

CENTRAL VIRGINIA FIBERARTS GUILD
March 2019 Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings:

- March 3: Craft/Spin-in, Peace Lutheran Church, 1-5 pm
 - Bring something along to work and play as we spend time together
 - Demonstrations at this event will focus on tying clothing/fabrics for dying
 - Tie-dye demonstration at 2:30 pm
 - Shibori dying demonstration at 3 pm
- March 3: Spinner's Study Group, Peace Lutheran Church, 1:30-2:30 pm
- March 3: Weaver's Study Group, Peace Lutheran Church 3:30-4:30 pm
- March 10: Yoga for the Fiber Artist, Hollymead Fire Station, 1-2:30 pm
 - Susan Haines will lead this class which was rescheduled from January
 - See more information later in the newsletter
- March 24: Weaver's Group Meeting, Klaus Anselm's home, 1-3:30 pm
 - See more information later in the newsletter
- April 7: Craft/Spin-in, Peace Lutheran Church, 1-5 pm
- April 14: Dorset Buttons workshop, Monticello Fire House, 1:30-4:30 pm
 - Led by Natalie Drummond
 - See more information later in the newsletter
- May 18: Crochet Beginning to Technique, 9 am - 4 pm (3 sessions)
 - Led by Edie Eckman
 - See more information later in the newsletter
- [Directions to Peace Lutheran Church](#)

President's Message:

I hope everyone has been enjoying some snow day fiber activities! Gotta take that snowstorm silver lining where you can find it, right? Me, I finished a Solbein cardigan as part of a knitalong. But, still, I think I'm ready for Spring!

This will just be a quick message from me this month, but I do want to mention that we have some fun programs and mini-workshops coming up in March and April. Read on for details and registration info, check the website, or email Melanie at programs@cvfg.org to sign up.

We also start out outreach season in April with events at Highland Shearing Day and Powhatan's Festival of Fiber. Remember to email Kim (outreach@cvfg.org) to volunteer to help with demos.

See you at a Craft-In!

Margaret Briggs
CVFG President

As always, please email me if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions about the guild at info@cvfg.org.

Save the Date:

- June 2: Craft-in/Spin-in and Annual Meeting, Peace Lutheran Church
- June 8: Spring Picnic and Dye Day

Guild News:

- 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](#)
- All CVFG members are invited to send information and photos for the newsletter on any fiber-related events they participate in. Please send those to newsletter@cvfg.org.

February Activities:



Fiber Prep was great fun! Thanks Kimberly and Candy!

We had a terrific turnout for the fiber prep workshops. Everyone learned a lot and enjoyed playing with fiber. Kimberly and Candy will be teaching spinning – Beginner level with a Yarn Jam session included on October 12. Keep in touch for more details later this summer.

Upcoming Programs:

Yoga for the Fiber Artist with Susan Haines

March 10, 1:00- 2:30 pm

Hollymead Fire Station

Let's loosen up!

We all get a little tight now and then don't we? This is truly a class for everyone! The Hollymead Fire Station will be open at 12:45 for set up. The yoga practice begins promptly at 1, please do not be late. Susan will lead us through a gentle yoga practice that will have emphasis on the head, neck, shoulders, hands and lower back. The class will be floor/mat oriented, but if you would prefer to work from a chair, Susan will offer modifications. If you have your own mat, please bring it, if not a large towel will work for you. Everyone also please bring a cotton or wool blanket for padding and a small pillow. The class will begin with a one-hour yoga practice followed by a half hour guided meditation.

Sure to warm us all up in more ways than one.

This class is free to all members.

Please sign up by contacting Melanie at programs@cvfg.org

Weaver's Group Studio Visit

Klaus Anselm's Home/Studio

March 24, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Weaving start to finish. Klaus will share his philosophy about influence, motivation and dedication to the project.

Location is Klaus's studio in Glenmore, at 3628 Victoria Lane, Keswick, VA. When you come to the gate tell the attendant that you are with the Weavers Guild. They will give you directions.

Dorset Buttons w/ Natalie Drummond

April 14, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Monticello Fire Station

1515 Founders Place, Charlottesville, VA 22902

Welcome to Natalie Drummond! We're very fortunate to have Natalie here in Virginia, all the way from Indiana. Learn a lot about your fiber by making Dorset Buttons. They can be used to embellish your weaving, knitting, and hand sewn items! It's a great way to experiment with color.



Items included with workshop: Natalie will supply rings to make two Dorset Buttons - one with beads and one without. Various beads and some sample yarns will also be available for you to try (8/2 and 6/2 size). Amount of yarn needed varies per size of button, but many of the buttons we will make require 3 yards. There will also be some Dorset Buttons available to purchase if there is interest.

Items to bring: Scissors, Tapestry Needle, Yarns 5/2 Perle Cotton, Sock Yarn, Beading Needle Eye (if you have one) and a placemat for your work (not required but helps with beads.)

\$40 per member, \$45 per non-member. Space is limited. We now accept PayPal!

Please sign up by contacting Melanie at programs@cvfg.org.

Crochet Beginning to Technique with Edie Eckman

May 18: 9 a.m. – noon Beginning Crochet

May 18: 1 – 4 p.m. Eye-Catching Edgings for Cloth

May 19: 1 – 4 p.m. Crochet Stitch Workshop

Each session is \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members.
Members may take all three sessions for \$105.

Month of March: Member's Sign-up only! Classes will open up to general public in April.

We're very happy to have nationally known Edie Eckman share and teach her crochet techniques and we've selected classes for all levels. Edie is a best-selling author, teacher, designer and editor who loves both knitting and crochet and she's a member of our guild!

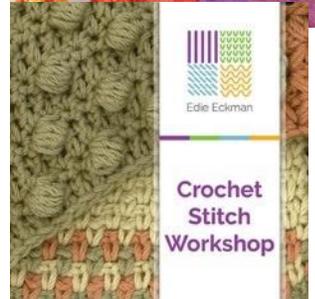
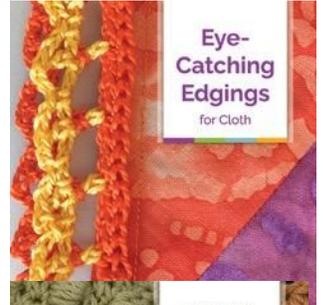
Beginning Crochet Start from the beginning! This is a basic how-to class for those who have little or no crochet experience. Learn basic crochet stitches, get a taste of a granny square, and quickly review pattern reading. You'll master the three things that make up all crochet stitches and leave class ready to tackle your first crochet pattern.

Crochet is such a versatile skill, either on its own or as a complement to other fiber arts. If it's been a while since you've crocheted and you want a refresher, come along and learn with us.

Materials Needed: Smooth, light-colored worsted weight yarn (wool if possible); size 5 mm and size 6 mm crochet hooks, scissors

Eye-Catching Edgings for Cloth Make your sewing projects retro-chic: Crochet an edging! Whether it's a modern take on a lace-edged pillowcase, a baby onesie with crocheted embellishments, a cotton-trimmed washcloth, or a funky hem on a skirt, the sky's the limit! Learn several ways to attach crocheted edgings to fabric, when to choose crocheting-on vs. sewing-on, and best practices for choosing yarns and edgings. You'll get hands-on practice crocheting your choice of borders, as well as plenty of ideas for quick-to-make projects with lots of oomph! Must be comfortable with basic crochet stitches: chain, single and double crochet.

Materials Needed: You have two options.



- 1) Two 5" fabric squares (one pressed with double hem), perle cotton in color(s) to blend with fabric and at least one complementary color; sharp needle with eye large enough for cotton; crochet hooks in a range of sizes to fit perle cotton, scissors.
- 2) Hand-woven, knitted or crocheted fabric, two colors of smooth yarn/crochet thread in a size appropriate for your fabric, crochet hooks in appropriate size for the yarn/thread, scissors.

Crochet Stitch Workshop Crochet is more than ripple stitch! See how crochet uses cables, lace, texture and openwork to create beautiful fabric. Try your hand at a variety of stitch families. Play with color and texture while learning to read crochet text and charts. Must be comfortable with basic crochet stitches: chain, single and double crochet.

Supplies: Smooth, light-colored sport weight or dk- weight yarn, appropriate sized crochet hook(s)

If you are attending both sessions on Saturday, please bring a sack lunch.

Eddie will have her books available for sale.

Please sign up by contacting Melanie at programs@cvfg.org.

Note: We now take PayPal payments! Easy and efficient for everyone

Workshop and Program Opportunities:

- Stillness in the Blue Ridge Mountains Art and Yoga Retreat, Akasha Retreat Center, Crozet VA
 - March 8-10, 2019
 - The art project for this retreat will be creating felted slippers, led by Donna Markey
 - More information at <https://www.aplacetobreathe.com> on the Events, Workshops and Retreats page.

- Overshot with Laurie Duxbury
 - March 22-24, 2019 at the Yadkin Valley Fiber Center, Elkin, NC
 - More Information and registration information at <https://yadkinvalleyfiberroom.com/course-offerings/course-description/>

- Swedish Towels workshop with Melissa Weaver Dunning, Sponsored by Waterford Weavers Guild
 - March 30-31, 2019 at The Art League of Alexandria, Madison Avenue Annex, 305 Madison Street, Alexandria, VA
 - Registration form attached to end of newsletter

- Joan Griffin Tapestry Workshop
 - March 30-31, 2019 at Joan's studio in Charlottesville
 - \$200 includes all supplies
 - More information at <https://joangriffintapestry.com/>

- Complex Weavers "Southeast Gathering 2019"
 - April 12-14, 2019 at the Yadkin Valley Fiber Center, Elkin, NC
 - Registration opened to non-Complex Weavers members also
 - More information and registration at <https://yadkinvalleyfiberroom.com/complex-weavers-south-east-gathering/>

- Sarah Saulson Workshops at New River Valley Guild
 - Double Your Pleasure: Welcome to 4-shaft Doubleweave
 - May 17-18, 2019, \$130 Member, \$155 Non-Member
 - Freedom of Expression: Painting Warps on Loom
 - May 20-23, 2019, \$140 Member, \$165 Non-Member
 - More information including registration at the end of the newsletter

- Väv Immersion--a 15 week Traditional Scandinavian Immersion Program for Weavers
 - Vävstuga Weaving School, Shelburne Falls, MA
 - Program description at www.vavstuga.com/classes/desc-immersion.shtml
- WARP (Weave a Real Peace) 2019 Annual Meeting
 - June 20-23, Washington DC
 - More information at <https://weavearealpeace.or>

Study Groups:

- Weave Structure Study Group
 - This study group has started meeting with 13 participants, each of whom has selected a weave structure to study, sample, and present a program.
 - Next meeting of this group is March 3.
- Spinning Study Group
 - Meets during the monthly Craft-In at 1:30 pm for 30 minutes to an hour
 - All members welcome at all levels of spinning experience
 - Structure will be determined once group begins but could be a group study project or individual study topics that would be shared with the group.
 - Will also be a time to ask for help and offer assistance to other spinners. Want help with chain plying, fractal spinning, adding beads, or wheel problems---this will be a resource for you.
 - Contact Marla Campbell for more information or to sign up
- Flat Bed Machine Knitting Study Group
 - Please let Margaret Briggs (lotsofyarn@gmail.com) if you are interested and where you are located so a central location to meet can be determined.
- Any guild member is welcome to start a study group. If you have an idea and need help getting started, contact the guild leadership through info@cvfg.org

Exhibitions to visit:

- **George Washington University Textile Museum, Washington, DC**
 - [Rug and Textile Appreciation Mornings](#): Saturdays at 10:30 am
 - March 9, 2019: Japanese Resist Dye Techniques
 - March 30, 2019: The Dark Side of the Textile Trade
 - [Listing of world-wide textile events](#) from Cloth Roads

Announcements:

- Shepherd's Center of Richmond (TSCOR) is looking for volunteers to lead a series of classes on fiber arts including raising fiber animals, preparing fiber and weaving and spinning
 - TSCOR is a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization that offers a low cost Open University program for senior citizens
 - Classes are held in Richmond on either Monday or Thursday mornings
 - Spring session runs from late March through late May
 - Please contact Janet Simmons at pandapuma66@gmail.com or (804) 921-0388 if you're interested in helping to lead these classes.
- Fiber Folk Get-Together: Fort Valley Nursery Garden Center, Woodstock, VA
 - Meets first Saturday of each month at 11 am to sit, spin, knit, gab and have lunch from the cafe at the Nursery.
 - Fort Valley Nursery Garden Center is located at 1175 Hisey Avenue, Woodstock, VA 22664

Travel Opportunities:

- **Vesterheim, The National Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center**
 - Explore a Thousand Years of Norway, June 20-July 2, 2019
 - Norway and Denmark Textile Study Tour, June 17- June 29, 2019
 - More information at <https://vesterheim.org/>

Classified Ads:

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

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

[Drop Spindle Kits](#)

[Schacht DT Matchless Spinning Wheel \\$900](#)

[Schacht Wolf Pup, \\$1000](#)

[Majacraft Suzie Spinning Wheel and Accessories \\$500](#)

Free: Språng How-To videos by Kristen Hughes at
www.youtube.com/user/thesojourningspinner

In Search of:

- Forsyth Wool Combs. If you have a pair that aren't getting the love they deserve, she'd be happy to give them a new home! Contact krzykar@yahoo.com if you have these or other wool combs for sale
- Rigid Heddle Loom, no bigger than 20", Ashford or Schacht preferred. Contact krzykar@yahoo.com
- Rigid Heddle Loom that accommodates two heddles. edie@edieeckman.com
- "Big" Drum carder for merino and merino-tencel roving sctremaine@gmail.com

Newsletter:

- The guild newsletter will be sent by email on or about the 1st of each month to all active members.
- Please submit all items for the newsletter by the 23rd of each month to newsletter@cvfg.org

Sarah Saulson Workshops Registration

Registration is now open for our next workshops offered by the Handweavers Guild of the New River Valley on May 17-18th, 2019 and May 20-22nd, 2019 and taught by Sarah Saulson. Linked below each workshop description is the online registration form where you can submit your registration. All payments must be made at a guild meeting or via mail.

About the Artist: Sarah Saulson started weaving as a child in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and has pursued fiber arts as her full-time profession for more than two decades. For many years Sarah sold her handwoven fashion accessories at juried craft shows, including ACC shows and retail craft shows in the northeast and mid-Atlantic.

Sarah attended art school at Syracuse University and received an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Wellesley College. This has fueled her interest in ethnic textiles and processes and has resulted in the privilege of working with and supporting contemporary weavers in Ghana and Guatemala.

Teaching in a variety of contexts has become an important part of her weaving life. In addition to working with adult learners throughout in many parts of the country and children in local schools, Sarah teaches weaving at Syracuse University. Her students of all ages continue to energize and educate her.

Registration By Mail

For any guild member who is not comfortable with online registration, please fill out the registration form online, print it, and mail with your check to the workshop coordinator, Linda Hayes. If you are not able to pay at the January guild meeting, please mail your payment with a copy of your registration.

Please email Linda at riverbendlady@gmail.com to let her know that you are mailing your form and payment and to hold your space. To help level the playing field for people who mail their registration or check, these registrations will have a 7-day grace period for all forms and payments to be received.

Make all checks payable to HWGNRV.

Mailing Address for Linda Hayes - PO Box 175, Pembroke, VA 24136.

Questions? Please call Meridith Entingh 540-589-9437 or Linda Hayes 540-599-6400

Double Your Pleasure: Welcome to 4-Shaft Doubleweave

Date: Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 8:30 am Arrival

Cost \$130 Member \$155 Non-Member

Location: New Horizons Healthcare, 3716 Melrose Ave NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Maximum Number of Participants: 12

Workshop Description: In this workshop, we will learn about four-shaft double weave by weaving cute doubleweave projects. Each item is actually a sample of a different doubleweave technique. We will weave double-width cloth, connect layers on the top, bottom and sides, weave tubes and flaps, stuffed items, and more. By the end of the workshop, you are guaranteed to fully understand the simple logic of 4-shaft doubleweave, and you will have had lots of fun along the way.

Level: participants must be able to warp a loom and understand the basics of 4-shaft weaving and drafting.

Register [here](#)

Freedom of Expression: Painting Warps on Loom

Dates: Monday, May 20 – Wednesday, May 23, 2019

Cost \$140 Member \$165 Non-Member

Location: Meadowbrook Community Center, 267 Alleghany Spring Rd, Shawsville, VA 24162

Maximum Number of Participants: 15

Workshop Description: In this dyeing and weaving workshop, we will have lots of spontaneous fun painting warps with fiber reactive dyes after the loom is warped. This wonderful technique allows weavers to work with color and pattern in a loose, free, expressive way, creating large-scale abstract forms. We will paint enough warp to explore the possibilities of the technique, and for 1 or 2 scarves. Using Fiber Reactive dyes, we will learn how to mix our own colors working from primary hues. The workshop is primarily hands-on but includes lectures and handouts on dye technique and safety, basic color theory, and special considerations when

weaving painted warps. Students bring pre-warped table or floor looms to the workshop.

Level: participants should be confident with warping the loom and have a basic understanding of 4-shaft weaving. The workshop space needs running water nearby and table space for each student.

Register [here](#)

Registration Form: Swedish Towels

Date	Title	Instructor	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
March 30-31 2019	Weaving Swedish towels	Melissa Weaver Dunning	\$125	\$175

Course Description: Using traditional Swedish weaves, ie monk's belt, daldrall (overshot), halvdrall, rosepath, crackle, twills, Swedish lace and more, participants will weave 8/2 cotton and cotton/linen towels. There will also be a discussion of weave structures, history, and simple finishing. Participants must be able to warp a loom.

Location: The Art League of Alexandria Madison Avenue Annex.
305 Madison Street, Alexandria VA

Complete this form and mail it together with your check, payable to Waterford Weavers Guild, to Caroline Harlow, 1332 R Street NW, Washington DC 20009.

Please print clearly:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please describe the loom you will bring to the workshop including number of shafts.

Please describe your weaving experience as a beginning, intermediate, or advanced weaver.

Amount enclosed: _____

Workshop fees are nonrefundable and due at the time of registration. Participants will be notified by March 3 if the workshop is cancelled. In that event, all fees will be returned. All registrants in excess of the first 18 will be placed on a waiting list according to their registration date. If a registrant is unable to attend and there is someone on the wait list, the first person on the wait list may take that person's place and the original registrant's fees will be refunded.