
FSWG October 2023 Newsletter

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Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

Welcome everyone!

Code for Member Portal on the guild [website](#):

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(the Member Portal is your gateway to guild newsletters, the roster, the guild's subscription to Handwoven magazine, and guild forms)

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September Meeting Minutes link: [click here](#)

September Video link: meeting was not held in a hybrid format

Zoom link for October Meeting : [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

Meetings usually begin at 10 AM and generally conclude shortly after noon.

Meetings are held at the Fredericksburg branch of the library at 1201 Caroline Street, in Room #2 (in the basement.) There is ample parking behind the library.

Vice President's Report

MEETING LOCATION

Just a reminder that our meetings are now held at the Fredericksburg branch of the library on Caroline Street, in Room #2 (in the basement.) There is ample parking behind the library.

Hybrid meetings: We will continue to hold most of our meetings in a hybrid format (in-person and Zoom), which allows participation by people who, for whatever reason, cannot or prefer not to attend in person.

Post-meeting Crafting: We usually have the meeting room until 3:00 pm, so bring a portable craft and stick around to chat while you work! You might want to bring your lunch and a beverage, too.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Thank you again to Judy Klehm for arranging to have the September meeting, picnic, and yard sale at the clubhouse in her neighborhood!

October: After our meeting this month, Lesley and Kara will hold a Tech Support Open House! If you've got questions or are having difficulty using the FSWG website, accessing our Handwoven subscription, using the Ravelry website, or even using Instagram, we'll be happy to help you out. Bring your laptop if possible, or we can show you using ours. (For Instagram, you just need your phone.)

November: *a holiday craft, but I'm still looking for the perfect one!*

December: Our annual holiday gathering and secret-elf gift exchange

Finally, if you have an idea for a program, class, or workshop, please let us know! You can email Kara Pekar at vice_president@fswguild.org .



Frankensocks!

Mary Snellings has written a lengthy pattern review of Sarah Jordan's SOHCAHTOA socks that gave her a fright last October. It's posted on the on the guild website - take a peek! "Frankensocks! - a gothic tale of sock knitting gone wrong - and right again!"

<https://fswguild.org/?p=7454>

Education and Outreach

from Keren Pritchett

A big thank you to Linda George and Abby Pasinski for joining me at the disAbility Resource Center's Family Fall Festival. It was an extremely rainy day, but we were dry inside a building at the Fairgrounds. And a few brave souls came out to the Fairgrounds that day.

Things are winding down for the rest of the year. We have the Port Royal Fall Living History event on Saturday, Oct. 28th from 10 - 4 at the Main Museum & the Old Port Royal School. I'll have a signup list for volunteers at the meeting.

Saturday, Dec. 9th - is our spinning program presented by Linda George for the DAR

Hospitality Happenings

Thanks to everyone who made the September Potluck and Stash Sale a big success!

We are back at the Library Basement Classroom this month (October).

The generous snack-providers for October are Roz Smith and Tessa Waters - Thank you!

For November, it's Aileen Campbell and Ishtar Watson.

In December we will have our Potluck Holiday Party. I've put in a request for a great space I hope we can use, I will let you know when I get a confirmation either way.

I have replenished our supply of paper and plastic products, including an upgrade to a nice fabric tablecloth, so folks don't need to worry about bringing those supplies.

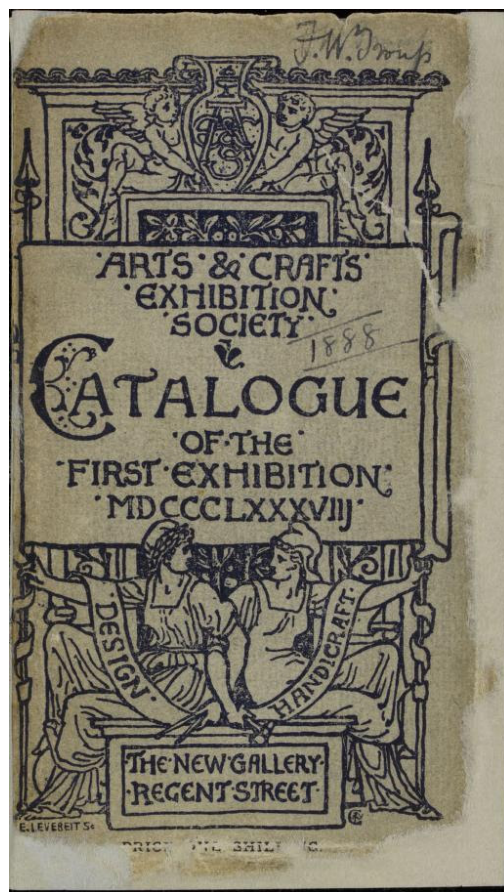
Mary Snellings @540-589-0173.

Arts & Crafts Night Out 2nd Thursdays, 6-7 PM

All spinners, weavers, knitters, and crafters are invited to Arts & Crafts Night Out, 6-7 PM, second Thursdays at the Howell Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library ([806 Lyons Blvd.](#)). We'll gather on the comfy sofas in front of the fireplace.

The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6 PM. Bring your current project!

Contact Beth Spragins at bethspragins@yahoo.com for further details.



Reminder: Upcoming Elections

This year we will vote for the offices of President and Secretary. The Nominating Committee will present their recommendations to the guild at the October meeting.

The election will take place in November and new officers step into their roles beginning with the January guild meeting.



Annual Dues

You guessed it - annual dues are due!
Our treasurer, Denise Kash, will be happy to collect.

September is Pay your dues month for 2024. It is now October and only 25 people have paid, some of them brand new to us. So don't forget to send / bring a check to Liberty Town OR bring it to our next meeting on Oct. 14th. You can also pay via PayPal, but please read the directions in every newsletter so PayPal doesn't get a portion of the \$\$\$. If none of these options work for you, you can pay in cash :)



Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The next scheduled meeting is November 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)

Library News!

Most of the Spin-off magazines have been put in 3-ring binders and those binders are now in the white cubbies at the guild space (blue labels). White labels are Handwoven magazines.

We will also be doing the same thing to Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot soon. The binders help preserve the magazines and make access to them much more efficient. They are an outstanding resource on “everything fiber” that the guild pays for. Check them out!!

Denise Kash
FSWG Librarian

MAFA VIRTUAL

Upcoming online classes and lectures:

October 14, 15, & 22nd: Weaving Outside the Box: 12 Projects for Creating Dimensional Cloth - Denise Kovnat. Register here:

lessonface.com/apply/Weaving-Outside-Box-12-Projects-Creating-Dimensional-Cloth

November 11, 16, & 18th: Essentials of Tapestry Design - Molly Elkind. Register here: lessonface.com/apply/Essentials-Tapestry-Design

Save the Date:

November 28th: Craftivism - a FREE LECTURE by Hinda Mandell. Link to register coming in September.

NOTE: More virtual classes were posted in September!

Find class and lecture details, and registration on Lessonface:

lessonface.com/mafa

Remember - 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.



Book Review

KnitOvation Stitch Dictionary, by Andrea Rangel

Andrea Rangel's *KnitOvation Stitch Dictionary* is exactly what the subtitle claims: 150+ modern colorwork knitting motifs. In other words, it offers stitch patterns for repeating motifs worked in two colors. Featuring visually interesting designs and clear, easy-to-follow charts, this book is a welcome addition to any collection of stitch pattern books.

The *KnitOvation Stitch Dictionary* begins with a short section discussing the impact of yarn choice on the finished piece. Photographs of swatches worked in the same pattern but in different types of yarn demonstrate how fiber type, yarn weight, halo, elasticity, and other factors influence the look of the final product.

The stitch patterns themselves make up most of the book. The motifs include botanicals (flowers and leaves), animals both real and imaginary, a variety of objects from donuts to rubber duckies, and more abstract designs, both curvilinear and geometric. Every motif is shown with a knitted swatch and its accompanying chart, including stitch and row counts.

The book's only real weakness is that the motifs are not organized into any logical groupings, so you have to either browse the entire selection, or look up the motif by name in the index. Not all the names are descriptive, which limits the utility of the motif (pattern-name) index.

Rangel also offers three patterns that demonstrate how one can apply the motifs to three-dimensional, curved clothing items: a hat, a sweater, and a pair of mitts. The pullover sweater pattern is graded for 13 sizes, ranging from a chest circumference of 33" all the way up to 69", so it's quite size-inclusive.

Finally, there is a list of abbreviations used in the patterns, and a glossary of techniques accompanied by illustrations.

And there are four separate indexes! The stitch count and row count indexes allow you to search for a motif that fits the number of stitches or rows you have available. The motif A-Z index lists the motifs by name, which is great for locating some motifs (Hummingbird; Candy Cane) but less so for others (Crimp; Rift.) The subject index covers topics found in the introductory section, the garment pattern section, and the glossary of techniques.

This is a terrific collection of repeatable motifs for knitting and designing knitwear, and I can't wait to use some of these motifs in my own knitting!

Reviewed by Kara Pekar. A longer version of this review appeared on her blog:

<https://bookwyrmsboard.com/book-reviews/knitovation-stitch-dictionary-andrea-rangel/>

Lessons/classes

Spinning, Rigid Heddle Weaving, and Harness

Loom Weaving are offered through the guild!



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Spinning Classes:

Beginning Spinning classes are taught by guild members Lori Green and Mary Snellings. Sign up by contacting Mary at 540-589-0173 or marysnellings@yahoo.com.

Beginner Spinning Class Update: Lori and Mary are thrilled to have 3 new students this month, Amelia, Ai-Lihn, and Beth. All three have shown some interest in the guild, so if you meet them at the meeting, please welcome them.

* We have been evangelizing a bit with the UMW club Yarnworks - we have one student from the college so far, and we have decided to have a half-price rate for college students to encourage more participation.

* We have also been given the green light to replace the gasket on the guild's drum carder, so that we can use that to experiment and demonstrate fiber prep. We may eventually hold a fiber prep class, maybe next spring or summer.

* Speaking of fiber, Fran Slaterbeck has graciously loaned us her tall plastic clothes basket to use for storage of fibers for class - thank you Fran! I'll donate the old baby tub to Goodwill and we'll tape the labels onto it so folks know why it's in the corner. Speaking of fiber, if anyone is doing fall cleaning and has decided they really aren't going to use some of their fiber stash, we are accepting donations.

Rigid Heddle Weaving Classes:

Rigid Heddle Weaving Lessons are now available and being taught by Fran Slaterbeck. Contact her at fslaterbeck040@gmail.com for details. She is so excited to have her rigid heddle loom in the guild studio space available for visitors to try.

Harness Loom Weaving Classes:

Weaving Lessons are also available and are being taught by Georgette Champagne. Contact Georgette at silverknot67@gmail.com for details.

Notes from Georgette about her classes: I have had 3 students successfully finish my class, and one of them would like to acquire a used floor loom no bigger than a 36" loom, smaller would be fine. If anyone has one they are thinking of selling, let me know at silverknot67@gmail.com. I also would like to thank those guild members who donated equipment and yarn, it really was a help.

Opportunities from Georgette: Any guild member who does not know how to weave but would like to learn, you are more than welcome! I would be more than happy to give you complimentary beginners lesson. The lessons would be at the Studio on either a floor loom or a table loom. There are 4 lessons that usually last 1-2 hours, and for some of that you would be on your own after you learn how to actually weave. Contact Georgette at silverknot67@gmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity to jump into the world of weaving!



Studio News

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

AHA!! The guild trashcan project is finally done - only a year in the making! Isn't it adorable??

Besides our extensive **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.

Please Please Please - when you use the guild studio space be sure to tidy up before you leave.

****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.****

Helpful Hints (Hacks) from Judy Klehm

KNITTING KNOTES

You might want to try this.

When you wind a ball of yarn from a skein, it is usually quite tight. Try winding it twice. Once from the skein and then again from the ball. It will be MUCH looser and your yarn will be much more relaxed. Try it, it makes a big difference!

WEAVING WISDOM

I am borrowing this from a website called “The Joy of Weaving”. There are many useful tips if you’d like to see more.

There's several ways to make it easy to count heddles. Here's how I do it. I put a safety pin on the heddle bar between groups of 10 heddles. I then tie a small piece of string on the pins to make them more visible (this is optional). One with a different color on it (in this case yellow) marks the center.

Another way is to distinguish every 10th heddle by marking it with permanent markers, paint or nail polish in a bright color somewhere on the heddle. The reason I don't do that is because I found myself needing to move heddles from one shaft to another and after a while they tended to get all mixed up which rendered that system useless.

Bits and Pieces

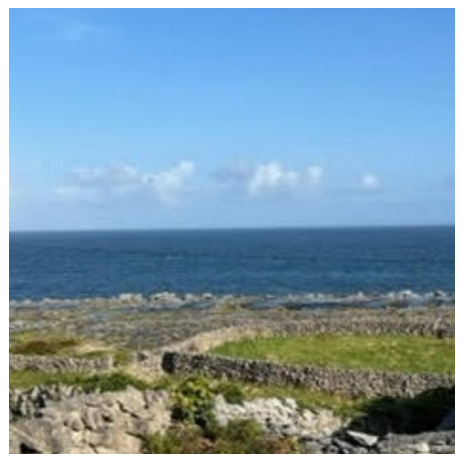
First Fridays at LibertyTown - First Friday of each month is an event to celebrate art, community, and Downtown Fredericksburg. LibertyTown participates in First Friday and would love for our guild to have a few members in residence in the guild studio space during First Fridays. For more information on First Fridays, check [this](#) out. Having someone in the guild to coordinate this would be a terrific way to help the guild and get to know other guild members while only taking up a few minutes each month. If you are willing to consider handling this, please contact Mary Snellings at 540-589-0173 or marysnellings@yahoo.com for details.

Facebook - all guild members are encouraged to join the [guild's private Facebook page](#).

More Bits and Pieces

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Ireland!

Linda George and Mary Hardy just returned from a whirlwind trip to Ireland and they wanted to share these pictures with you. Starting at the top:

#1 Castle ruin on the hill built around 1400

#2 Castle again and the traditional boats used on the islands - wooden frame covered with leather and waterproofed with tar

#3 View near our lodgings

#4 We knitted with Una, a wonderful knitting teacher who is a native of the island of Inis Oirr. She is amazing. We started 3 different projects.

#5 Una working on Mary's knitting.





Fall Fiber Festival

Last weekend's rain ceased just in time for this year's Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier Station in Orange County. It was a spectacular event - tons of vendors, animals, food, sheep dog trials, and classes.



T-Shirts and other items with our Guild Logo

Well, Judy Klehm figured out an easy way for all guild members to order their own merchandise with the guild logo on it! Judy ordered her shirt from Zazzle - she played around with placement and size of the logo and voila! a really cool shirt! A few of the guild engagement committee also ordered shirts to test the quality and speediness - all was quite satisfactory!

So, how to order your own? An easy, peasy way is to follow [this link to Zazzle](#), as the logo is already on a shirt. Then play with the many choices of type of T-shirt, colors, sizes, etc. You can even order aprons, tote bags, and a myriad of other items! Then order and wait until your package arrives.

Or, you can access the jpeg file for the logo in the guild's Dropbox by [clicking here](#). Copy the file and use to create your own items at sites like Café Press, Zazzle, etc. Thank you Judy!!!



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 09/09/2023, the guild has grown to 60 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 \[specedt1@gmail.com\]\(mailto:specedt1@gmail.com\)](#)

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 fswg_mafa_rep@fswguild.org

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