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July 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

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Guild Membership Meeting Info - this meeting will be our first HYBRID MEETING!

Zoom Link for July 9 10AM meeting - [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 834 9123 8366

Passcode: 756826

Programs

For July's program - [info not provided](#)

June meeting video link: <https://youtu.be/c7ex7XJhDTs>

[June meeting minutes Dropbox link](#)

[May meeting minutes Dropbox link](#)

[April meeting minutes Dropbox link](#)

NOTE:

All 2021 meeting minutes can be found on the guild website or in the Dropbox folder:

[click here.](#)

All 2022 meeting minutes can be found on the guild website or in the Dropbox folder:

[click here](#)



From the President's Desk

Not provided



On the Horizon...

Guild Gathering - the guild is considering an outdoor event, such as a cookout or potluck for the September or October meeting - be on the lookout for further details!

From Education and Outreach:

Still holding for further information on the DAR meeting.

Let Keren Pritchett know if you have questions or to sign up to participate in one (or more!) of these events at kjpritchett11@gmail.com

Hospitality Happenings

Now that we are holding hybrid meetings, we will tentatively resume the Hospitality schedule - now NEW and IMPROVED! Participation in snack-time is optional, but if you'd like to contribute, please pick your date on this page with SignUp Genius!

[FSWG Hospitality](#) (link to our guild's SignUp Genius page)

You do not have to have an account with Signup Genius to use this form. You don't have to provide anything but your name, every other field is optional. Participants only see your name and any comment you add. It is an easy way for folks to sign up to bring snacks, and it should be easy for anyone to check the status of the Snack List. You don't have to state what you are bringing, but you can if you want to. The forms are very configurable - let me know if you have any concerns, and maybe I can fix it. I've set the schedule up through the end of the year - including the "host" role for the Holiday party. If we decide to have a potluck lunch later in the year, I can modify the signup sheet to include additional volunteers. Thank you for participating in the FSWG Hospitality program

~Mary R. Snellings

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

June 14th meeting was cancelled.

The next meeting is Tuesday July 12th, beginning at 7 PM.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905033088?pwd=bTFyNUdOWGZja1pIZmVpWUpKRXBiZz09>

MAFA:

The July/August edition of the MAFA Newsletter is available!

[Click here](#) to view the entire 10 page Dropbox document. It is also accessible at the MAFA website under the Guild Resources tab.

Highlights are as follows:

President's Message We have lots of exciting developments since the last newsletter. Later this month, we will open signups for our first group of MAFA Virtual classes! Details later in the newsletter, and look for email and social media announcements in late-July. Our free lecture series will also continue through next year, and will become part of MAFA Virtual starting with the October and November lectures. Details below and on the MAFA website. Sign up on the MAFA website to get email notifications if you haven't already. Workshop descriptions for MAFA 2023 are being uploaded to the website and edited even as you read this! We will announce instructors soon, and full class listings will be posted early this Fall. Goody bags will be back in 2023! Start planning goodies your guild wants to make. It's also almost MAFA Grant time! Think about outreach projects that could use grant support. Email me if you have suggestions for how MAFA can support your guild. Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President president@mafafiber.org

Next Free Lecture - Open to All Guild Members [Presentation by Melissa Weaver](#)

Dunning, July 26 at 7 PM: Traditional Knitting from England, Ireland, Scotland, and the Shetland Islands. Many of the foundations of traditional knitting come to us from England, Ireland, and Scotland: Fishermen's ganseys, Aran cable knitting, Fair Isle multi-colored patterned knitting and delicate Shetland lace. We will explore each of these traditions through images of garments and knitters, old and new. Melissa Weaver Dunning is an avid tartan & linen weaver, a skilled spinner and a compulsive knitter. She loves to share the history and context of traditional textile arts and to pass on the efficient techniques of time-honored skills. She lives in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of West Virginia. Melissa is also a traditional hand-weaver working on antique equipment to produce 18th and 19th century style textiles. She has had the great good fortune to study with Scottish master weaver and singer Norman Kennedy since 1980. She is dedicated to carrying on some of the wealth of tradition gleaned from this apprenticeship both in weaving and in music. This program is open to all MAFA guild members. Register to attend at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqfuGsuj0tG9NT-ufh5P9p5gaUCvXevhUR> After registering you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Roundtables and Virtual Programs:

- September 27: Reps meeting and Roundtable guild leadership program.
- October 25: Cindra Kerscher: Join us to learn about The Livestock Conservancy's Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Initiative (open to all MAFA guild members, on Lessonface).
- November 22: Karen Hampton, title TBD (open to all MAFA guild members), on Lessonface.

Save the Date: The MAFA 2023 Conference will be held at Millersville University (near Lancaster, PA), June 22 - 25, 2023. The Conference Committee is working hard to finalize instructors for this conference.



Guild Groups

Currently our guild has three active fiber groups, in addition to lessons being taught in the guild studio. If you are interested in joining a group or finding out more about a group, each group's particulars are below:

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. **This year we are studying Blocks and Profile Drafts. We are following along with the Jane Stafford School of Weaving course.** 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. Currently meeting face-to-face.

Lessons/classes



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Selling your work at LibertyTown

This process is currently under review by the new screening committee. Be sure to see the proposed details in the [handbook draft](#)! In the meantime, send any questions you may have to Lesley Reynolds (president@fswguild.org) or Judy Klehm (jwklehm@gmail.com).

Membership & Dues

As of 5/23/2022, 47 members are currently active in the guild (they have paid their 2022 dues).

Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) were due by September 30. Members who did not submit their dues by December 30th were 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.**

Guild Links

[Guild Roster](#)

[Guild Library](#)

[Guild Equipment available to rent](#)

[Guild Handbook & By-Laws](#) (currently being revised)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Online Access Instructions](#)

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

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

[Guild Calendar: if you would like an item added to the Guild calendar, please send the details to Aileen Campbell at \[newsletter_editor@fswguild.org\]\(mailto:newsletter_editor@fswguild.org\)](#)

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

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