



CENTRAL VIRGINIA FIBERARTS GUILD

February 2018 Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings:

- February 11, 2018: Spin/Craft-In, 1 - 5 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church
- February 18, 2018: Weaver's Meeting, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church Program: Focused Show and Tell—bring drafts and info for items you want to show
- Find the guild calendar and link to directions at <http://cvfg.org/calendar/>

President's Letter:

Greetings Fiber artists!

I am delighted to welcome you all to the brand new Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild!

For a while, I felt like the guild was simply a figment of my imagination. But now we are real and nearly ready to sign up members (look for an email in a few days)! We exist thanks to the hard work of our Organizing Committee who wrote and adopted bylaws, our interim officers who will serve until we have formal elections in April, and our already-hard-at-work Program Committee which is coordinating programs and activities for the rest of the year! Don't forget that we also have Outreach activities planned, with fiber arts demos at several Central VA fiber festivals coming up in the next few months!

We hope you will all get involved in the new guild - by attending meetings, programs and craft-ins; spreading the word about the guild; giving a program on something interesting you'd like to share; organizing or participating in a study group; or helping out with guild leadership. You will find contact info in this newsletter, and on the website, or feel free to email me at info@cvfg.org and I'll get you in touch with the right person.

Our guild website is coming along nicely I think - check it out by visiting <http://cvfg.org/>. We've pulled info in from the old guild websites, and welcome suggestions for links and resources you would find useful. The entire site is open to the public for now, and eventually we will have members-only pages where we will have things like the guild roster, library, equipment for rent, etc. If there is something you would like to see on the website, email web@cvfg.org.

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Study groups will be a great way for us to look at particular topics in depth, then bring what we've learned back to the group by giving an informal program. Think about topics you are interested in, or have expertise you'd like to share - weave structures, spinning techniques, paper making, dyeing, embroidery, knitting or crochet techniques, lacemaking - if it's done with fiber, or about fiber, let's explore it! Currently, we have a Weaving Software Group forming, and a long standing Tapestry Group ongoing. Find the Study Groups page on the website, and we'll update that info as we add groups.

Finally, Save the Date for our first Annual Meeting on Sunday April 15th at 1pm, at Peace Lutheran Church. We'll have our first business meeting and formally elect a slate of officers. Then we'll follow up the business meeting with an Easy Indigo Dyeing program at 2pm.

As always, email me if you have comments or suggestions for the guild, at info@cvfg.org.

Margaret Briggs

CVFG Interim President

Guild News:

- The organizing committee passed the by-laws to organize the Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild on January 16th, 2018. The adopted by-laws can be found at <http://cvfg.org/about/>
- Many thanks to Melanie Rowan for designing the logo for our new guild!
- The interim board members who will serve until the first business meeting in April are:
 - President: Margaret Briggs (info@cvfg.org)
 - Vice-President/Program Chair: Melanie Rowan (programs@cvfg.org)
 - Secretary/Newsletter Chair: Cyndi Jara-Almonte (newsletter@cvfg.org)
 - Treasurer: Marla Campbell (treasurer@cvfg.org)
 - Outreach Chair: Kim Radcliffe (outreach@cvfg.org)
 - Communications Chair: Margaret Briggs

Guild Membership

- Membership will open in early February. Look for an email, then please go to <http://cvfg.org/join/> and follow the directions there for submitting your application form and paying dues.
- Annual dues have been set at \$25 per person
- Dues for each additional member in the same household will be \$5.
- Full-time student dues are \$12.50 per person (ID required)
- Initial dues will cover membership until June 30, 2019

Programs

- The Program Committee has been at work planning the initial meetings and programs:
 - Spin/Craft In will be held on March 11th and April 8th at Peace Lutheran Church
 - April 15th: Annual Meeting/Elections 1:30 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church
 - April 15th: Easy Indigo Dyeing Program 2:30 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church

Workshop Opportunities:

- Tapestry Weaving with Joan Griffin: Beginning Tapestry Workshops
2 day classes taught on a Saturday and Sunday. 2018 dates: Feb 3/4, April 7/8, June 2/3. More details including contact information for Joan can be found at <http://joangriffintapestry.com/classes>
- Tartan Weaving Workshop with Melissa Weaver Dunning, Feb. 23 & 24
Held in Lexington, VA, \$100 plus materials, Round Robin format. For more information contact Candy at candy@callunafarm.com

Fiber Festivals

- March 23-24: Carolina Fiber Fest, Raleigh, NC more info at: <http://www.carolinafiberfest.org/>
- April 28: Powhatan's Festival of Fiber, Powhatan, VA more info at: <http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com/>
CVFG will be doing demos. Contact Kim at outreach@cvfg.org if you're able to help with the demonstrations.
- May 5: Fluvanna Old Farm Day, Palmyra, VA more info at: <https://www.oldfarmday.org/> Contact Kim at outreach@cvfg.org if you are able coordinate and participate in demos.
- May 5-6: Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD <http://sheepandwool.org/>
- May 26: Peacock Festival, Amherst, VA <http://peacockfestival.com/>
Contact Kim at outreach@cvfg.org if you're interested in participating in demonstrations.

Exhibits to Enter

- 2018 Convergence Exhibits, Handweavers Guild of America
 - *The Playa*, Mixed Media Exhibit
 - Open to work created in any media using a fiber arts technique
 - Deadline to enter is February 5, 2018
 - *Truckee River Yardage* Exhibit

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- Open to lengths of woven, constructed and/or embellished yardage
- Deadline to enter is February 12, 2018

Exhibitions to visit:

- George Washington University Textile Museum, Washington, DC
 - Opening February 24th: Vanishing Traditions: Textiles and Treasures from Southwest China. <https://museum.gwu.edu/vanishingtraditions>
 - Opening March 10th: Binding the Clouds: The Art of Central Asian Ikat. <https://museum.gwu.edu/clouds>

Travel Opportunities:

- **South Dakota –Badlands and Black Hills Tour, Sept. 22-29, 2018**
Explore culture, crafts, and regional sites at a leisurely pace.
www.fiberdesignsbysharon.com/

Newsletter

- The guild newsletter will be sent by email on the 1st of each month to all active members. Until September, the newsletter will be sent to all members of the former Albemarle Handweavers Guild, Whirling Whorls, and Charlottesville Fiber Arts Guild. Then it will become a members-only benefit.
- Please submit all items for the newsletter by the 23rd of each month to newsletter@cvfg.org