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August 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome to all new guild members!!





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Zoom Link for August 13 10AM meeting - [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 834 9123 8366

Passcode: 756826

Programs

August's program is a CROSSROADS episode featuring fiber artist **Lia Cook**, a weaver who creates both figural and abstract art using the medium of weaving. Ms. Cook uses computer technology and a power loom, particularly in transforming photographs into woven works. Much of her work is done using family photos from her mother's collection. In the course of the video, she collaborates with neuroscientists studying the brain of artists and those who interact with art. Together they examine how looking at her weavings stimulates tactile centers of the brain. (18 minutes.)

Upcoming programs include the **September picnic and yard sale** and our **December holiday gathering**.

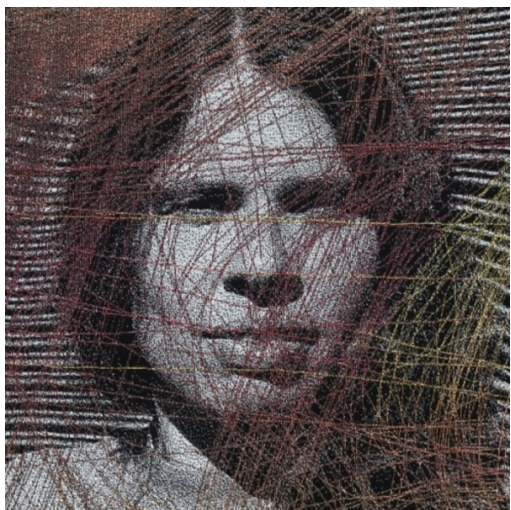
If you have experience with:

- visible mending (an ornamental approach to repairing items)
- traditional and/or Swiss darning (a way of embroidering a stitch that looks like a knit stitch)
- SpeedWeave-style darning looms (see image below)
- or other methods of repairing holes in knitted, crocheted, or woven fabric

I would love to talk with you about presenting a short program, demo, or workshop, either this fall or sometime in 2023.

Likewise, if you have an idea for a quick, fun, and easy fiber-related holiday craft — Halloween, Thanksgiving, winter holidays, or even spring-themed — please let me know!

You can reach me (Kara Pekar) at vice_president@fswguild.org



From the President's Desk

Happy August Everyone!

Hopefully you all have been able to stay cool this summer. I don't know about you, but August always feels like the longest month of the year. August for me tends to be my transition point. I start planning for my holiday crafting projects and transition away from my "me crafting". This month for show and tell, I would like to highlight any projects and progress you have made on your holiday crafting. I know the general public probably doesn't start to think about the holidays until after Halloween, but handcrafting items takes planning and time. I would like to hear what you have planned and be inspired by your creativity.

Future Dates to Remember:

The Engagement Committee will meet Tuesday, 9 and 23 August at 7 pm via Zoom.

September 10th - Guild meeting and Cook Out & Yard Sale (Evites will be sent after the August guild meeting).

September - 2023 dues will be due for members that joined before 1 July 2022 (6 months prior to 1 January 2023).

On the Horizon...

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual FSWG picnic and yard sale returns on September 10, 2022 at LibertyTown Arts Workshop! We'll start at 10:00 with a short business meeting in the studio space, followed by a picnic in the courtyard. More details will be announced at our August hybrid meeting. Watch your email for information on how to RSVP and sign up to bring food. And start thinking about any yarn, fiber, or tools you no longer need—they might be just what another Guild member is looking for!

From Education and Outreach:

Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 - 6pm at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds the disAbility Resource Center is hosting this event. Sally Cooney Anderson spoke about this at our July meeting. There will be music, games, food, vendor tables and more to raise awareness and funds to support the Center's work.

There is no cost for us as exhibitors/ demonstrators of fiber arts.

I will send out a volunteer request before our next meeting.

Saturday, Oct. 15 at Chatham

Community Day of Remembrance and Reflection, a celebration of 250 years of Chatham

This was postponed last year, so they are trying again. We have done this event before and it is an enjoyable one. They would like us to work on and demonstrate our spinning and weaving/fiber projects. And an added bonus is that they will pay us \$200.

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 "beet" role for the Holiday party. If we decide to have a potluck lunch later in

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



Studio News

The guild studio at Liberty Town is open to all guild members! Be sure to peruse our extensive library of books and magazines regarding all things fiber. A list of the most recent items added to our library can be found [here](#). A comprehensive and searchable list of our entire library inventory is available in the guild's drobox account. Or just [click here](#) to view it.

Besides our library, there is an area for individuals or small groups to sit, shelves full of guild inventory, boxes for guild officers and those who rent space from the guild, as well as looms/spinning wheels that belong to those who are renting guild space.

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The next meeting is Tuesday August 9th, beginning at 7 PM.

There will also be a meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd.

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

Interesting and exciting changes are happening at MAFA. I forwarded this information to all guild members a few weeks ago but it's important enough to also include here!

Announcing the launch of **MAFA Virtual**! Signups for classes are now open!

The silver lining of the MAFA 2021 Virtual Conference was the ability for all MAFA members (and others) to participate, especially those who cannot attend our in-person conferences. We want to keep this connection going by offering online fiber arts classes, free lectures, and movie nights, throughout the year, in addition to our biennial conference!

LEARN ALL ABOUT **MAFA VIRTUAL** [HERE](#).

Questions? Email virtual@mafafiber.org

MAFA VIRTUAL CLASSES kick off in September with classes taught by John Marshall, Molly Elkind, Dia Robinson, and David Heustess - and lots more to come! Registration for all classes and lectures will be on Lessonface.

[CLICK HERE](#) for class details and to register.

MAFA FREE LECTURES will take place four to five times per year on Zoom. Our first will be a talk on October 25th about heritage breed sheep and how you can help save endangered American livestock through the [Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Initiative](#), by Cindra Kerscher from [The Livestock Conservancy](#).

MAFA MOVIE NIGHTS will take place on Zoom, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Eastern, starting September 14th. We will send a reminder email with details on the videos and a Zoom link each month. This is an enjoyable - and free - way to discover more about fiber arts and socialize with members of other guilds!

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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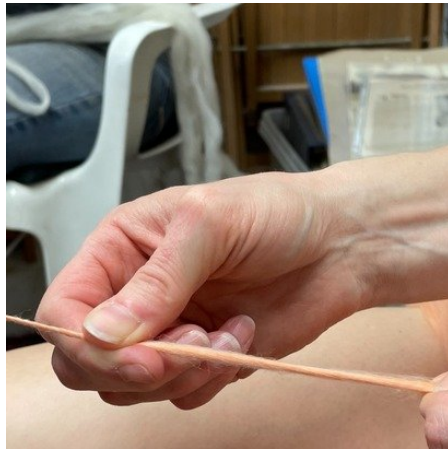
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Spinning classes
taught by Lori
Green and Mary
Snellings are
full of fun times!

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Interested in selling your work at LibertyTown?

The new screening committee will be meeting by the end of this month or early in September. If you are interested in selling your fiber creations at Liberty Town, be sure to see the details in the [handbook](#) which was recently forwarded in emails to all guild members. The application for this process is included at the end of the handbook, in the appendix section. Send any questions you may have to Judy Klehm (jwklehm@gmail.com).

Membership & Dues

As of 8/8/2022, 55 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.**
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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

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Secretary - Nicole White secretary@fswguild.org

Treasurer - Denise Kash treasurer@fswguild.org

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