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**FSWG September 2023 Newsletter**

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# September 2023 Newsletter

## Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

# Welcome one and all!

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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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# Guild Membership Meeting/Program Info

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

August Video link: <https://youtu.be/OJ0fOtbp5KI?si=ksW5oLpQuuYoP0yj>

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. BUT NOT THIS MONTH!

## **SEPTEMBER: September Picnic and Yard Sale**

The September meeting will be held indoors on Sept. 9 at the clubhouse near Judy Klehm's home. The meeting will begin at NOON! After the meeting, we'll have our annual picnic/potluck and yard sale. Bring a dish to share, and whatever you would like to sell at the yard sale.

Clubhouse address:

7435 Lees Command Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

### **About the yard sale:**

1. You can sell fiber, yarn, weaving thread, equipment, and finished items of a fibery nature.
2. This event isn't open to the public.
3. You are responsible for selling your own stuff, and whatever you earn is yours.
4. If you are selling, bring enough cash (in small denominations) so you can make change if you need to. It's up to you whether to accept checks, etc.
5. If you have items you want to donate for the Guild to sell, please hang on to them until the January meeting. Or, you can sell the item(s) at the September sale, and donate the proceeds to the Guild later.
6. Buyers: bring cash, just as you would to a regular yard sale. (You can bring your checkbook, but understand that some people may not accept checks.)

**\*\*It's a good idea to price your items prior to the meeting/sale.**

**\*\*\*What you don't sell, you must take home!!!**

**DECEMBER:** Our annual holiday gathering and secret self gift exchange

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If you have an idea for a program, class, or workshop, please let me know! You can email me at [vice\\_president@fswguild.org](mailto:vice_president@fswguild.org) .

<http://aspinnerweaver.blogspot.com/2010/07/meet-my-family-of-inkle-looms.html>





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

Hello Everyone,

I really hope this note finds you well and you are looking forward to the picnic/potluck. Don't forget we are meeting at a different time and location this month, AND the meeting will be in-person only. Please remember to send me your meeting agenda items so that I can coordinate the meeting's agenda. Also, if you haven't already done so, dues are due starting this month.

I think we have just one more week of real "summer" weather, and then things are looking to cool off nicely. Even though I'm not a pumpkin spice disciple, I will take a good day or two of false Fall any day of the week. With the nicer weather comes the opportunity for fun fiber festivals. This year the [Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival](#) will take place on September 23 & 24 at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds in Berryville, Virginia. There is also a Crank-in (and PotLuck) scheduled for September 22 from 5pm - 9pm! Two weeks later the [2023 Fall Fiber Festival and Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials](#) will take place October 7th & 8th.

Hope to see you all Saturday.

***Lesley Reynolds***

# Worldwide Spin in Public Day

Saturday, September 16 is the day!

Let's get together at two locations: [Hurkamp Park](#) and the new [Riverfront Park](#) to show a variety of wheels and drop spindles to the public. Details will be discussed at this Saturday's meeting and distributed via email to all guild members.

## Education and Outreach

from Keren Pritchett

Upcoming events are:

Saturday, Sept. 23--the disAbility Resource Center is having their Family Fall Festival at the FXBG Fairgrounds from 11 - 4 pm. I will bring a sign up sheet to the meeting. Thanks to those who have already signed up.

Saturday, Oct. 28--Port Royal VA Fall Living History from 10 to 4 pm at the Main Museum and the Old Port Royal School.

Saturday, Dec. 9--spinning program for the DAR

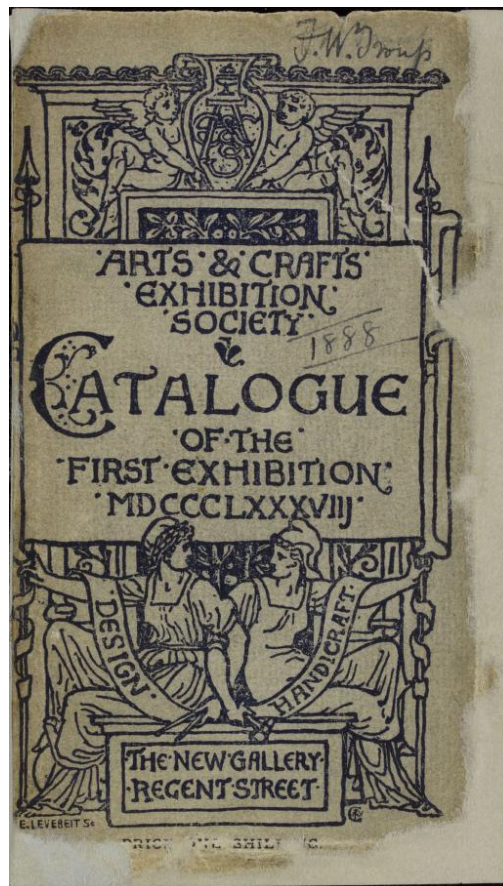
## Hospitality Happenings

Many thanks to everyone who signed up for snack opportunity at a guild meeting. We still have openings, so if you wish to participate call or text Mary Snellings @540-589-0173.

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

Please join us at Howell Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library (806 Lyons Blvd.). Bring a current project and spend time with fiber artists!

Contact Beth Spragins at [bethspragins@yahoo.com](mailto:bethspragins@yahoo.com) for further information.





# 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.



# Committee News

## **Guild Engagement Committee**

The next scheduled meeting is October 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.

At the August 31st meeting discussion topics were September meeting/potluck/sale, formation of a guild retreat committee, Worldwide Knit in Public Day, and the upcoming guild election.

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](http://www.fswguild.org))

Note: the Guild Engagement Committee found that sufficient interest was expressed by guild members to investigate and plan a Guild Retreat! Therefore, a Retreat Committee is being formed.

# Library News!

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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 need more 3-ring binders (at least 1.5" rings) to complete our inventory of Spin-off magazines into the cubbies. I check the thrift stores once in awhile for the binders. I don't pay more than \$1.50 for them. If you see some, please pick them up for us. I can reimburse you if need be.

We will also be doing the same thing to Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot when we have more binders. 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!!

Lastly, I would like to thank Aileen Campbell for her help with this project. I think I can say for both of us, it's been a labor of love.

Denise Kash  
FSWG Librarian

# MAFA VIRTUAL

## Upcoming online classes and lectures:

September 26th: Making The Invisible Visible: Historically-Based Storytelling Through Textiles - a FREE LECTURE by Karen Hampton. Register here:

[www.lessonface.com/apply/MAKING-INVISIBLE-VISIBLE-Historically-based-storytelling-through-textiles](http://www.lessonface.com/apply/MAKING-INVISIBLE-VISIBLE-Historically-based-storytelling-through-textiles)

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](http://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](http://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 will be posted in September!

Find class and lecture details, and registration on Lessonface:

[lessonface.com/mafa](http://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](mailto:movies@mafafiber.org) to receive reminder emails and the Zoom link for these movies.**

## Lessons/classes



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## 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](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com).

Rigid Heddle Weaving Lessons are now available and will be taught by Fran Slaterbeck. Contact her at [fslaterbeck040@gmail.com](mailto:fslaterbeck040@gmail.com) for details.

Weaving Lessons are also available and are being taught by Georgette Champagne. Contact Georgette at [silverknot67@gmail.com](mailto:silverknot67@gmail.com) for details.

# 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! And I forgot to take a picture of it...I'll send one soon. Really soon (Aileen)!

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.\*\*

## 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](mailto:marysnellings@yahoo.com) for details.

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

## 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](mailto:jwklehm@gmail.com).



# Membership & Dues

As of 08/07/2023, the guild has grown to 58 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](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 [fswg\\_mafa\\_rep@fswguild.org](mailto:fswg_mafa_rep@fswguild.org)

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