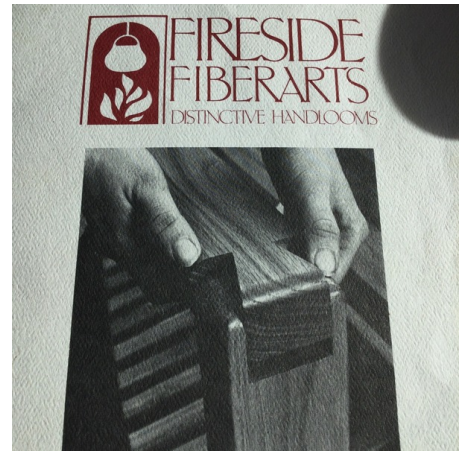




Fireside Tapestry Loom  
for sale



If interested or for additional  
information



contact Margot Brown  
[Margotbrown37@gmail.com](mailto:Margotbrown37@gmail.com)



## Spinning Wheel for Sale

Louet S10 Single Treadle

Peg Waters is selling her very lightly used Louet S10. The wheel was manufactured in the early 1990's and is in very good condition. Peg says that it spins very smoothly! This wheel comes with 4 bobbins and has a built-in Lazy Kate.

\$400

Contact Peg at (540) 371-0120 or email [pegbaskets@yahoo.com](mailto:pegbaskets@yahoo.com)

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# Howell Little Man Skein Winder (Vintage) for sale

Mr. Howell was an amazing artist of fiber related tools, from shuttles of all sizes to mini niddy noddies and even small Navaho-style looms! His tools are prized by many weavers.

Peg Waters has been fortunate to own one of Mr. Howell's skein winders but is ready for it to find a new home. It is a free standing skein winder in great shape - the wood is just lovely and of course it has that adorable Little Man logo burned into it (not a great pic but it's there, in the center where the two arms intersect). This winder is currently in the guild studio so you can get a closer look at this treasure.

Peg is asking \$200. Contact her at (540) 371-0120 or email [pegbaskets@yahoo.com](mailto:pegbaskets@yahoo.com).



Barbara Ritter's Leclerc Tapestry loom (60 inches wide) is still looking for a new home.



This lovely loom, kept in pristine condition, comes with an 8-dent reed and a cherry raddle.



Barbara is asking \$500.

[blhritter@gmail.com](mailto:blhritter@gmail.com)

## Wanted!

I am a novice spinner. I've finished a couple of bobbins of single ply yarn. I would like to join them in a two ply yarn. However, i need a jumbo ply head flyer for my Lendrum wheel and I can't find one. Neither The Woolery nor Paradise Fibers has this item in stock. I was wondering if one of your members might have one they would like to sell.

If you have one to sell or know where one can be found, please contact Nina Williams at [mtnfairy1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnfairy1@gmail.com)

## Guild Links

### Links!

[Guild Roster](#)

[Guild Library](#)

[Guild Equipment available to rent](#)

[Guild Handbook & By-Laws](#)

Drop Box How-to's (coming one of these days)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Online Access Instructions](#)

[Face Book](#) (members only page)

FSWG also has a presence on [Ravlery](#)

### **Leadership (executive board members)**

President - Lesley Reynolds [president@fswguild.org](mailto:president@fswguild.org)

Vice President - Kara Peckar [vice\\_president@fswguild.org](mailto:vice_president@fswguild.org)

Secretary - Nicole White [secretary@fswguild.org](mailto:secretary@fswguild.org)

Treasurer - Denise Kash [treasurer@fswguild.org](mailto:treasurer@fswguild.org)

### **Additional Leadership**

Librarian - Denise Kash [librarian@fswguild.org](mailto:librarian@fswguild.org)

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Hospitality - Mary Snellings [marysnellings@yahoo.com](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com)

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