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## **December 2022 Newsletter**

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome to all guild members both old & new!!

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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. BUT NOT THIS MONTH! This month we are meeting at the Fredericksburg Branch of the Regional Library. Lower level, meeting room #1. See you there!

November Meeting Video Link: not yet available

November Meeting minutes link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/kdjragwhrp3u3sr/2022-11%20MoM.pdf?dl=0>

## Programs

**DECEMBER: The December meeting will be held at the Fredericksburg branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library (lower level, Meeting Room #1) at the usual**

time, and will be followed by our **holiday party**. If you plan to attend in person, please **RSVP and sign up to bring food**. The link to do so can be found in this newsletter under HOSPITALITY. The Secret Santa exchange (for those who signed up through Elfster) will also take place at that time.

**JANUARY:** Our January meeting will take place at Florence Ridderhof's home in Fredericksburg, and will be followed by our annual January sale. All proceeds from this sale go to the Guild. Watch for an email in December with details! In the meantime, please be thinking about what you could donate to the sale. This is a great opportunity to cull out items you've been hanging on to for far too long or something you know you'll likely never use. Think of yarn, weaving thread, spinning fiber, tools and equipment, craft-related books, and even finished items would all be welcome.

**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:** We will continue with hybrid meetings for the foreseeable future. The hybrid format opens up participation in the Guild to people who cannot or prefer not to attend in person, whether because of distance, transportation, health, or other considerations. To accommodate everyone's needs, we will have a variety of program types going forward — some may be in-person only, some may be virtual, and some, like February's Dorset button program, will be accessible either way.

We are always looking for interesting program and workshop ideas. If you have an idea for a program, whether it's something you want to learn or something you would be willing to teach, demonstrate, or share — we want to hear from you! Please contact Kara Pekar at [vice\\_president@fswguild.org](mailto:vice_president@fswguild.org).

View from the front of Chatham, facing Fredericksburg.





## **From the President's Desk**

Hello everyone,  
I want to wish you all a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season. Remember, this is the last month to pay your 2023 dues before we scrub the membership rolls.

Season Greetings,  
Lesley



# Empower House

## **On the Horizon...**

### **EMPOWER HOUSE DONATIONS**

**Oh my goodness - guild members really stepped up for this important event!!! Here's what we are sending to Empower House to help everyone have a warm winter season:**

**94 hats (yes, that number is 94!)**

**4 hat/scarf or hat/mitt sets**

**3 additional scarves**

**1 pair fingerless mitts**

**1 holiday stocking**

**Let me say here - you all warmed my heart with this wonderful effort!  
(Aileen)**

### **Fiber Festivals**

No local Fiber Festivals in the near future.

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

Nothing scheduled at this time.

### **Hospitality Happenings**

All Guild members are invited to attend the Holiday Party, held this Saturday during the regular Guild meeting time, from 1000-1200.

We will be holding the party at the Rappahannock Regional Library on Caroline Street.  
The event is a potluck, so bring your best holiday recipes.

To better coordinate, you can sign up at the Guild's Sign Up Genius page:  
[signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) Search for "FSWG Hospitality" or use my email address  
([marysnellings@yahoo.com](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com) <mailto:[marysnellings@yahoo.com](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com)> ). Using Sign Up Genius  
is quick and easy, but it's not required – just bring what you like!

Looking ahead to January, we will hold the first meeting of the year at Florence's house again this year. See next month's newsletter for more details.

## Member News – a spot to share individual events and achievements!

Member Lynette Reed will have a booth at [FAM Faire:KrisKringlMarkt](#).

The Fredericksburg Area Museum (FAM) is hosting FAMFaire: KrisKringlMarkt in historic Market Square on

Saturday, December 10th, 2022 from 11 am – 7 pm. This event will be a spectacular outdoor shopping experience in one of the most beautiful parts of our notable town.

Member Aileen Campbell will be at Artful Dimensions Gallery on December 11th for a Holiday Pop up show 11-4. She will be demonstrating Ruby – her circular sock knitting machine.

## Looking Back...

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

## Scotland Memories...

Linda and I had a grand time in Scotland. In the first installment of "Scotland on My Mind", Linda took you to the Dovecot Tapestry Studio, which was an amazing experience. There is so much creative and artistic talent in Scotland that is often hard to comprehend, but one can certainly appreciate all that is offered.

I will take you on a different type of outing. Did I mention 'adventure'? It is always an adventure when traveling with Linda ANYWHERE!

We left Dulles and landed in Dublin. We had some breakfast and decided to head to the Edinburgh gate. Landed in Scotland and only had a little trouble getting a taxi. One fine lad told us not to worry and to walk to the other side of the parking garage and he would pick us up. He did and we got to the VOCO Hotel in Haymarket. We were welcomed by the friendly staff and soon found our room. I had only a slight bit of trouble as I quickly locked my suitcase before leaving Virginia and my pass code wouldn't work to open it. Linda and I both worked on this feverishly. I searched for a TSA key, but found Jacob instead. He said leave your suitcase with me and I will get it open 'no problem'. True to his word, I had my Virginia belongings in hand.

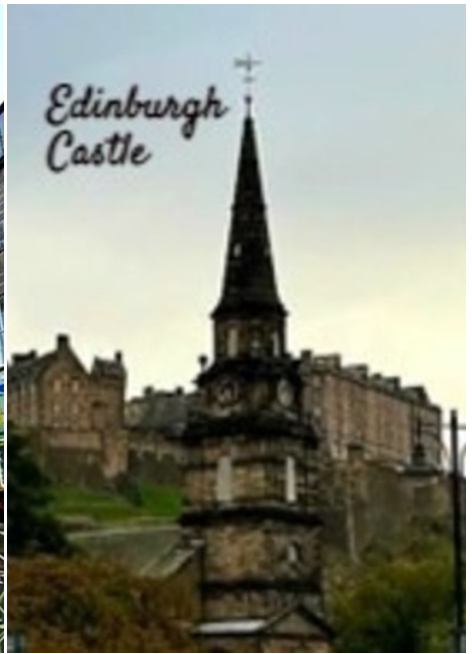
Linda and I had lunch, then took some time to rest for a bit. We decided we were in Edinburgh and should get out for a walk. We headed out on our escapade, heading down this path in search of the Edinburgh Castle. We had been there before, so we knew what we were looking for-seasoned travelers, you know! We walked and found some interesting and beautiful buildings. This was the Ghillie Dhu, a Scottish bar and restaurant in the West End of Edinburgh's city centre. It is a charming building. In Scottish folklore Ghillie Dhu was a solitary male fairy. Always good to know!

We continued on and suddenly found what we were searching for. Ahhh...magical! The CASTLE! We decided to continue our walk as it was becoming quite misty, but being the tough gals that we are, NO problem. We knew we must be going around in a circle and would end up at VOCO, our hotel...not so fast! We had a wonderful walk, but suddenly realized that we were LOST! Remember, I mentioned that all outings are an *adventure* with Linda? So, we decided that it couldn't be that hard to find our way back. After asking four locals and getting different directions from all four, we happened upon our hotel! We headed straight to the bar and relaxed for some time! We could tell that this tour had promises!

Next time, I will take you to the Lochcarron Tartan Mill, a favorite location in the Scottish Borders for me.

Stay tuned and happy shopping! Mary

Photos by Linda and Mary.



## 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 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 December 1st meeting was convened and action items included a review of upcoming programs, update on state incorporation progress, and current membership numbers. The next scheduled meeting will be January 5th at 7 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=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZlWEs5Zz09>

All meeting dates can be found on the guild calendar on our website ([www.fswguild.org](http://www.fswguild.org))

## **MAFA: (nothing new this month)**

### **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.

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.

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**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](mailto: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:  
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](mailto: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.**

shared by Judy Klehm all the way from Florida!

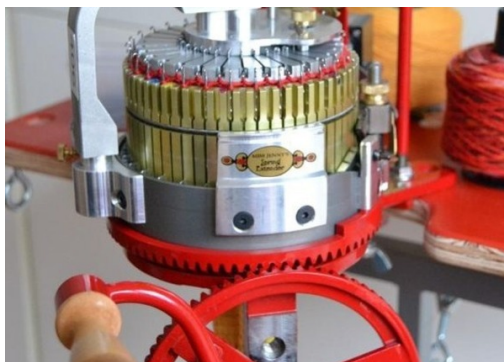
## KNITTING KNOTES

1. When reinforcing socks, if you can't find nylon filament for the heel and toe, you can use silk sewing thread.
2. When picking up stitches along the neck edge, to avoid loose stitches, pick up the first stitch as usual. Pick up the second stitch by yarning over with the working yarn and the tail. This will help keep tension on the first stitch, as well as securing the tail. Pick up the other stitches, as usual. On the next row, work the stitch with two loops as one.
3. Knit the sleeves of your sweater before the body. That way you can correct a gauge or pattern problem with fewer stitches to rip out. Also, you have a better chance of ending up with a finished sweater rather than a vest.

also from Judy...

## WEAVING WIDSOM

1. For quick conversion between yard and meters, remember that one meter is about 10% longer than one yard. For smaller units, four inches equal ten centimeters.
2. When weaving, if you cut off a sample, much warp can be saved by first throwing  $\frac{3}{4}$  " of tabby or the plainest weave possible. Then spread this  $\frac{3}{4}$  " with glue or Fray Chek thoroughly. Placing something under the weaving will protect the woven fabric below. Cut the warp, leaving this strip on the loom. When glue is dry, hold out the strip, tromp a tabby treadle and insert a dowel or narrow strip of wood. Then fasten this to the front apron securely every 6 inches or so. The amount of lost warp will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  " plus the dowel or wooden piece. This is much less than if you tied on again and the tension will be uniform.
3. When preparing finished flat pieces for storage, roll rather than fold. Creases tend to break down the fibers over long periods of time.



## Guild Groups

Our guild has four 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.

The Circular Sock Machine (CSM) Group meets the 4th Saturday of each month in the guild studio area from 10 am to 3 pm. Let [Aileen Campbell](#) know if you are interested in attending. All are welcome, including non-guild members.

## Lessons/classes



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## Update on Beginning Spinning Class:

Lori and Mary are taking a break for the Holidays and are not currently accepting any new students for Beginner Spinning.

Gift certificates are available as gifts, and the classes will begin again in the Spring. For questions, call Mary at 540-589-0173.

In the meantime, all spinners and folks who are curious about spinning are welcome to gather for Social Spinning at the same time every week: Sundays at 3PM.

To ensure someone is there to spin with, text Mary ahead of time!

## **Interested in selling your work at LibertyTown?**

If you are interested in selling and would like to have your items reviewed for approval, 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](mailto:jwklehm@gmail.com)

# Membership & Dues

As of 12/01/2022, only 45 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](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](#) (revised 2022)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Online Access Instructions](#)

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

[Instagram](#)

FSWG also has a presence on [Ravelry](#).

[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](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 - currently vacant

Hospitality - Mary Snellings [marysnellings@yahoo.com](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com)

Education/Outreach - Keren Pritchett [kjpritchett11@gmail.com](mailto:kjpritchett11@gmail.com)

Newsletter - Aileen Campbell [specedt1@gmail.com](mailto:specedt1@gmail.com)

MAFA Rep - Aileen Campbell [specedt1@gmail.com](mailto:specedt1@gmail.com)



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