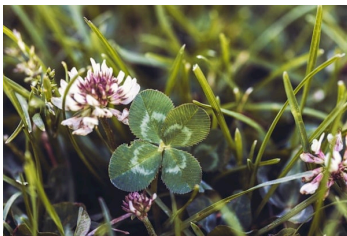


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March 2024 Newsletter
Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild
created this month by Michele Dietrick

Welcome everyone!

Code for Member Portal on the guild [website](#): X^8Y5Rex
(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 (AKA Hospitality Happenings this month)

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

February Video link: not available

Meetings usually begin at 10 AM and generally conclude shortly after noon. Unless noted otherwise, 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.

MARCH MEETING LOCATION

Our March monthly meeting will be held at the Howell branch of the public library, located at 806 Lyons Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. The meeting begins at 10 AM.

Beginning in April, we will return to the Fredericksburg branch of the library! (located at 1201 Caroline St
Fredericksburg, VA 22401)

Hybrid meetings: Hybrid meetings have resumed to allow participation for those who are unable to attend in person.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Vice President's Report)

March 9: Fiber Bingo

April 13: Meeting Program TBD

May 11: Meeting Program TBD

June 8: Meeting Program TBD

MARCH MEETING and PROGRAM

Time: 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, March 9, 2024

Place: **Howell Branch Library**, 806 Lyons Blvd., Fredericksburg, 22406. There is ample parking beside the library.

Hybrid meeting: You can attend the March meeting either in-person or on Zoom.

Meeting Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805289112?pwd=ODZFYTF6Z3RDWUJISFNscUJ2MkZz09#success>

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

March program: Fiber Art Bingo! We will play Bingo with a fiber arts theme. This is an in-person program.

PLEASE BRING: 20 small tokens (coins, wrapped peppermints, tiddlywinks, etc.) to mark your bingo cards, **AND a prize** to donate. The tokens are yours to keep, and everyone will go home with a prize. We will be swapping and reusing bingo cards, which is why we will use tokens instead of pens or pencils to mark the cards.

If you would like to play remotely, email Kara Pekar at vice_president@fswguild.org and I will send you several bingo cards you can print out.

Post-meeting Crafting: We don't have the library room past 12:30 PM, so there is no crafting time after the meeting this month. Of course, there's nothing stopping people from gathering at the studio after the meeting!

FUTURE PROGRAMS: We need your help! If you have an idea for a post-meeting program, a class, or a workshop, please let us know! Programs don't have to be long or involved; they can be as simple as demonstrating a useful technique or sharing your photos and memories of a fiber-related trip or shop. Whether it's something you can present, something you have seen elsewhere, or just something you would like to learn more about—we still want to hear about it. If you have an idea, please contact Kara Pekar at vice_president@fswguild.org.





From the President's Desk

Oh my goodness - it feels like spring is here already! That means taking care of the yard, the garden, and feasting my eyes on all the young, sweet blooms that are beginning to make a welcome appearance amid dreary winter vegetation. A wonderful time of year!

I am also quite tickled with progress happening in the guild. Several guild members have stepped up to take on committee responsibilities within the guild and for that I know each of you is thankful. Our officers are working hard despite difficulties to fulfill their guild related duties.

Several members have entered their work into shows. Lynette Reed, Mary Hardy, and Linda George all pooled their efforts with other Liberty Town artists to create some truly unique and lovely pieces. Some members are spreading their love of fiber by teaching rigid heddle weaving, harness loom weaving, and spinning classes. There are fiber related groups that meet in our guild studio several times each week.

I am certain many of you are planning to attend one of the best fiber shows on the East Coast - Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival is the first weekend in May.

INVOLVEMENT is our theme for the year and it seems like we are doing just that - while we have a few more spots on committees to fill, we have made great progress so far. I think now is the perfect time to be a guild member!

So let's relax and have some fun at the March meeting by playing some fiber-bingo and getting to know one another better. Please bring a gift (no minimum or maximum, does not have to be fiber related) for the prize table and even if we aren't able to play until all the prizes are gone, everyone who plays will have a prize to take away from the meeting!

Happy Spring!



Rita Brown

Guild leadership is developing a tribute to Rita for all her contributions to the guild. A committee has been formed to develop the parameters, guidelines, etc. for a scholarship in Rita's honor. Committee members include Florence Ridderhof, Judy Klehm, Ginger Burke, and Georgette Champagne. The scholarship proposal will be presented to the guild for consideration a little later this year and formally announced in October in conjunction with Fiber Month and the Retrospective on Rita's work.

Fiber Book Bargain!

Fran Slaterbeck is downsizing! She will be bringing a variety of FIBER books to the next guild meeting on March 9th to sell. The price is merely \$3 each or two books for \$5 with all proceeds going to the guild.

What a nice gesture Fran - thank you from the entire guild!



Did you know that...



Education and Outreach

from Keren Pritchett

As usual, our first event of the year is the Earth Day Festival at Old Mill Park. It will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 11am - 4pm. I will have the sign up sheet at our next Guild meeting. If you are unable to attend the Guild meeting but would like to sign up, please contact me. As a reminder we need to provide our own tent, tables and chairs. I'll be attending the mandatory meeting at Parks and Recreation on April 4th for additional details on the event and will provide further information at our Guild meeting.

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, March 14th, at 6 PM. Bring your current project!

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



CRAFT & CHAT

The next Craft & Chat will be Tuesday, March 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Zoom.
Bring the craft to work on, and come hang out with your fellow guild members!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744721955?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744721955?pwd=S3dyR2pOekRWVldIdDNwblFPTzRmZz09)

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Meeting ID: 817 4472 1955

Passcode: 736194

SHOW MORE

Square Plate III

Member Linda George shared this opportunity with guild members.

Square Plates are now on exhibit through March 31st at Artful Dimensions gallery. The Opening Reception was held on March 1st. Some of those luscious plates are available for purchase!

Check out [Square Plate III](#) on Artful Dimension's website.

Studio News

by Lynette Reed, Guild Liaison to LibertyTown



Patron Show at LibertyTown

MAY (entries due April 29th)

Guild members are welcome to donate articles they have made to LibertyTown's annual fundraising event. The total value of donations should be a minimum of \$250. It's fine to create sets or combinations (for instance 3 weavers might donate a coordinating set of tablecloth, kitchen towels, and a small rug).

Here's the details from **last year's Patrons Show** - this year's are not yet available.

HOW THE PATRONS SHOW WORKS:

WHAT: The Patron Show is all artwork donated by our very own artists as a fundraiser for LibertyTown. If you are interested, you may decide to purchase a voucher to come to a really fun event with food and drinks AND go home with one of the artworks!

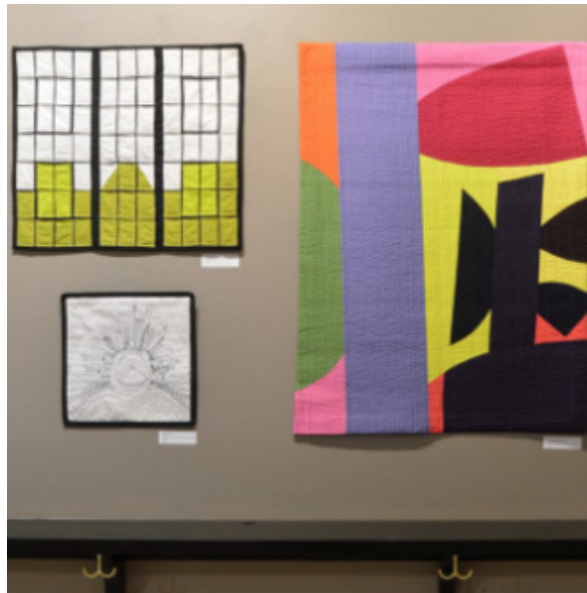
WHEN: The opening reception is May ___. Public voucher sales start at 5PM on May ___. The drawing will be held on May ___ from 7-9 PM for those who purchase vouchers.

WHERE: In the gallery, IN PERSON this year!

HOW: How does it work? Each voucher entitles you to one piece of art in the show...but the twist is you only get to pick your piece when your voucher number is drawn. If your number is selected last, you automatically get to be first the following year if you buy a voucher.

HOW MUCH: The vouchers are \$175 plus sales tax! It may seem like a lot, but each piece of art is worth well more than that, and we try to give you a really good spread of food at the drawing.

WHO: Everyone is invited to see the show as usual on First Friday, May 5th and all month long. But only those who choose to buy a voucher may come to the Big Drawing event on May ___



Fiber IV Show at LibertyTown

October (entries due 10 PM Sept 16)

A national, juried show that celebrates everything fiber!

More details soon but let's rev up our inspiration and get some projects going.

[Look here to see past entries into this show.](#)



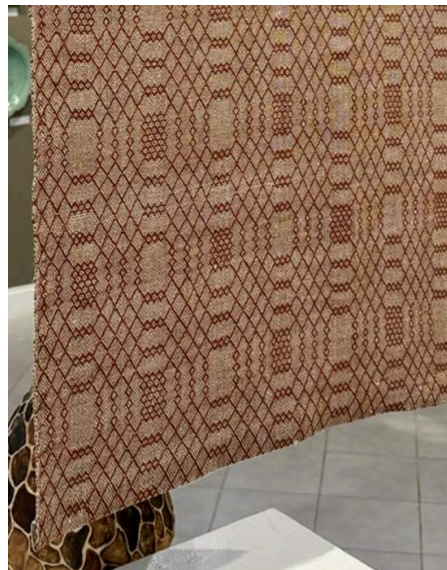
Weaving a Work of Heart

Mary Washington Healthcare held a exhibit during Heart Month:

Exploring the Canvas of Healthcare

Heartbeat of Healing

Here is Denise Kash's entry, titled Weaving a Work of Heart



"...A Lovely Linen" by Mary Hardy



"Veiled Lady Mushroom" by Mary Hardy and Anna Simoes



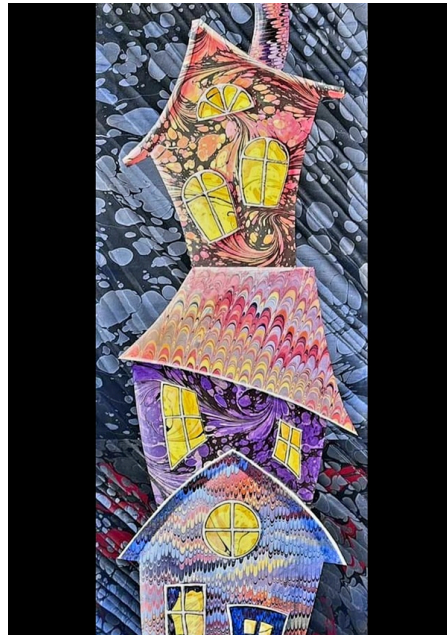
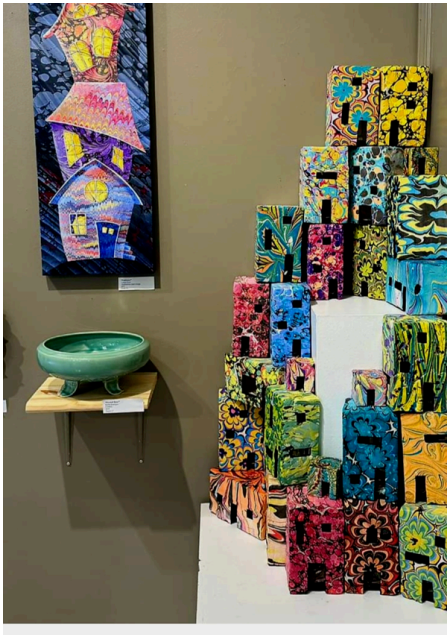
"Warm Winter Nights" by Linda George

MERGE Show at LibertyTown

"MERGE", a coming together of ceramic and non-ceramic artists to create collaborative works that are greater than the sum of their parts.



"Going To A Parade" by Linda George and Elizabeth Freeman



"Bright Houses Make Good Neighbors" by Lynette Reed and Kevin Rodrigue

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The next scheduled meeting is April 4th at 7 PM.

All guild members are encouraged 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028356071?pwd=aHo2aUlwQXZTNDRhbmJKZnZlWEs5Zz09)

Meeting ID: 890 2835 6071

Passcode: 720624

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

Happenings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

[Frontier Culture Museum Fiber Festival](#) - Sat Apr 6 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

[Scotchtown Fiber Festival](#) - Sat Apr 20 2024 at 09:00 am to 03:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate spring, the shearing of the sheep, and fiber production at Scotchtown!

51st [Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival](#)

May 4 & 5, 2024

8:30AM – 6PM Saturday

8:30AM – 5PM Sunday

Rain or shine!

Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

June 8, 2024: World Wide Knit in Public Day. (And it coincides with our June monthly meeting!) We will be holding some sort of knitting-in-public event. Watch our future newsletters for details. (And let Aileen Campbell or Kara Pekar know if you want to be involved in the planning!)

June 29 through July 21, 2024: Tour de Fleece! This multi-week spinning challenge coincides with the Tour de France. You set your own goals, and spin a little on each day the cyclists compete. Thousands of spinners participate each year. FSWG will organize a "team" again this year, with in-person and online spinning meet-ups and even prizes. (Teams aren't competitive; a Tour de Fleece team is just a group organized for fun and mutual support.) Details to come in a few months. (Contact Kara Pekar or Mary Snellings if you want to be involved in planning.)

August or September meeting: annual picnic and "yard sale" (date, time, and location TBD, but probably following one of our meetings)

September 21, 2024: World Wide Spin in Public Day. We will hold an event; watch our future newsletters for details.

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 Updates

Our Guild Representative to MAFA is Georgette Champagne

To view the most recent MAFA Newsletter, [click here](#).

There are two FREE events available:

March 26 - 7pm Exploring the Long Thread of Korean Textile Arts

April 23 - 7:30pm MAFA book group

MAFA movie nights continue every second Wednesday of the month

If anyone would like to be part of the MAFA 2025 conference as an

Ads and Donations Coordinator or Weekend Classes Coordinator, let Georgette know

Grants Committee is accepting grant or micro-grant applications. Please

look at <https://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/> or <http://mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/> for more information.

Mary Zicafoose, Jennifer Moore and Marilyn Murphy are offering a Textile and Cultural Arts tour to Bolivia In April, 2024.

Please contact Mary at maryzicafoose.com for more information

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

Guild Lessons/Classes

Spinning, Rigid Heddle Weaving, Harness Loom Weaving, and computerbased learning courses are offered through the guild!

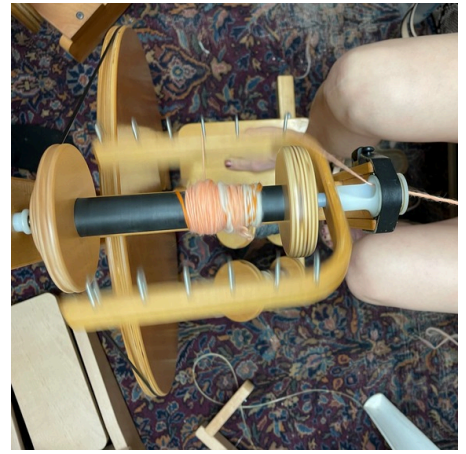




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Spinning Classes:

Beginning Spinning Classes are in Full Swing!

Spinning classes have been going really well lately. We are making friends, increasing our skills, and having fun! Some students have joined the guild, and some have borrowed wheels and drop spindles to practice during the week. Many thanks to Jeane Camelo who stepped in to help when one of us was away on vacation and we had several new students!

We have big plans for the spring:

One day as soon as it's a little bit warmer, we are going to schedule another Fiber Prep Potluck. We'll pick an afternoon and wash 5 lbs of Merino and eat snacks and play with drum carders and combs and cards. No charge for this session - it's just for fun! Also, the Engagement Committee is planning a potential Dye Day, we'd like to invite our present and past students to that as well.

Earth Day at Old Mill Park is coming up in April, and the Spinning group intends to participate. Be there and join us, no matter what fiber craft you prefer! Last and Best, Mary and Lori have reserved a big hotel room for Friday and Saturday Night at the Turf Valley Resort for the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. They are looking for folks who would like to share the expenses of the room, and have a lot of fun. You may also be able to carpool with them if you throw in a few bucks for gas. They are also happy to help people try out spinning wheels or hunt down different breeds or preparations of fiber while at the festival. Start making your wish list and call Mary Snellings at 540-589-0173 to reserve your spot in either the room or the minivan!

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: We had one guild member finish the class in February and are waiting for another student who wants to learn.

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!

Guild Swag

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!!!



LibertyTown Artwork Sales

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 3/2/2024, the guild has 59 members.

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 (Lesley Reynold's name will come up with the guild email - select this for who to send the payment)

(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 - Aileen Campbell 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 - Mary Collins

Hospitality - Mary Snellings marysnellings@yahoo.com

Education/Outreach - Keren Pritchett kjpritchett11@gmail.com

Newsletter - This month Michele Dietrick!

MAFA Rep - Georgette Champagne fswg_mafa_rep@fswguild.org

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