

DONATIONS TO PFAG

For the most part, we are unable to accept donations of fiber, yarn, fabric or equipment because we don't have the people or facilities to handle, store and distribute things. We do hold a fund-raising auction in December of every even-numbered year. As we get close to that date (September of that year), we may be able to include something in the auction, as long as it's fiber-related and in good condition. The next auction is December 2016. Note that donors must pick up anything that doesn't sell.

However, we are happy to accept fiber arts books throughout the year. Please contact our librarian if you would like to make a donation to the Guild library: librarian@potomacfiberartsguild.org. No magazines or videotapes, please.

We can also make some suggestions for your other items:

If you're a guild member, feel free to post your items for sale on our Yahoo group. If not, you're welcome to advertise large items, yard sales, etc., in our member newsletter. Details and cost can be found at:

<http://www.potomacfiberartsguild.org/guild/page04c.shtml>

Some other possibilities that may be helpful:

To sell looms, spinning wheels, fiber and fiber equipment, try the Spinners' and Weavers' Housecleaning Pages. Listing is free:

<http://kbbspin.org/>

To sell locally through Craigslist, try the Arts and Crafts section:

<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/doc/> (DC, VA and MD)

or give things away on craigslist's free section.

ScrapDC is a nonprofit that takes arts and crafts supplies, including yarn, fabric and equipment. Here's the info on how to donate and a link to what they'll accept:

<http://scrapdc.org/donate/how-to-donate/>

Upcycle Creative Reuse Center in Alexandria also accepts some arts and crafts supplies:

<http://www.upcyclecrc.org/donations.html>

Try freecycle to give things away to people who will pick them up. Freecycle operates through Yahoo mailing lists and online postings. See <https://www.freecycle.org/> for a group in your area. Bethesda/Chevy Chase is:

https://groups.freecycle.org/group/Bethesda_ChevyChaseMD/posts/all

The thrift shop at Ft. Myer also takes arts and crafts supplies and sales benefit military families:

<http://www.fortmyerthriftshop.org/>

Several groups have recently requested donations of yarn and equipment on Ravelry. These have no affiliation to our guild, but the information listed here may be useful.

Project Knitwell takes yarn and needles. Specifications:

http://projectknitwell.org/?page_id=9

Calvary Women's Services (www.calvaryservices.org) offers housing, health, employment and education programs that empower homeless women in Washington, DC to change their lives. Our programs carry out our mission to offer "a safe, caring place for tonight; support, hope and change for tomorrow." Currently, we have a yarn works class hosted through our Educational Services known at Calvary as LEAP (Life Skills, Education and Arts Programming). This program empowers women with the basic education and skills they need to successfully move out of homelessness. The Yarn Works group happens every Friday and allows women to set and accomplish goals while enjoying a wonderful hobby.

Currently, we are in need of yarn! Yarn of any color, texture or thickness! The group has become quite popular and the women are quickly moving through projects.

Montgomery County's RSVP Program (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) has wonderfully talented seniors at various senior centers making knitted and crocheted items for those in need – newborns, children, area homeless and low-income seniors. But our production has come to a grinding halt because our yarn cupboard is bare. Our groups have grown in size but our yarn donations can't keep up with their fast-flying fingers.

We appreciate any donations of acrylic yarn, particularly baby yarn.

If you have a yarn stash in your basement that you are never going to get around to, please consider donating it our RSVP Yarners. They will do wonders with it and everything gets donated to those in need.

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Waverly House, at 4521 East West Highway in Bethesda, in Montgomery County housing and is home for many seniors. I've made many yarn donations there over the years - they'll take knitting needles, too - and they're always very happy to get both. Nancy Davachi is the contact, (301) 986-0054.

If you know of any other organization that accepts fiber-related donations, feel free to email outreach@potomacfiberartsguild.org, and we can add them to this list.