

FEBRUARY MEETING and PROGRAM

Next meeting is Saturday, February 10th beginning at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be held in

Meeting Room #2 at the Howell Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library (806 Lyons Blvd.). This is a change from our usual location.

Hybrid meeting: You can attend February's meeting either in-person or on Zoom.

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

Meeting ID: 828 0528 9112

Passcode: 047038

February program: Abby will demonstrate and talk about the online course she developed to prepare students for the Introduction to Spinning class taught by Lori Green and Mary Snellings. This is a great resource for that class, and perhaps someday for other Guilds or individuals as well. We may also want to develop other courses in the future, and Abby can tell us what goes into creating an online course.

Post-meeting Crafting: since we were only able to reserve the room until 12:30 this month and next month, there will not be any post-meeting crafting.

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).

From the President's Desk:

My goodness, so much has been happening for the guild in the weeks since our lovely meeting at Florence Ridderhof's home. The Retreat Committee has begun meeting and planning a guild retreat for the coming fall. Several guild members attended a virtual retreat on guild development, members who sell fiber goods met to work out details on cleaning and keeping products attractively displayed. The Executive Board met to review its role in the workings of the guild and the Guild Engagement Committee met to chart the guild's course for the next several months. This is an active, growing guild!

So, periodically it's important to assess the guild's direction. As written in our handbook, the purpose of the Guild is to provide an atmosphere and place where individuals interested in weaving, spinning, knitting and other fiber arts may gather, share, teach, and promote the knowledge and use of fiber arts in the Fredericksburg, VA area.

Considering the information gathered at the development retreat and pairing it with our Guild purpose, the Guild Engagement Committee endorsed the idea of an annual theme. This year's theme is INVOLVEMENT. The goal is for everyone to pitch in and have fun together, from meetings to activities and in leadership roles as well. With everyone's participation, we will get to know one another better, we will have more events to share in, and we can explore ways to expand our art.

Honestly, this is an awesome group of people. Let's have fun together.

Aileen

Officers

Vice President (Kara Pekar)

Treasurer (Denise Kash)

Secretary (Nicole White)

Coordinators:

Librarian (Denise Kash)

Membership (Lesley Reynolds)

Education and Outreach (Keren Pritchett)

Hospitality (Mary Snellings)

Retreat (Keren Pritchett)

Mafa (Georgette Champagne)

LibertyTown Liaison (Lynette Reed)

Sales/Jury (Judy Klehm)

Newsletter (position is currently vacant)

Guild Engagement Committee

The next scheduled meeting is February 29th 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>

Meeting ID: 890 2835 6071

Passcode: 720624

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

CRAFT & CHAT on Zoom!

Craft & Chat will meet monthly via Zoom every third Tuesday of the month from 7:00–9:00 pm. Set up your laptop, tablet, or phone near wherever you like to craft, and work on a project while you chat with other crafters! This is a new group, open to all Guild members. You're welcome to drop in any time during the 2-hour Zoom. We hope to see you there!

First meeting: February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744721955?pwd=S3dyR2pOekRWVldldDNwblFPTzRmZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 4472 1955

Passcode: 736194

If you would like to join in, but you don't know how to use Zoom, contact Kara Pekar at vice_president@fswguild.org, and I'll do my best to talk you through getting signed on. (If you email me right before or during the Craft and Chat, I probably won't see the email, so please try to contact me at least a week ahead of time.)

Hospitality Update!

Many thanks to all who helped with food and preparation at the New Year's meeting at Florence's house this year. As usual, it was a very well attended meeting and everyone had a great time. We are publishing the Hospitality Sign Up List here and on the guild website so everyone can access it easily.

In order to coordinate with others who have signed up, you can find their contact information on the Membership Roster on the Members Only section of the website.

Thanks to Mary and Toni Stevens who volunteered to bring snacks for the February meeting.

Here's the list for all of 2024:

January – New Year's meeting/party with Florence Ridderhoff

February – Mary Collings and Toni Stevens

March – Robin Lanier

April – Abby Pasinski and Keren Pritchett

May – Lori Green and Kara Pekar

June – Judy Klehm and Margaret Campbell

July –

August –

September – Potluck/Picnic/"Yard Sale" at Judy's Clubhouse again??

October – Margaret Hardy

November –

December – Holiday Party, at Hull's Memorial, pending approval

As you can see, we have about 8 spaces left – see Mary Snellings (540-589-0173) to volunteer!

Lessons/Classes-Spinning, Rigid Heddle Weaving, & Harness Loom Weaving are offered through the guild!

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.

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 have a new harness loom student who was already a guild member...Melonie Peters has decided to undertake the journey.

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 1-2hours, 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!

MAFA Update:

MAFA has some interesting virtual programs coming up! Sign up via www.lessonface.com/mafa

Paint Two, Beam One: Painting Two Warps and Weaving Them as One with Denise Kovnat. Learn how to hand-paint two warps in different color palettes and beam them together to weave one luminous fabric on their loom. Saturday, February 10, at 1 pm ET

An Introduction to Bead Weaving with David Heustess. Join David Heustess as he shares with you the basics of bead weaving, including right angle bead weaving (RAW). This “off loom” bead weaving technique can create a beaded fabric that has a wonderful drape that can be used for ties, scarves, jewelry, beaded tapestry designs and more. Saturday, February 10, at 2 pm

Echo and Jin: Variations on a Theme with Denise Kovnat. Working with a variety of yarns, tie-ups, treadlings and setts (if you choose), you'll weave a series of designs in Echo and Jin (Turned Taqueté). You'll explore the interaction of color and structure, using two to four colors in the warp and a variety of colors in the weft. Saturday, February 24, at 1 pm

Sculptural Vessels with Right Angle Bead Weaving with David Heustess. Participants in this class will explore different ways to use Right Angle Weaving (RAW) with beads to create and construct one of a kind sculptural objects and vessels. Saturday, February 24, at 2pm

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.

Events

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 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 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.

Happenings:

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 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 meetups 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: Worldwide Spin in Public Day – spend a few hours spinning in public with your fellow Guild members. (Locations and times to be determined.)