



November 2021 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Elections this Saturday for both President and Secretary!!

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Upcoming Guild Membership Meeting

Next Guild meeting is Saturday, November 13, beginning at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be virtual via Zoom. Business meeting will be followed by this month's program.

Zoom Link for November 13 meeting - [click here](#) or use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83491238366?pwd=WDZTRIZPN1IWTGU3TzdiY3orTINuUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 9123 8366 Passcode: 756826

October meeting video - <https://youtu.be/C5BOICVAFqs>

October meeting minutes - unavailable at this time

This month's program: In honor of Native American Heritage Month, this month's program consists of two videos on Navajo fiber traditions.

(1) Fiber Preparation and Spinning on a Navajo Spindle with TahNibaa Naataanii. TahNibaa Naataanii (Nah-TAH-nee) of Golden Navajo Churro Sheep Corral brings us the sights, sounds, songs, and stories of tending, preparing, and spinning her flock's fiber in the way that her ancestors

preparing, and spinning her flock's fiber in the way that her ancestors taught her. Naataanii tends a flock of Navajo Churro in a range of stunning natural colors and transforms their fleeces into fiber, felt, yarn, and both traditional and modern weavings. In this video, Ms. Naataanii (Nah- TAH-nee) demonstrates carding churro wool and spinning it on a Navajo spindle while singing a traditional Navajo (Diné - din-EH) song. She talks about the tradition of Navajo weaving, spindles, and looms. At the end she briefly shows a few of her weavings. *20 ½ min*

To see more of TahNibaa Naataanii's work, visit <http://www.tahnibaanavajoweavings.art...> or email her at weavinginbeauty@yahoo.com. To learn more about the Navajo-Churro, visit the Navajo Churro Sheep Association's website, <http://www.navajo-churrosheep.com>

(2) Navajo weavers Barbara Teller Ornelas & Lynda Teller Pete, TEACHERS episode (Craft in America). Sisters Barbara Teller Ornelas & Lynda Teller Pete talk about the Navajo (Diné) tradition of weaving, their own family traditions, and how they teach weaving to students from around the world. There's a section in the middle about the Idyllwild Arts Native American Arts Program in California. *12 minutes*

Ms. Pete and Ms. Ornelas's website, Navajo Rug Weavers: <https://www.navajorugweavers.com/> (classes and information)Idyllwild Arts Native American Arts Program <https://idyllwildarts.org/nativeamericanarts/>



From the President's Desk

This year's officer elections are for the President and Secretary positions. Both Nicole (Secretary) and myself (President) agreed to continue on in our current roles, so no nomination committee was convened. In the event that anyone else wishes to run for either of the positions, there will be an opportunity at the November 13th meeting to add your name to the slate of officers. Voting for officers will be held similarly to how it was conducted for the recent proposal to apply for state incorporation. A link to vote will be sent to membership following Saturday's guild meeting. Voting will close approximately one week after Saturday's guild meeting.

Also, the results of the incorporation vote will be announced on Saturday, so join us for the meeting if you want to hear the result announced live.

Membership & Dues

As of 10/29/21, 34 members have paid their 2022 dues. Our guild currently has 54 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
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.

Something Borrowed, Something New from Knitting and Embroidery pp. 24 and 67

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WEAVE
Off Grid

12 Projects
that curve,
twist, and
meander

WIND
YOUR
BEST
WARP
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USE YARN
WRAPS
& SAMPLES
for easy record keeping
p. 14

lengththreadmedia.com



Member Spotlight

Natalie Drummond

Greetings and Happy November!

I am so very pleased to tell you a bit about my dear friend and a cherished “family member,” Natalie Prince Drummond:~ NatalieWoven! My husband and I have known her since she was a young child in Virginia and have long-shared a special relationship with her family. She even spent many hours sitting for our son, Evan!

Natalie was a former educator and is a fiber artisan in Fremont, Indiana. She has become highly successful at many different artistic endeavors, including sewing and needlefelting. But her passion is weaving, which is evident in the work that she shares with so many.

I am so immensely proud of her recent accomplishment of having her work published in the November-December 2021 issue of *Handwoven*.

Recently, I was fortunate to spend a week with Natalie and her husband in their lovely home in Indiana. Their views of Marsh Lake are so memorable and can only further encourage her creativity.

We are so lucky to call her a member of our Guild!

Love to my dear friend, Natalie~
Mary Hardy

On the Horizon...



No events or festivals are in the works at this time.

MAFA update

Upcoming MAFA RoundTable Meeting - MAFA invites ALL guild members to join in the next MAFA roundtable on Tuesday, November 23 at 7 pm. The Francis Irwin Handweavers Guild will present their MAFA grant, Linen, the Journey from Seed to Cloth. Learn about their whole process: planting, harvesting, preparing the flax for spinning, spinning, and finally, weaving.

This roundtable is open to all MAFA guild members.

You must register to attend at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkdeyprDksHdB47iM8oRGFAV-JSLtoKvgv>

Also, the Fall MAFA representative meeting was held 10/26/21. New officers were recently elected and their names/positions/bios can be found on the [MAFA site](#). Treasurer's report shows a bank balance of \$249339.51. Currently, a scheduled financial review with an auditor is in progress and anticipated to be complete by mid-December. Profit from last June's conference was \$61410.00, which far exceeded expectations. Survey results from 261 participants were overwhelmingly positive and all survey responses will be utilized by the 2023 Conference Committee to inform upcoming decisions.

That said, planning for the 2023 Conference is already beginning.

Volunteers who are computer savvy are sorely needed - please contact Carol Steuer at conference@mafafiber.org if you can lend a hand. Also, if you have suggestions for in-person instructors, please let [Aileen](#) know and she will send it along.

Grants: early deadline is November 1, regular deadline is January 10. Details and application are on the [MAFA website](#).

Currently MAFA is reviewing its dues structure as well as discussing whether to continue with the 50% reduction due to the pandemic. (Restructuring would not affect our guild's dues to MAFA.)

Currently, there are 54 member guilds active in MAFA, as well as 225 associate members.

One of MAFA's perks to member guilds is the ability to host guild websites. Guilds must purchase the domain name but otherwise, MAFA absorbs the cost and most of the tasks of maintaining a guild website.

Next MAFA representative meeting will be in May, 2022 (very likely virtual, though there may be an informal rep meet-up at MD Sheep and Wool)

This report respectfully submitted by Aileen

Committee Info

Nominating Committee & Presentation of Proposed Slate of Officers

See President's remarks above.

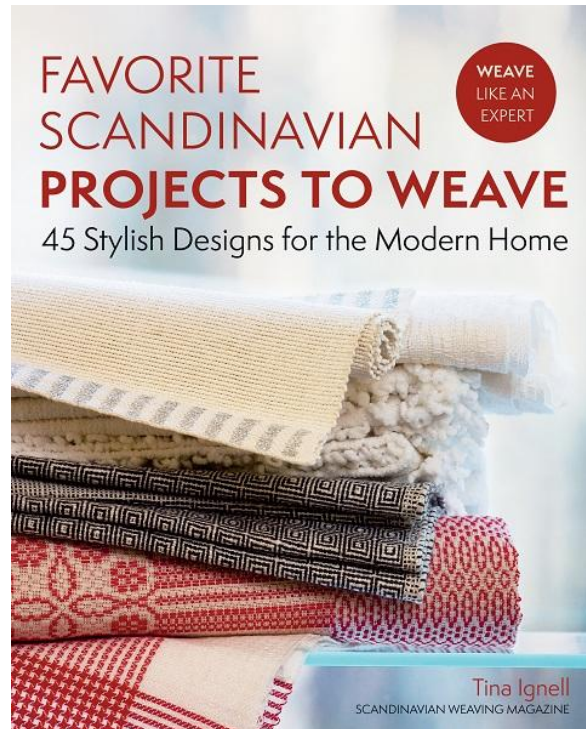
Finance Committee

The finance committee is meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 via Zoom to develop next year's projected operating budget. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905033088?pwd=bTFyNUdOWGZja1plZmVpWUpKRXBiZz09>

BOOK REVIEW

Thank you, Linda George!



Favorite Scandinavian Projects to Weave
45 stylish designs for the modern home
By Tina Ignell -Scandinavian Weaving Magazine

I was taking a cotton spinning class at Red Stone Glen and, of course, made time to go shopping. I love Scandinavian weaving so this book just jumped off the shelf into my basket. The book is lovely to look at, with full page photos of each project and excellent directions and drafts for each. It has projects for 2 shafts up to 10 shafts, simple plain weave and twill to overshot and damask, for all levels of weavers. There are lace curtains and simple color and weave kitchen towels, blankets and pillows and even a hammock for an ambitious weaver. There is a good table of contents and an index listing projects by number of shafts and a small list of suppliers. The drafts are in the Swedish style but are easy to read – you see the threading at the bottom, the tie up in the right hand bottom corner and the treadling goes up the righthand side.

I am looking forward to weaving several projects from this lovely book.



Group Meetings

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.

For Sale/Free/ISO



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



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



Howell Little Man Skein Winder (Vintage)

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.



Articles/New Products/Tips, Tricks, or Hacks

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

Weavers' Wisdom

In order to get even lengths of warp ends when using a warping mill, wind on each new end above the last going in one direction, and underneath when returning.

To maintain even tension and to minimize twist when chaining a warp, pull the threads through the loop with alternate hands.

Knitting Knots

RIPPING STOCKINETTE STITCH

To rip back many rows in stockinette stitch, take a thinner needle and run it under the front leg of every stitch on the row below the mistake. Then just rip away. The ripping stops when you get to the needle, and all the stitches are set correctly so you can resume knitting after transferring them to the right size needle. If you're using circular needles either end is ready to knit.

SIMPLIFIED SWATCH NOTES

Instead of recording the needle size used for your knitting swatch on a paper label, tie an appropriate number of knots in the tail of the yarn left over from casting on. - 7 knots means needle size 7.

If you have an article, new product info, or a tip, trick, or hack to share in upcoming newsletters, please contact Aileen Campbell



Covid Update

[LibertyTown](#) is asking folks to mask but not requiring it if they are vaccinated. In all of their classes they are asking for masking and now limiting the group size to a maximum of 8.

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Links!

[Guild Roster](#)

[Guild Library](#)

[Guild Equipment available to rent](#)

[Guild Handbook & By-Laws](#)

Drop Box How-to's (coming)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Access Instructions](#)

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

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

Leadership (executive board members)

President - Lesley Reynolds	president@fswguild.org
Vice President - Kara Peckar	vice_president@fswguild.org
Secretary - Nicole White	secretary@fswguild.org
Treasurer - Denise Kash	treasurer@fswguild.org

Additional Leadership

Librarian - Denise Kash	librarian@fswguild.org
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See you on the 13th of November!

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