
FSWG February 2023 Newsletter

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Welcome one and all!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January Meeting Minutes link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/t93vcqkkzegeat9/2023-01%20MoM.pdf?dl=0>

Zoom link for February Meeting :

[click here](#)

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

In February, Aileen Campbell will teach us to make Dorset buttons! We'll show a video tutorial so those at home as well as those attending in person can learn to make them. If you are participating at home, you will need a plastic or metal ring with no openings in it, a blunt needle with a large eye, and embroidery floss, yarn in a sock weight or lace weight, or thick crochet thread. We have rings at the studio, and you are welcome to pick one up. If you will be attending in person, we will have the rings and some floss and yarn, but please bring some with you if you can, along with a needle.

Other programs on the horizon include:

- A presentation on **loom knitting** by our own Abby Pasinski. Did you know you can make anything from socks to blankets on a knitting loom?
- A slide presentation on the trend of "**visible mending.**" This is not a how-to, but a brief introduction to the wide variety of styles, techniques, and tools available.
- **The founders of Loose Ends will talk to us about their organization**, which matches volunteer knitters with projects left unfinished when a knitter or crocheter passes away, finishing the projects for the loved ones left behind. (We are still working out the scheduling, but they seem really enthusiastic about talking with us!)
- Our annual **picnic and yard sale** (probably in September)
- And of course, our annual **holiday gathering and secret-elf gift exchange** in December.

I am always interested in your ideas for fiber-related programs as well as classes or workshops. Is there something you want to share/demo/present,



From the President's Desk
no info at this time



On the Horizon...

Fiber Festivals

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, May 6-7, 2023, Howard County Fairgrounds,
West Friendship, Maryland

sheepandwool.org/

From Education and Outreach:

Here are the dates for opportunities to show off your skills and demonstrate, so you can note these dates on your calendar. These are fun events to get to know other Guild members as well. More info to come as we get closer to the events.

Saturday, April 22 EARTH DAY at Old Mill Park

Saturday, May 13 LIVING HISTORY EVENT at Port Royal, VA

Saturday, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend) INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY at James
Monroe

Museum, Fred. VA

Tuesday, July 4 FOURTH OF JULY at Port Royal, VA

Saturday, Oct 28. PORT ROYAL HISTORY DAY, Port Royal, VA

Hospitality Happenings

All Guild members are invited to sign up for monthly refreshments. It's really fun to share bringing refreshments with another member or two, so find a partner and go to

SignUp Genius to pick a month that's good for you both!

To better coordinate, you can sign up at the Guild's Sign Up Genius page:

signupgenius.com (scroll down the page to find openings for future meetings).

Search for "FSWG Hospitality" or use my email address (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.

Looking Back...



Clan Map Lochcarron



Lohcarron Mill fabric bolts



Lohcarron Mill tartan being woven



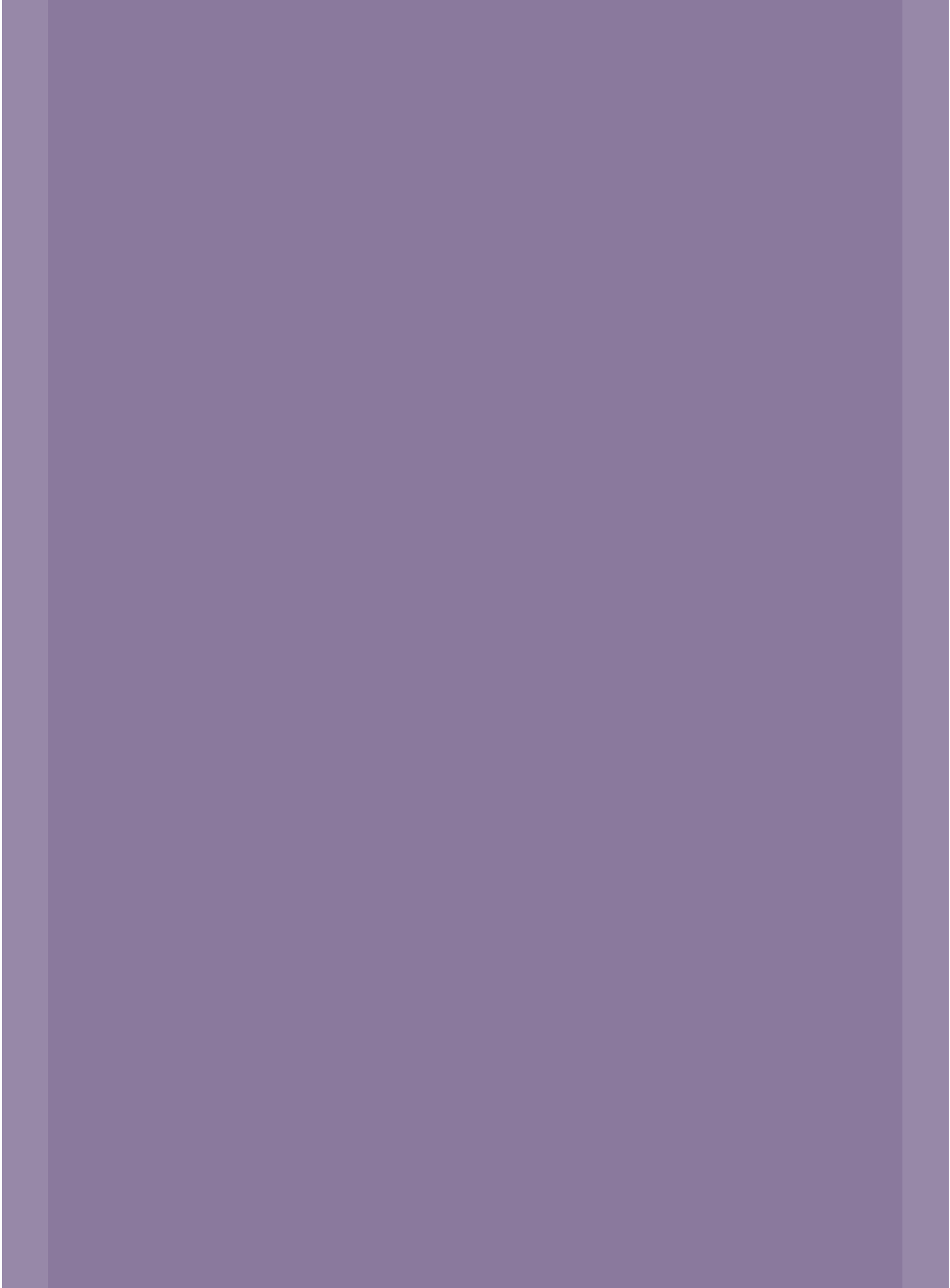
My tartan fabric purchase



My tartan pillows!



Selkirk



Guild members Linda George and Mary Hardy travelled on an adventure to Scotland last fall. Here's the fourth installment from their fluffy travels...

Journey On...

Early in our trip we visited Selkirk a royal burgh in the Scottish Borders council district of southeastern Scotland. It is on the Ettrick Water, a tributary of the River Tweed. I was charmed by Selkirk and the historic buildings that surrounded the town.

We toured the Lochcarron Mill, the largest mill producing traditional tartan fabric. I have been interested in the Scottish tartans since I began weaving and during my first trip to Scotland. At that time, I visited the information desk of The Scottish Register of Tartans near the Edinburgh Castle to find out further information on the different Hardie/Hardy Scottish Septs. Sure enough, I came home with exactly what I was looking for. I took a class from Melissa Weaver Dunning who began her textile study with Scottish master weaver Norman Kennedy. Melissa is an avid tartan and linen weaver as well as an excellent instructor.

My eyes lit up as I viewed all of the beautiful finished bolts of tartan fabric. What amazing history is contained within the walls of the storage room that hold all of these different historic treasures. I was looking for something special in a certain tartan and wasn't sure what I might find. I decided to check on purchasing fabric for a project that was yet to be determined. I found it! I purchased a metre of the tartan fabric that I was looking for. Before returning home, I decided to make pillows out of the tartan wool. I was pleased how they turned out.

I so enjoyed this tartan mill and seeing the looms create woolen fabric for all to enjoy and use creatively. Another amazing part of this process was a special room where two women were using light tables to find any broken threads in the fabrics. They go through each inch on a tartan bolt and correct any errors that they may find.

Our guild library has a nice selection of tartan books from thread counts to the history of the different tartans.

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** is still on hold. Updates shortly...

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 next scheduled meeting will be March 2nd 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.

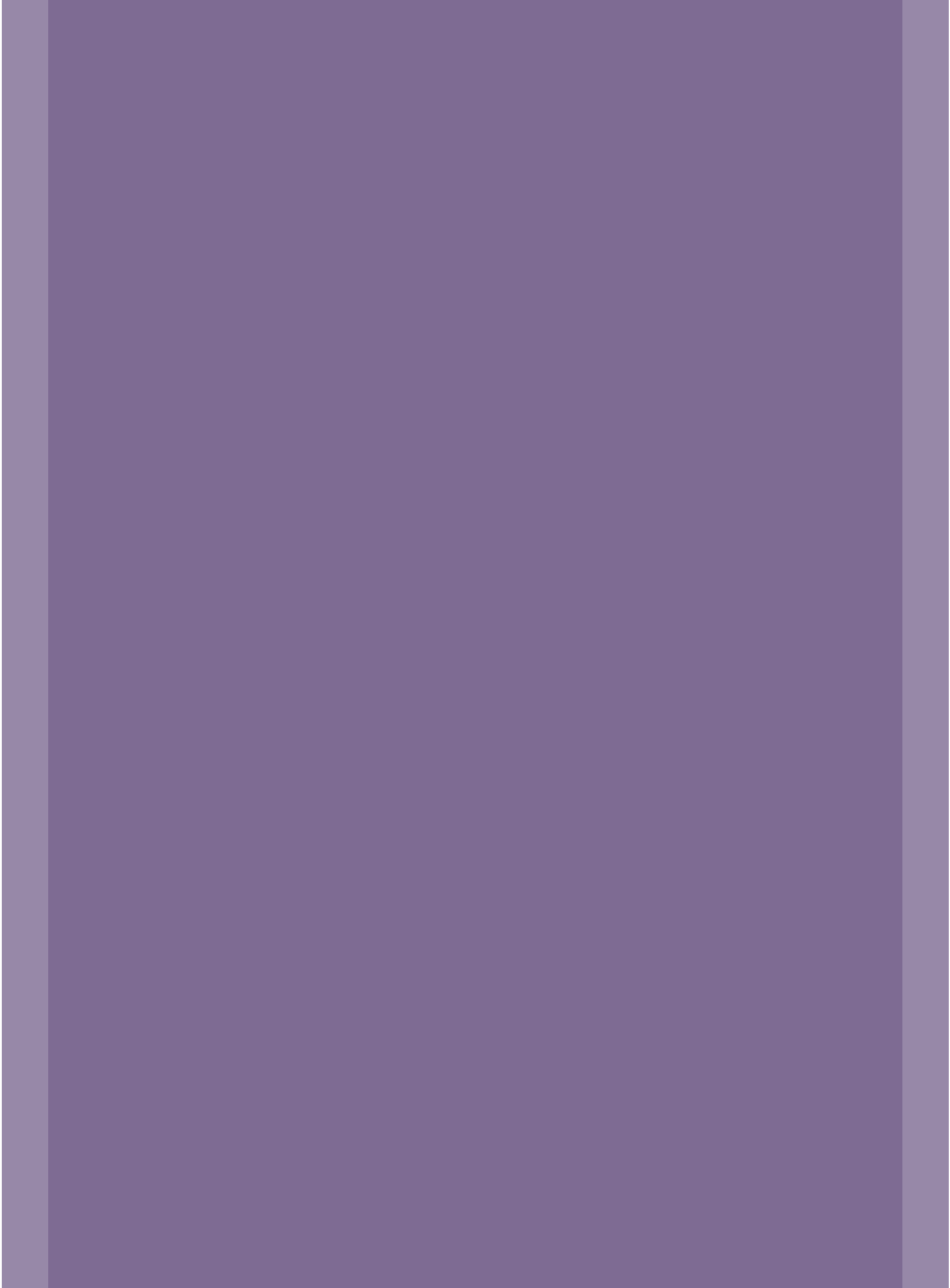
Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 890 2835 6071

Passcode: 720624

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



MAFA:

June 2023 Conference News:

I recently forwarded the latest MAFA info (their bi-monthly newsletter) to all guild members. That newsletter can also be found [here](#).

Registration for the conference opened last Saturday, Feb 4th. Within 30 minutes more than 200 people had registered! Within the first 90 minutes that number was over 300. Several classes filled within the first several minutes but there are lots of spaces in many classes still open as well.

MAFA Virtual!

Also, remember that **MAFA Virtual!** signups for classes are on-going! The purpose of MAFA Virtual! 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 Registration for all classes and lectures will be on [Lessonface](#). [CLICK HERE](#) for class details and to register. Classes for the beginning of this year (dates listed are beginning dates if there are multiple class sessions):

- Off-Loom Weaving (\$105) Feb 25
- Making Woven Chenille for a Pile Rug (\$35) Feb 25
- Designing in Huck Lace (\$45) Mar 4
- Weaving Landscape in Tapestry (\$105) Mar 4
- Spinning for a Project - How to plan & execute a project using your handspun with a commercial pattern (\$150) Mar 9
- Weave a Twill Gamp with Color & Weave Effects (\$10) Mar 16
- Jogakbo - the Art of Wishing Happiness (\$70) Mar 25
- Free Your Mind - Public Textile Social Justice Art Project (free) Mar 28
- Paint Two, Beam One: Painting Two Warps & Weaving Them as One (\$50) Apr 28
- Learn to Use Weaving Design Software (Fiberworks) (\$200) May 2

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.



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

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.

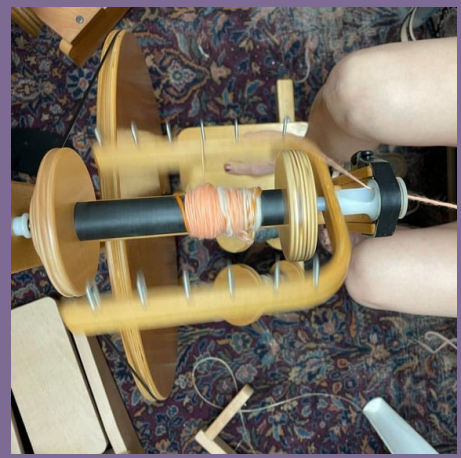
Lessons/classes



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Beginning Spinning Classes:

Guild Beginning Spinning classes will start again on February 5th. Times are still 3:00-4:30 on Sunday afternoons. Two prospective students are already lined up!

Also, one of our students really wants to buy her own wheel to bring to class. If anyone is selling one, please let Mary Snelling know.

Gift certificates are also available as gifts. 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

Membership & Dues

As of 01/05/2023, the guild has 52 members in full standing (dues are paid).

Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) are due each year 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 [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

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 fswg_mafa_rep@fswguild.org

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