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## November 2023 Newsletter 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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# Guild Membership Meeting/Program Info

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

October Video link:

Zoom link for November 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. (The library asks us to make sure all beverages are in a covered container, preferably one that would not leak if it tipped over.)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**NOVEMBER 11:** We're making **holiday pompom gnomes**! If you didn't get the email, look below to see what supplies you need to bring.

**DECEMBER 9:** Our annual **holiday gathering and gift exchange**. This year, with more people showing up in person for meetings, we are going back to our traditional gift exchange. Each person brings a wrapped or gift-bagged gift that is fiber-related in some way. Handmade gifts are welcome, as are items from your stash in excellent condition. Please mark if your gift is for a weaver, spinner, knitter and/or crocheter, or will work for anyone. Due to inflation, we set an upper spending limit of \$25 this year.

**The venue for the holiday party** is still up in the air, but will be announced soon. It will probably not be a hybrid meeting.

**If you can't attend the holiday party in person**, but you would still like to

participate in a gift exchange *by mail*, please contact me (Kara Pekar) via email by November 15 at [vice\\_president@fswguild.org](mailto:vice_president@fswguild.org) . In the email, include your name, mailing address, email address, and what fibery crafts you enjoy. I will randomly assign each participant someone to send a gift to.

**JANUARY 13:** We'll hold our **meeting and annual Guild sale at Florence's house!**

Many thanks to Florence for offering to host us again. This is the sale where we bring donations to sell; the proceeds go to support the Guild. It's a great way to clear out those tools and items from your stash that you bought but never got around to using. Check the December newsletter for more details.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** If you have an idea for a post-meeting program, a class, or a workshop, please let us know! It doesn't matter 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. You can email Kara Pekar at [vice\\_president@fswguild.org](mailto:vice_president@fswguild.org) .



# Holiday Gnomes Program

These adorable little gnomes work for fall and winter holidays alike, and you can make them in whatever colors you wish.

## SUPPLIES TO BRING to November's meeting:

**Worsted or Aran yarn** (in whatever colors you want to use) **a toilet paper tube** (or a paper towel tube) **scissors**

**a 12" ruler**, or a piece of stiff cardboard the same length, to wrap yarn around **a small pompom maker** (1.75" to 3") if you have one. If you don't, a square of very stiff cardboard about 4" to 5" across will work. So will a medium-size pompom maker; you'll just have to trim more excess yarn off your pompom. *Optional: tiny fabric leaves, fake berries, or foam or plastic charms* to glue on the brim of the hat *Optional: Tacky glue or craft glue* if you prefer not to use a hot glue gun -- and some newspaper or craft paper to protect the area where you're working. *(Please don't bring your own hot glue gun without asking. Plugs are limited, and we want to limit the possibility of accidental burns to library tables or carpet.)*

**Beads, stuffing material**, and a couple of **hot glue guns** will be supplied. We will have some yarn for the pompom beards, but feel free to bring your own. If you can bring extra yarn to share, that would be awesome. I suspect people may want to make more than one of these little guys in a variety of colors, so being able to swap yarn around would be great.

## PARTICIPATING FROM HOME:

**If you want to make these from home**, you will need all of the above, plus a **wooden ball, bead, or split bead** measuring between 10mm and 15mm in diameter (for the nose), some **polyfill or a few cotton balls**, and either a hot glue gun or some tacky glue.

I'm not sure how well it will work to demonstrate on camera from the meeting, but later I can send out links to several online tutorials

## Education and Outreach

from Keren Pritchett

Thank you to those who volunteered for our demonstration at Port Royal on Oct. 28th.

We have one more event for this year, the DAR talk on Spinning which Linda George has graciously agreed to do. That will be on the afternoon of Dec. 9th at the DAR meeting.

## 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.

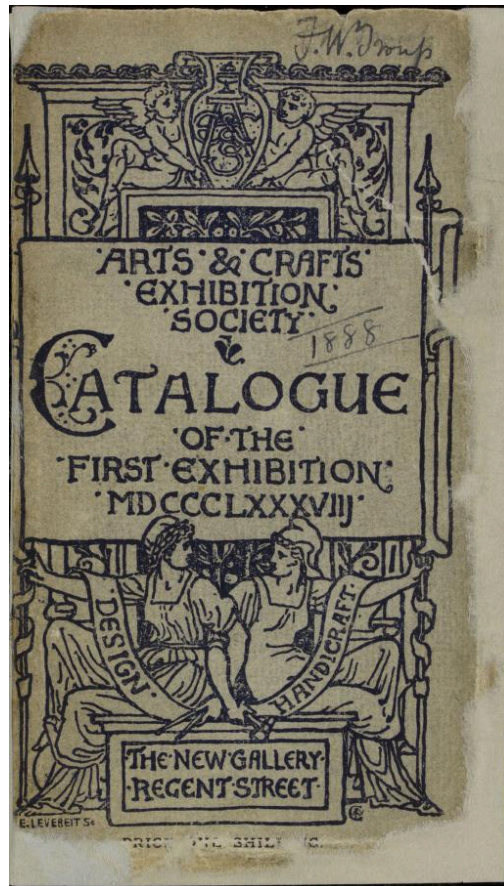
# Arts & Crafts Night Out

## 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, November 9, at 6 PM. Bring your current project!

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





# Reminder: Upcoming Elections

This year we will vote for the offices of President and Secretary. The nominating committee presented Aileen Campbell for President and Nicole White for Secretary.

Elections will be held this month. All voting is anonymous and will be conducted via the Internet. The link for voting is:

[https://fswguild.org/?page\\_id=7490](https://fswguild.org/?page_id=7490)

Voting will close on Saturday, November 18 (midnight).

note: you can also find the voting poll by going to the guild website and entering through the member portal.



# 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 November and 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 November 11. 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 :)

Those who have not paid their dues by the January meeting will be purged from the guild's email distribution list, which means no more guild emails, no more guild newsletters.



# Committee News

## Guild Engagement Committee

**The next scheduled meeting is November 30th 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=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](http://www.fswguild.org))

# 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 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](https://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](https://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](https://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**

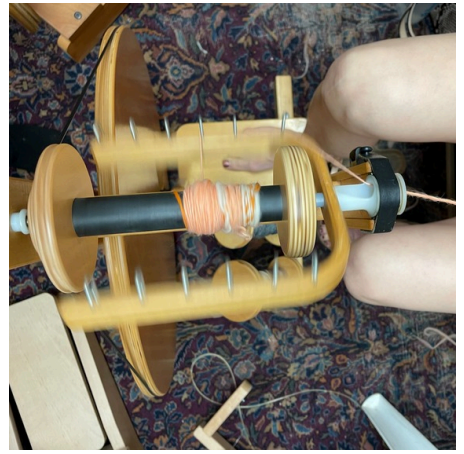
**Spinning, Rigid Heddle Weaving, and Harness Loom Weaving are offered through the guild!**



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

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 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](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 [kjpritchett1@gmail.com](mailto:kjpritchett1@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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