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November 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Hello to all guild members both old & new!!
Welcome to our newest member, **Lois Abernathy!**

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Guild Membership Meeting Info

Zoom Link for November 12 - 10AM meeting - click here

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

Meetings are usually held in our guild studio LibertyTown Arts Workshop at
916 Liberty Ave. F-burg, VA.

October Meeting Video Link: due to technical issues, the meeting recording was not
recoverable (argh!)

October Meeting minutes: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/cn9073fbg84b6nn/2022-10%20MoM.pdf?dl=0>

Programs

NOVEMBER: 2022 is our **40th Anniversary!** We're marking the occasion with a brief presentation on the history of the Guild, particularly its founding and early years. If you have an event, a memory, a story, or a photo that you think should be included in the presentation, it's not too late! Please call Kara Pekar at 540-809-2365 or email her at vice_president@fswguild.org.

DECEMBER: Our **holiday party** and **Secret Elf gift exchange** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10 after the December meeting. (Location to be determined.) If you plan to attend in person, the link to **RSVP and sign up to bring food** can be found in this newsletter under **HOSPITALITY**.

The **gift exchange** is open to all members, whether you will be attending the meeting in person or virtually. We are doing it differently this year. Instead of everyone bringing a gift and drawing numbers to choose a package, each participant will be assigned one person to give a gift to (a Secret Elf exchange.) **Instructions for the gift exchange and the sign-up link** were emailed to all members on November 5th.

If you did not receive the email, please check your spam folder. If you can't find it, please email Kara Pekar at vice_president@fswguild.org, and she will be happy to

send it to you again. We will also go over the gift exchange at our November meeting this Saturday.

FEBRUARY: Aileen Campbell will teach us to make simple Dorset buttons! You may participate in this program in person or online. The buttons we create will become our donation to the goody bags given out at the MAFA Conference in June.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: The plan is to continue with hybrid meetings for the foreseeable future, probably beyond the pandemic. That opens up participation in the Guild to people who cannot or don't want to attend in person, whether because of distance, transportation, health, or other considerations. Going forward, some programs and workshops will be held in person; they may or may not be available to view virtually, depending on the presenter and the nature of the program/workshop. Some hands-on programs will only really work in person. On the other hand, some workshops may be entirely virtual, because the teacher lives in another state. We will also continue to showcase audiovideo presentations occasionally, such as we viewed during the pandemic. We'll do our best to provide you with a mix of program types as well as topics and craft areas, so that there's something for everyone at some point in the year!

If there is a project or technique you would like to teach -- or learn! -- or some aspect of fiber and fiber art that you would love to share or explore, please let me know, so I can schedule a program or start looking for one! My email is vice_president@fswguild.org, and my phone number is listed above.

See you all on Saturday!

Kara

View from the front of Chatham, facing Fredericksburg.



From the President's Desk

Hello everyone! As I usually do, I like to comment about the weather when I draft my newsletter inputs. All I can say about the current weather is that it is causing me some serious cognitive dissonance. It looks like it should be cool and crisp outside with all the beautiful foliage falling from the trees; however, it is positively Florida-like outside.

In other news, the guild is celebrating its 40th anniversary. This month we are going to have a walk down memory lane. To plan the snacks appropriately, I would like anyone that is planning on attending in person to RSVP to me by Thursday evening at 5pm. You can either email me (president@fswguild.org) or you can text me (571-309-9236).

Lastly, this is the final week for our charity crafting for Empower House. Please drop off your completed work into the bin in the guild space prior to our meeting on Saturday.

See you then!
Lesley



On the Horizon...

Guild member Sally Cooney Anderson shares that our local Artful Dimensions Gallery will be holding a HUGE artists yard sale this weekend. See the image above for event and contact details.

EMPOWER HOUSE DONATIONS!

Please everyone, get your donations (knitted, crocheted, or woven hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) into the light blue bin at the guild studio!

We need to stuff that bin! By the bin is a bag of donated yarn that would make awesome hats and such - grab some of that yarn and see what you can create between now and November 26. That's the day the bin will be collected and taken to EMPOWER HOUSE (before the truly cold weather sets in).

Fiber Festivals

No local Fiber Festivals in the near future.

From Education and Outreach:

Nothing else scheduled at this time but I would like to thank the volunteers (Lesley, Bonny, Beth, Aileen) who joined me demonstrating at Chatham Manor for their 250th celebration. We enjoyed nice weather out on the lawn.

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

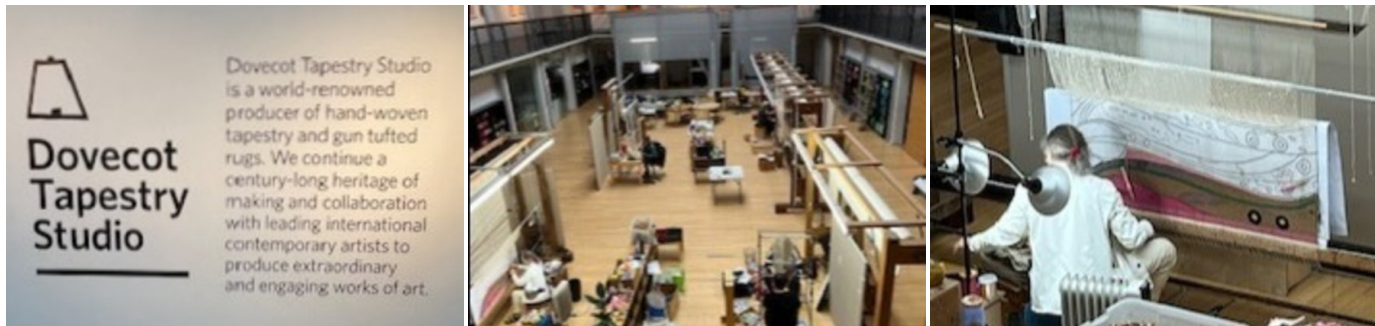
~Mary R. Snellings

Looking Back...

Guild members Linda George and Mary Hardy recently returned from a very fiber-y adventure in Scotland! Here's the first installment from their wooly travels...

Dovecot Tapestry Studio

We began our Scottish adventure in Edinburgh with a tour of the Dovecot Tapestry Studios near the lower end of the Royal Mile. The studio was established in 1912 and has been busy making tapestries in conjunction with local artists for over 100 years. It was an amazing venue for tapestry making, especially the natural light from the sky lights. The building had been a public bath house and pool and has been repurposed for the studio. It was a pleasure to watch the weavers at work even though we couldn't get too close. Most of the tapestries are quite large and are usually commission work. Of course there was also a nice gift shop and a café where we had a very nice lunch. For more information go to Dovecotstudio.com.



Studio News

The guild studio at Liberty Town is open to all guild members!

As new books are being added to the guild library, some books, especially duplicates, are being culled out - we need the room! More books have been added to the wagon of books in the studio. Take a good look - something you need may be waiting there for you! The guild asks for a donation of \$5 (OBO).

ALERT! The wagon of books and the bin of knitting/crochet patterns are on **LAST CHANCE status**. That means they need to be gone before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Leave a donation if you can but let's get these books out of our studio! Most are duplicates of duplicates that we already have!

Be sure to peruse our extensive library of books and magazines regarding all things fiber. **A list of all 88 new books recently 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.

The **studio's trashcan transformation** has encountered a few setbacks but we will persevere! Hang in there for further updates.

****Please remember that no food items should be put in the guild trashcan unless you empty it before leaving for the day. Food refuse may be deposited in the LibertyTown trashcans. Replacement bags are in the white cabinet adjacent to the refrigerator.****

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The Nov. 3rd meeting was convened and action items included the 40th Anniversary Celebration, Secret Santa for our December meeting, micro grants, charity hats, etc., and Café Press. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM.

All guild members are welcome to attend.

The purpose of this committee is to explore and promote ways in which the guild can support its members' fiber interests, as well as grow the guild and expand its reach into the local community.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028356071?pwd=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZIWEs5Zz09>

All meeting dates can be found on the guild calendar on our website (www.fswguild.org)

MAFA:

June 2023 Conference News:

Classes and Workshops for **June 2023 Conference** can be seen [here](#) - WOW! The entire conference brochure can be found [here](#).

NOTE: The MAFA Board has voted to operate on a deficit budget for the next 2 years. The organization has more than sufficient funds in its accounts to do this and operating this way will help hold down conference fees at a time when costs for everything are escalating.

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Early registration (that includes all FSW Guild members) begins February 4th. It can feel like a lottery - register early in the day to make sure you get the class that you want! The Keynote Speaker will be Suzy Ballinger. MAFA is working on live-streaming some of the public events at the conference.

There will also be a virtual mini conference following the in-person conference (July 8-9). This will be comprised of small, 2-3 hour classes and is intended for those cannot attend a conference in person.

Lastly, fellowships are available to help offset the cost of attending the conference. \$300 is returned to successful applicants following the conference. The purpose of the fellowships is to help promote, expand and preserve fiber arts and to encourage the sharing of valuable information within the MAFA community and with the general public. The process is not lengthy - applications are due by April 1st. Check out the [details](#). I'd love to see someone from our guild being awarded a fellowship!

Changes to MAFA By-Laws: All proposed changes to MAFA's By-Laws were passed and approved at the MAFA Reps Special Meeting, held on Nov. 3. The purpose of the changes to the By-Laws was to facilitate finding volunteers to serve on the board and lead key committees, and to make the most of their abilities and interests.

MAFA Virtual!

Also, remember that **MAFA Virtual!** signups for classes are open! The purpose of the MAFA Virtual! classes is to make classes and workshops available for everyone to participate in, regardless of ability to attend the conference in person.

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

Questions? Email virtual@mafafiber.org

MAFA VIRTUAL CLASSES kicked off in September with classes taught by John Marshall, Molly Elkind, Dia Robinson, and David Heustess. Registration for all classes and lectures will be on Lessonface.

[CLICK HERE](#) for class details and to register. Classes for the remainder of this year:

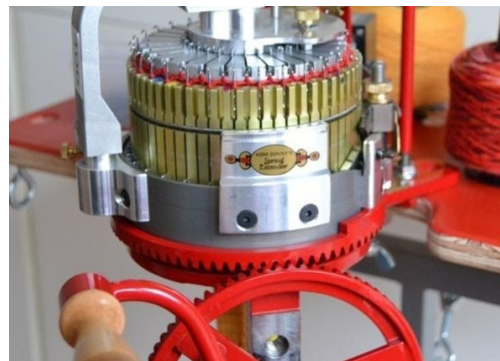
Inspirational Fiber Blending (\$35) - November 19

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Weaving Connections Worldwide with WARP (free) - November 22
Beginning Doubleweave (\$95) - December 7
Weave a Small Tubular Bag (\$55) - December 10

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](#). You must register on Lessonface to receive the link!

MAFA MOVIE NIGHTS will take place on Zoom, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Eastern. Sign up at movies@mafafiber.org to receive reminder emails and the Zoom link for these movies.

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



Guild Groups

A new fiber group is beginning! The **Circular Sock Machine (CSM) Group** will be meeting (our meetings are called "Crank-Ins") on the 4th Saturday of each month in the guild studio area. The inaugural meeting was held on October 22nd and our next Crank-In will be on November 26th from 10 am to 3 pm.. Let [Aileen Campbell](#) know if you are interested in attending. All are welcome, including non-guild members.

Our guild has three other 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.

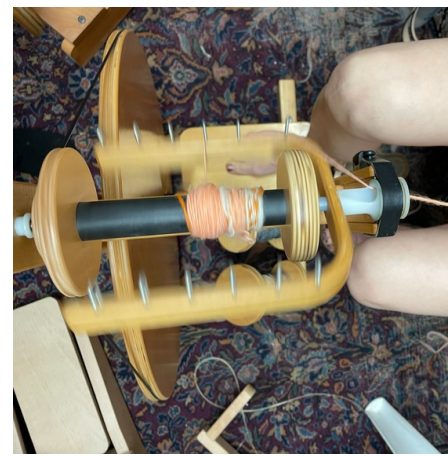
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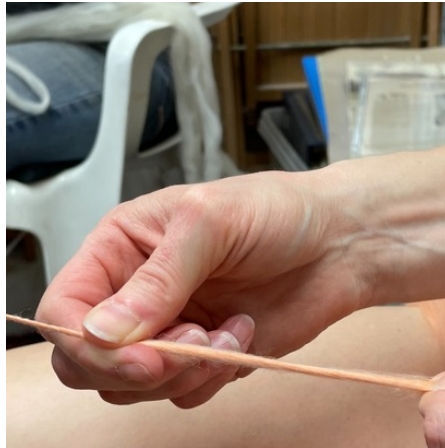
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Spinning classes
taught by Lori
Green and Mary
Snellings are
full of fun times!

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Interested in selling your work at LibertyTown?

If you are interested in selling and would like to have your items reviewed during this week, please complete the application on our [web site](#) in the members only section. This is an electronic submission and will go to the committee chairperson. You may also complete a paper submission. The forms are on the Bulletin Board at LT and in the Handbook which was recently distributed. Please leave your paper copy on the seat at Judy Klehm's loom. You will be contacted and told when to bring your items to Liberty Town. The \$10.00 review fee will be collected when you drop off your items to be reviewed. Future review dates will be scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Klehm at 540-842-1970 or jwklehm@gmail.com

Membership & Dues

As of 11/06/2022, only 33 of 56 members have paid their 2023 dues).

Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) are due by September 30. Members who do not submit their dues by December 30th are 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](#) (revised 2022)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Online Access Instructions](#)

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

[Instagram](#)

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 \[specedt1@gmail.com\]\(mailto:specedt1@gmail.com\)](#)

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

Membership - currently vacant

Hospitality - Mary Snellings marysnellings@yahoo.com

Education/Outreach - Keren Pritchett kjpritchett11@gmail.com

Newsletter - Aileen Campbell specedt1@gmail.com

MAFA Rep - Aileen Campbell specedt1@gmail.com

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