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## May 2022 Newsletter

### Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

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## **Guild Membership Meeting Info - this meeting will be virtual**

**Zoom Link for May 14 meeting - [click here](#)**

Meeting ID: 834 9123 8366

Passcode: 756826

### **Programs**

For May's program, our very own president is going to take us on a "tour" of our newly-redesigned website. This is part of our preparation for moving to hybrid meetings!

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**April meeting video link:** [click here](#)

March meeting minutes Dropbox link: [click here](#)

May meeting minutes Dropbox link: Not yet available

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

Be on the lookout for Lesley's comments in a separate email...

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## On the Horizon...

### **From Education and Outreach:**

May 14th: International Family Day. 11 - noon at James Monroe Museum

May 14th: Living History. 10 - 3pm in Port Royal

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](mailto:kjpritchett11@gmail.com)

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# Committee News

## **Guild Engagement Committee**

The next meeting is Tuesday May 17th, beginning at 7 PM.

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

## **Handbook Revisions are Ready for Final Review!!**

The Handbook Committee has completed the revisions and created a draft version for members to review. Please follow [this link](#) to read the updated Handbook and plan to share your thoughts at the upcoming guild meeting this Saturday.

Click here to read the Handbook draft!

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## **MAFA:**

**Micro-Grant:** FSWG applied for the new MAFA micro-grants program. The purpose of the grant proposal is to purchase the equipment needed to launch hybrid meetings. The first round of grant proposals will be reviewed by the MAFA Grants committee sometime this month. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

## **The May/June edition of the MAFA Newsletter has arrived!**

[Click here](#) to view the entire 9 page Dropbox document.

Highlights are as follows:

Next Guild Roundtable (Open to All Guild Members) is a 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 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 roundtable is open to all MAFA guild members.

Register to attend at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgfuGsuj0tG9NT-ufh5P9p5gaUCvXevhUR>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link.

**2023 Conference Update** - 42 workshops have been selected from more than 130 proposals for the 2023 MAFA Conference!

### **Changes to MAFA By-Laws (more details can be found [here](#))**

There are two simple bylaws changes being proposed for adoption that reflect actual practices:

- 1) An update to make the meeting dates more flexible and reflect that we are having business meetings by video conference instead of requiring them to be in person.
- 2) An update to reflect that we actually have a compilation done which is sufficient for our situation, not a review which is more involved and costly. In accounting there are three tiers of service: compilation, review, and audit. Given our size and activities, we do not need a review or audit at this time.

Also, MAFA member guild dues are changing:

The proposed PROPOSED 2022-24 Full Dues are:

25 or fewer members: \$30

26-50 members: \$70

51-100 members: \$100

101-150 members: \$150

151-200 members: \$200

201 or more members: \$250

Associates: \$30

For comparison, the old full dues and tiers were:

Fewer than 25 members: \$60

26-50 members: \$70

51-100 members: \$100

101 or more members: \$150

Associates: \$40

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](mailto:conference@mafafiber.org)

**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.**

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Lessons/classes

Lori and Mary are seeking donations of fiber for their spinning classes that benefit the guild. In addition, if you have a wheel you are ready to sell, they are willing to demonstrate it to the students. There may be more than one person looking to purchase in the next few weeks.

So far, they have taught 6 new spinners, and there are two new students lined up for this Sunday. Two students have joined the guild so far. At least one wants to rent a wheel.

Spinning class has raised \$960 so far. All proceeds benefit the guild.

(Note - some of the Spinning Classes information is outdated. Updated information will be shared with guild members shortly.)



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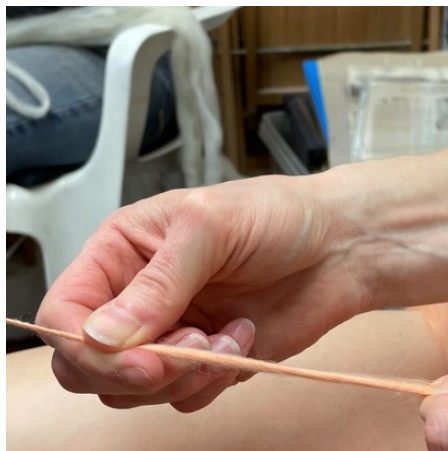
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# WEAVERS' WISDOM

From The Weavers Guild of Boston

Fabrics woven in tabby are the strongest, but the stiffest and least insulating. They do not drape as well and crease more easily compared to other weaves used under the same conditions.

A stick shuttle will pass more easily through a shed if it is held on edge.  
To keep a slippery yarn from unwinding too fast from the bobbin, fasten a bit of fur or fleece to the inside of the shuttle so that it just touches the weft as it passes from the shuttle.

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## KNITTING KNOTES

1. Create a neat edge with an easy chain slip stitch.

There are several ways to do a chain edge, but this is the easiest way I've found.

At the end of every row, slip the last stitch with the yarn in front.

At the beginning of the next row, knit the slipped stitch.

This will create a nice even edge and eliminates the "bumps" created by garter stitch edges.

2. A Ruler at Your Fingertips

Need to measure your knitting on the fly?

Get your finger involved!

The space between your index finger and the join is roughly one inch.

So, the next time you need to measure by the inch, whip out your finger and get measuring!



## Barn Loom Raising Update

Heading off to a new home soon...

A fiber enthusiast from the Virginia Beach area is mad about this loom and is determined to preserve her and get her weaving once again! She will be picking up the loom this weekend and holding it in a humidity controlled environment until time to raise her up once again. We did it - we saved this loom!

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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](mailto:president@fswguild.org)) or Judy Klehm ([jwklehm@gmail.com](mailto:jwklehm@gmail.com)).

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**DID YOU KNOW????**

## **ITEMS FOR SALE/FREE/IN SEARCH OF**

**THIS FEATURE IS BEING MOVED TO THE GUILD  
WEBSITE, AS THERE IS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE  
EXPOSURE ON THE WEBSITE THAN IN JUST THIS  
NEWSLETTER.**

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# Membership & Dues

As of 4/19/2022, 45 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](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.**

# **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](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)

Membership - Ishtar Watson [membership@fswguild.org](mailto:membership@fswguild.org)

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