



CENTRAL VIRGINIA FIBERARTS GUILD

## April 2018 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings:

- April 8, 2018: Spin/Craft-in  
1– 5 pm, Peace Lutheran Church
- April 15, 2018: CVFG Annual Business Meeting, Peace Lutheran Church  
1:30 pm, Business Meeting  
2:30 pm, Easy Indigo Dyeing (more details in this newsletter)
- May 12, 2018: Eco-Printing Workshop (more details in this newsletter)  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sunset Farm Studio
- May 20, 2018: Weaver's Meeting  
1:30—3:30 pm, Peace Lutheran Church
- [Directions to Peace Lutheran Church](#)

### Meeting Updates:

The May Spin/Craft-in is scheduled for Sunday, May 13 which is also Mother's Day. The venue normally used for the Spin/Craft-in is not available due to the conflict with Mother's Day. If you have a suggestion for an alternate venue, please send that to [programs@cvfg.org](mailto:programs@cvfg.org). There will be an update in the May newsletter on the plans for the May Spin/Craft-in

## President's Message:

Greetings Crafters!

Our big news this month is that we are having our first Annual Meeting and elections! Please join us Sunday April 15, at 1:30 pm, at Peace Lutheran Church. We're planning to keep the meeting to just an hour long, so we can have an indigo dyeing program afterwards at about 2:30pm (see details later in the newsletter.)

Some important things to remember are:

- We need a quorum of 30% of members to conduct business – formally electing our officers who are currently serving in interim capacity and adopting a budget.
- You must be a member in good standing to vote – that means dues paid, and one vote per membership, i.e. family memberships get one vote.

So, if you haven't already, go to [cvfg.org/join](http://cvfg.org/join) for instructions for our membership application, both online and mail-in.

The board met March 12 to get things organized for the annual meeting and get caught up on what all the committees are doing. We are very pleased to tell you we have a full schedule of programs scheduled for 2018! You will find details on upcoming meetings and programs in this newsletter, the full schedule on the website at [cvfg.org/calendar](http://cvfg.org/calendar), and you will also get emails soon with sign up info for our May 12<sup>th</sup> Eco-Printing Make and Take workshop at Sunset Farm Studio in Crozet, and if you want to indigo dye on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last, but certainly not least, we have a number of upcoming outreach activities! If you are interested in helping with demos at various fiber festivals and fairs, please email Kimberly Radcliffe at [outreach@cvfg.org](mailto:outreach@cvfg.org). In the next couple of months we will be participating in: Powhatan's Festival of Fiber on April 28<sup>th</sup>, Fluvanna Old Farm Day in Palmyra on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Peacock Festival in Amherst on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have members help with spinning, knitting, weaving, sock machines, or any other portable fiber art you would like to demo.

Please email me if you have any comments or questions about the guild at [info@cvfg.org](mailto:info@cvfg.org).

Margaret Briggs

CVFG Interim President

## March Meetings:

Susan Wright led the Tie-Dye workshop held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Here are some of the creations from the participants in the workshop.



## Guild News:

- Membership applications have been coming in steadily.
  - If you've not yet joined, please go to [cvfg.org/join/](http://cvfg.org/join/) and follow the directions there for submitting application form and paying dues.
  - Annual dues are \$25 per person. Initial dues will cover membership until June 30, 2019
- Please join members and friends of the guild in the Facebook group: [Central Virginia Fiberarts Group](#)
  - This is a closed group so click Join, answer questions, and an administrator will approve your membership
- Facebook page for announcements can be found at [Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild](#)

## Upcoming Workshops:

### [Easy Indigo Dyeing](#)

April 15, 2018, ~2:30pm (after the Annual Meeting)

Peace Lutheran Church (parking lot)

### **Want to Get the Blues?**



### **Dye yarn, fabric and fiber with this easy indigo dyeing method using pre-reduced indigo crystals!**

- **Max of 16 participants, so sign up early!**
- Materials fee of \$5 per 8 oz of fiber, yarn or fabric dyed (Let me know if you need to dye more than a pound)
- Wear old clothes or an apron and bring rubber gloves.
- Bring waterproof bags to take wet items home.
- If you have a 5 gal plastic bucket, bring it!
- Try experimenting with tie-dye, shibori or ikat techniques with your yarn or fabric - tie your items at home, or bring string, rubber bands, etc.
- Pre-wet items to be dyed with water only. Please place loose fleece or roving in mesh bags. Make sure your skeins are loosely tied in several places. Mark them with waterproof tags (cut up Tyvek mailing bags and Sharpie are great for this) as once they are blue, skeins look alike! If using new fabric, wash and dry first.
- Indigo crystals will be available for purchase.

**The deadline to sign up is April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**To sign up, please email Margaret Briggs at [info@cvfg.org](mailto:info@cvfg.org)**



DESIGN  
*at Sunset Farm*

## Eco-printed Silk Scarf - Make & Take Workshop

Sarah Tremaine at Sunset Farm Studio

**5026 Jones Mill Rd, Crozet, VA 22932**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9:30am - 3:30pm

In this workshop, you will learn some basic eco-printing techniques using various leaves and other natural materials, and make two eco-printed silk scarves!

- Max enrollment of 10 students
- Class fee of \$75, plus a materials fee of \$20 for 4 prepared test pieces plus 2 prepared scarf blanks with the option of students purchasing additional prepared scarf blanks at the workshop
- Participants should bring a sack lunch and snacks & beverages will be provided.
- There will be a list of supplies for students to bring along, as well.
- If the class fills quickly and we still have a lot of interest, we may be able to add



a second workshop on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 7 pm.

**The deadline to register is May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**To register, please email Melanie Rowan at [programs@cvfg.org](mailto:programs@cvfg.org) , AND mail your check for \$95, made out to Central Virginia Fiber Arts Guild to:**

**Melanie Rowan  
2917 Osceola Springs Rd  
Rockingham, VA 22501**

Sunset Farm Studio is located at: 5026 Jones Mill Rd, Crozet, VA 22932, 434-242-0113

## Study Groups:

- New Study Group forming: Weave Structures  
*This study group is for people who are interested in independent study of one or more weave structures. Meetings will be held monthly. Each participant will commit to choosing one meeting in which to present a structure or topic of their choice. At that meeting they will present what they have learned about their weave structure. They will bring handouts for every member and a small sample of weaving—as small as a 2” square will be fine. Sample handouts and weaving records will be provided for participants to use.*
- Contact Laurie at 434-825-7541 or [laurieduxbury@mindspring.com](mailto:laurieduxbury@mindspring.com) if interested in participating
  - First meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 pm

## Workshop Opportunities:

- Tapestry Weaving with Joan Griffin: Beginning Tapestry Workshops
  - 2 day classes taught on a Saturday and Sunday
  - 2018 dates: April 7/8, June 2/3
  - More details including contact information for Joan can be found at <http://joangriffintapestry.com/classes>

## Fiber Festivals:

- April 28: [Powhatan's Festival of Fiber](#), Powhatan, VA  
CVFG will be doing demos. Contact Kim at [outreach@cvfg.org](mailto:outreach@cvfg.org) if you're able to help with the demonstrations
- May 5: [Fluvanna Old Farm Day](#), Palmyra, VA  
Contact Kim at [outreach@cvfg.org](mailto:outreach@cvfg.org) if you are able coordinate demos
- May 5-6: [Maryland Sheep and Wool](#), West Friendship, MD
- May 26: [Peacock Festival](#), Amherst, VA  
Contact Kim at [outreach@cvfg.org](mailto:outreach@cvfg.org) if you're interested in participating in demonstrations
- June 2-3: [Blue Ridge Fiber Fest](#), Sparta, NC

## Weaving Exchanges:

- Kitchen Towel Exchange at Convergence 2018
- See <http://www.weavespindye.org/handwoven-kitchen-towel-exchange> for more information

## Exhibitions to visit:

- **George Washington University Textile Museum, Washington, DC**
  - Through July 9, 2018: Vanishing Traditions: Textiles and Treasures from Southwest China (<https://museum.gwu.edu/vanishingtraditions>)
  - Through July 9, 2018: Binding the Clouds: The Art of Central Asian Ikat ( <https://museum.gwu.edu/clouds>)
  - Opening September 1, 2018: A Nomad's Art: Kilims of Anatolia (<https://museum.gwu.edu/kilims>)
- [Listing of world-wide textile events](#) from Cloth Roads

## Travel Opportunities:

- **South Dakota –Badlands and Black Hills Tour, Sept. 22-29, 2018**
  - <http://www.fiberdesignsbysharon.com/>
  - Explore culture, crafts, and regional sites at a leisurely pace
- **Vesterheim, The National Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center**
  - Textile Study tour to Norway and Denmark in 2019
  - Information when available will be at <https://vesterheim.org/>

## Newsletter

- The guild newsletter will be sent by email on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to all active members.
- Please submit all items for the newsletter by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month to [newsletter@cvfg.org](mailto:newsletter@cvfg.org)

## Classified Ads

Click link for more information

[22" 4 harness Harrisville Loom \\$475](#)

[45" 12 shaft Leclerc Nilus Jack Loom, \\$2500](#)

[Table Loom with Stand, \\$200](#)

Weaver Downsizing: Schacht Baby Wolf loom, Schacht Spinning Wheel, Louet Spinning Wheel, Miscellaneous weaving and spinning supplies. Located near Orange, VA. [Contact](#)