

January 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild



Blending Board

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HOW TO CREATE MINI FIBRE BATTS ON A BLENDING BOARD

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Most Recent Guild Membership Meeting

Zoom Link for January 8 meeting - [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 834 9123 8366

Passcode: 756826

January Program

January's program: How linen is made, both historically and in the present.

January meeting minutes link: [click here](#)

NOTE: All 2021 meeting minutes can be found in this Dropbox folder: [click here](#)

December meeting video link: <https://youtu.be/BXvoaW68RpU>



From the President's Desk

Lesley was unable to attend this month's meeting and hoped that everyone had power and was warm.

Membership & Dues

As of 1/12/2022, only 38 members have paid their 2022 dues.

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
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.

On the Horizon...

Nothing much happening right now. Holding pattern due to COVID continues on...

Earth Day – April 23 – Old Mill Park – expecting to hear more about it now that it's 2022. Watch for updates!

Vice President Kara Pekar (a.k.a. program director) is looking for programs that will work in a virtual environment. She would love to program short (free) classes or tutorials – how to do a technique or make a specific craft. If you have seen something on YouTube or the Handwoven videos that you feel would be good, let Kara know by emailing her at vice_president@fswguild.org. If you are willing to teach or demonstrate something online, that would be great too!

Selling your work at LibertyTown

Selling at Liberty Town – see the handbook. Items need to be juried before being put up for sale.

A brief look at what the handbook says about sales in the guild space:

Individuals interested in selling items in the Guild Sales

Shop must be a member of FSWG.

2. Members must notify the Sales Chairperson of their interest in selling.

3. Items to be sold are to be fiber related, i.e., handspun yarns, knitted, woven, hand-dyed items, fiber, or handcrafted "tools of the trade". Beadwork items must also include some aspect of the above.

4. Items to be sold should be submitted to the screening (jury) committee for review. Each genre included for sale should be submitted for review.

5. Individuals selling items will pay a one-time application fee. Persons renting Studio space, who wish to sell, will not have to pay this fee as it is included in the studio rental fee. A copy of the sales application is included as an addendum to this document. (applications can be found on the guild bulletin board over the bookcases)
6. All accepted items must be individually labeled with the seller's name, item description (i.e. shawl, scarf, placemat, etc.), fiber content, care instructions and inventory number. Stickers for inventory number and price are available at the studio.

**** We need a couple of people to volunteer to be on the jury committee.**

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MAFA Update

The latest edition of the MAFA Newsletter has arrived!

[Click here](#) to view the entire 6 page document.

Highlights:

Next Guild Roundtable (all guild members are invited to attend Roundtables!)

Panel Discussion with Regional Fibersheds, January 25 at 7 p.m. Please join us for the next MAFA roundtable on Tuesday, January 25 to hear a panel discussion with the following Fibersheds: New Jersey, Chesapeake, Piedmont, Blue Ridge, Central Appalachia, Pennsylvania and New York. This roundtable is open to all MAFA guild members. Register to attend

at: us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link After registering you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link.

March Roundtable: March 22 Roundtable (open to all MAFA guild members): Sarah Woodyard's Hand-Sewing Journey: From 18th-century Dressmaking Apprentice to Modern Day Hand-Sewist. Learn more about Sarah Woodyard at <https://www.sewncompany.com/>.

MAFA Conference 2023 Hats! Hats! Hats! Love hats – traditional, silly, felted, knitted, or mad hatter? We are looking for someone to lead the new Hats Exhibit at the conference. Come up with the categories and criteria, create the application, keep track of the entries,

and stage the exhibition at the conference. Work starts July 2022 and continues until June 2023. Send an email to Carol at conference@mafafiber.org
Instructors needed! Invitations for instructors have been sent out, but we're still interested in expanding our list of people who teach weaving, spinning, dyeing, basket weaving and other fiber arts. If you or your guild members know of good teachers or you had a wonderful speaker at your recent meeting, please send the information (name, email, short description of fiber speciality) to education@mafafiber.org.

Save the Date: The MAFA 2023 Conference will be held at Millersville University (near Lancaster, PA), June 22 - 25, 2023.

Committee News

No meeting this month for the 501(c)(3) committee but members should plan on a February meeting to draft articles of incorporation. The draft will then be submitted to membership.

If you are interested in being on the committee, contact Kara or Lesley and they will get you the meeting link. They meet one time a month.

The committee is thinking of using a service like LegalZoom, to get other eyes on the document. Lesley is willing to pay for this but is interested if anyone knows of a contract lawyer and getting their fee schedule.

Lesley will reach out to Liberty Town and seeing who they use as a registered agent. She will see if Liberty Town can be our registered agent – to receive any legal documents during business hours.

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

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

Lesson/classes

Laurie Green and Mary Shellings will be teaching Spinning on Sundays at 3 p.m. This will be a fee-based class opened to the public. This will be held at Liberty Town. Mary needs this added to the calendar. They have several spinning wheels available for people to use.
Contact Mary for more information.

Kara and Ishtar will share the info with the community and on social media.

If you teach fiber arts classes – let the guild know and we can compile a list.

36" Mighty Wolf Loom for Sale



This loom will fold for storage!

This was Jerry Barnes's loom - I have woven double weave wool blankets, linen and cotton towels and much more. Very good, sturdy loom. The ten treadles are handy for tying up multiple patterns on the same warp.



\$800

4 shafts
10 treadles
4 reeds (8,10,12,15 dent)
Contact Linda George 540-842-7001. or lgeorge1951@gmail.com

Leclerc Fanny Loom for Sale

\$625



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.



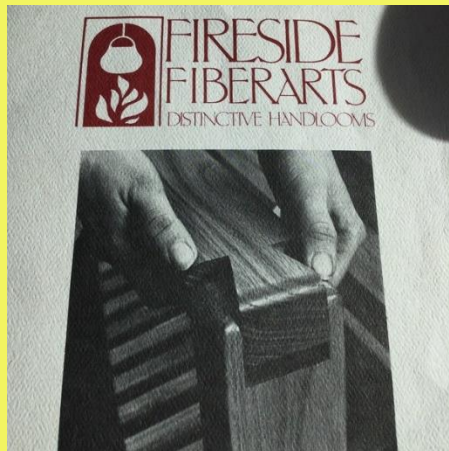
I have woven silk scarves and rugs on this loom. The cost for this loom is only \$625.00.
Kindly contact Mary Hardy at mary22720@yahoo.com with questions and for further information.



Fireside Tapestry Loom
for sale



If interested or for additional information





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



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



Howell Little Man Skein Winder (Vintage) for sale

SOLD-SOLD-SOLD-SOLD-SOLD!

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.



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

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](#)