



MAFA News

July/August 2021

Please share this newsletter with your guild

President's Message

What a conference! It was wonderful to see so many of you at classes and to know you were streaming the lectures and special events. I hope the Keynote address from Jane Dunnewold was as moving for you as it was for me. I can tell from your comments that you enjoyed the Fiber Art Exhibit, Fashion Show, and Towel Exchange as much as I did. After the year and more we have experienced I know I appreciated being with my fiber family to learn and share. Hats off to our Conference Committee and Chair for their hard work, high standards and superb results!

Conference attendees should take advantage of the opportunity to watch videos of the classes you registered for, as well as the streamed events. Videos will be available until July 15. You can also see our vendors' videos through the end of July. Please support our vendors and shop through the site.

Our Reps Assembly, postponed from Conference weekend, will take place July 27. I look forward to being with our Reps, getting your input about our plans for the future. We will also hold an election for the Executive Board at that assembly.

MAFA is powered by volunteers. I know many of you have been involved in making this virtual conference a success. I hope you will share the joy of volunteering with your guild members and encourage them to get involved. If you weren't part of this year's team, I hope you'll consider joining the conference committee for 2023.

Stay cool and stay safe.

Warm regards,
Helena Valentine, MAFA President
president@mafafiber.org

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Important Dates

- July 15, 2021, Last day to watch class recordings.
 - July 15, 2021, Conference and class surveys due.
 - July 27, 2021, 7 p.m. Reps Assembly and Elections, on Zoom
 - July 30, 2021, Last day to watch demo and lecture recordings.
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Elections for MAFA Board, 2021-23

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate for the MAFA Board for 2021-23 which will be voted on at the Reps Meeting on July 27.

President - Margaret Briggs

First VP/Communications - Laura Womack

Second VP/Conference Chair - Carol Steuer

Treasurer - Liz Heine

Secretary - Patty Chrisman

Nominating Committee 2023-25 - Karen Miller, Helena Valentine

Emails will go out soon to the MAFA Representatives of each guild with the details of the voting process.

Bios of the Nominated Candidates can be found on our website [here](#).

---Karen Miller and Elisa Eiger, Nominating Committee for 2021-23

Conference 2021 Update

MAFA 2021- Our “Virtual” Creative Community

We did it!!

Despite naysayers, distance, technical hurdles, and lots of committee meetings wondering what in the world to do, we did it.

We created a community, virtually, for a few days. Many were MAFA members from near and far, but our winner for distance was a classmate from New Zealand!

We encouraged teachers to think about teaching in a new way. And we provided an opportunity for attendees to think about learning in a new way.

We closed the conference with 842 registrations. So, THANK YOU for coming to MAFA 2021!

Thank you to our talented and dedicated teachers who joined us on this adventure.

Thank you to our vendors who have had a tough year with no festivals and conferences. Remember the vendor hall will stay open until the end of July, so please go shopping and use the coupon codes they offered.

Thank you to our conference sponsors, please visit them and if you are inclined send them a note of thanks. See our guild sponsors below.

Thank you to the MAFA board for the courage to try a virtual conference -- in hindsight, boy was that the right decision.

Last but not least, my deep gratitude goes to the conference committee who embraced the virtual conference idea, in many cases shifted from their original tasks to do something completely different, who acted as advisors and sounding board for me, and who sometimes had to reel me in when my ideas got a little too big.

Thank you again for attending the conference!

Margaret Briggs, MAFA 2021 Conference Coordinator
conference@mafafiber.org

Thank you to the entire 2021 Conference Committee!!!

Find a full list of committee members here: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2021/.

Give us feedback on the conference - the overall conference survey will be open through July 15th, here: forms.gle/qwxzZHRs38uoPVjr921/shop.

Individual session surveys are in the Attendee Hub until June 30th, here: cvent.me/Rq4wR3. Look for the *Have Feedback?* notice on the home page, or look for the Survey icon in each class or event.

Thank you to Guild Sponsors of Conference Events!

Remember to add MAFA to your guild budget for roundtable sponsorships in 2022, and the conference in 2023.

Find all our conference sponsors here: mafafiber.org/sponsors/.

In particular, I'd like to thank the following guilds for their support:

- Harmony Weavers Guild - Fashion Show and Exhibit
- Triangle Weavers Guild - Fiber Art Exhibit
- Lancaster Spinners and Weavers Guild - Lecture Sponsor
- Westfield Weavers Guild - Lecture Sponsor
- Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild - Class Sponsor
- Jockey Hollow Weavers - Class Sponsor
- New York Guild of Handweavers - Class Sponsor

Missing that MAFA tote bag and water bottle? Purchase souvenir items at the MAFA Logo Shop: www.redbubble.com/people/MAFA2021/shop.

Grants Committee News

MAFA Grants for 2022

MAFA will begin accepting online applications in September for grant awards to be used in 2022. Please check the Grants Page after Labor Day for recent updates and changes to the grant guidelines and application form.

Once again, applicants may request an early decision for projects and events that kick off early in the year. To secure an early decision, please submit your application by **November 1st** and check the “early decision” box. We will make every effort to have a decision by early January. No more than 50% of the funds available for MAFA grants may be awarded on early decision.

The deadline for all applications for 2022 MAFA grants will be **January 10th, 2022**.

Interested in a MAFA Grant?

- Read the detailed guidelines and reporting requirements on the [MAFA Grants page](#)
- Check out our recent [slideshow](#) on the grants process
- Read the [reports](#) of successful grant projects
- Download the latest version of the [application preview](#) (Rev. Sept. 2020)
- [Online applications](#) will be accepted in the Fall.

Questions? Contact grants@mafafiber.org.

Conference Fellowships will return in 2023

To learn more about Conference Fellowships:

- Check out the [fellowship guidelines](#) and application preview at mafafiber.org
- Read [reports](#) from previous Conference Fellows

Want to get involved on the Grants Committee?

The Grants Committee welcomes new members annually. For more information or to express interest, contact grants@mafafiber.org. You can also volunteer when you complete the 2021 Conference survey.

Member News

Upcoming Guild Roundtables 2021

UP NEXT: Reps Meeting: July 27 at 7 p.m.: Elections plus a group discussion on “Are Guilds Going Hybrid?” Please share your guild’s plans for moving forward: will you go back to in person meetings, Zoom meetings or a combination? This is a reps only meeting. If you have not already registered to attend, please do so here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvd-2rrjwsGdx7CHsFLlv4LUQorAoZlo5X>

September 28 - MAFA Grant Showcase

November 23 - Francis Irwin Handweavers, will discuss their MAFA Grant project: “Linen the Journey From *“Seed to Cloth”* (presentation and discussion).

Did you miss the previous roundtables? Find links to meeting notes and recordings of the meetings on the Reps Corner page of the MAFA website, here:

<https://mafafiber.org/guild-resources/reps-corner/>

The MAFA Roundtables are ultimately designed to help support the guild representatives. I would love to hear your ideas as to what would interest and be helpful to you. You can reach me at the same Membership email address, membership@mafafiber.org.

Sara Robbins, First VP and Membership Coordinator

Upcoming Guild Events

Let us help you publicize your guild exhibits, workshops, events and sales! Visit the Guild Events listing on the website here: mafafiber.org/events/. Submit information on events, workshops, programs and sales for the website and newsletter by submitting the online form here: mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/. You may also email newsletter items to firstvp@mafafiber.org before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

Textile News in Our Region and Beyond

Exhibits, Festivals, Events & Online Fiber Arts

New opportunities in this issue:

Exhibits

The Morris Museum: <https://morrismuseum.org/>. *The Social Fabric: Black Artistry in Fiber Arts, An Exhibition in Homage to Viki Craig*. Morristown, NJ. *Now - October 24*

Weaving Re-Imagined: <http://newhopearts.org/default.aspx?pg=1584>, New Hope Arts Center. New Hope, PA. *Now - July 18*

Sleep Tight! Bed Covers and Wall Hangings from Throughout the World: <https://www.allentownartmuseum.org/exhibitions/sleep-tight-bedcovers-and-hangings-from-around-the-world/>, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA. *Now - September 12*

Making Matters: Fresh Perspectives in Fine Craft: <https://www.petersvalleygallery.org/>. Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, NJ. *Now - Aug. 17*

Jack - Larger than Life: <https://longhouse.org/pages/jack-larger-than-life>. LongHouse Reserve, East Hampton, NY. *Now - Sept. 5*

FabricAs... https://fabricworkshopandmuseum.org/exhibition/fabric-as/?doing_wp_cr on=1624992795.1726489067077636718750. The Fabric Workshop & Museum, Philadelphia, PA. *Now - Oct 10*

Craft Front & Center: <https://madmuseum.org/exhibition/craft-front-center> Museum of Arts & Design (MAD). New York City, NY. *Now - Feb 13, 2022*

Abstranded: Fiber and Abstraction in Contemporary Art: <https://everson.org/explore/upcoming-exhibitions/abstranded-fiber-and-abstraction-in-contemporary-art>, Everson Museum of Art. Syracuse, NY. *Coming Soon*

Events:

New England Weavers Seminars virtual: <https://www.newenglandweavers.org/>, *July 17-18*

Coverlet College in person: <https://www.coverletmuseum.org/events.htm> National Museum of the American Coverlet, Bedford, PA. *Sept 24-26*

Spinning & Weaving Week: <https://weavespindye.org>, Oct 4-10. *Virtual*

Weaving History Conference: <https://tiartscenter.org/weaving-history-conference/>,
October 25-27. Virtual

Festivals:

Lehigh High Valley Fiber Festival: <https://www.lvfiberfest.com/>. Macungie, PA.
September 11-12

Endless Mountain Fiber Festival: <http://www.endlessmountainsfiberfest.com/>. New
Milford, PA. *September 11-12*

Fall Fiber Festival and Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials: <https://fallfiberfestival.org/>.
Montpelier Station, VA. *October 2-3*

Kings County Fiber Festival: <http://www.kingscountyfiberfestival.org/>. Brooklyn,
NY. *October 9.*

New York Sheep and Wool Festival: <https://www.virtual.sheepandwool.com/41>.
Rhinebeck, NY onsite and online. *October 16-17.*

Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival: <https://saffsite.org/saff-2017-info/>. Fletcher,
NC. *October 22-24.*

In previous issue:

The McLean Textile Gallery: <https://www.themcleantextilegallery.com/>, McLean, VA
The McLean Textile Gallery is the first venue in McLean solely devoted to textile
creations and art. Established in December 2020 by Nancy Preston, owner of The Quilt
Shop of McLean, the gallery showcases published, award-winning talent and
identifiable contemporary art styles each month.

LehighValley Fiber Festival, September 11 -12 m, 2021, Macungie Memorial Park,
Macungie, PA, <https://www.lvfiberfest.com/>

2021 Maryland Alpaca and Fleece Festival, Nov. 13 and 14, 2021, Howard Co.
Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD,
<https://howardcountyfairmd.com/events/maryland-alpacas-and-fleece-festival/>,

Ongoing events:

NEW - Pattern and Purpose: American Quilts from Shelburne Museum,
<https://shelburnemuseum.org/>

Tatter: A Gathering of Material Culture, is offering online classes.
<https://www.tatter.org/stitching-classes-index>

HGA - Handweavers Guild of America: Textiles and Tea. The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) is excited to announce our new program for 2021: Textiles & Tea. Every Tuesday at 4 PM (EST) HGA will host a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. In our 45-minute discussion we will focus on their artwork and their creative journey. We will allow 15 minutes at the end of our conversation for questions from the audience. Make a cup of your favorite tea and join us as we talk about fiber, creativity, inspiration, process and so much more. <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles: <https://www.sjqmilmuseum.org/>

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. They have a beautiful and extensive textile exhibit (available in English).
<https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/rijksstudio/works-of-art/textiles>

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia - Exhibits all forms of fiber work, including weaving, knitting, crocheting, sewing, surface design, and more, in 11 juried shows each year. More info at www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com/.

Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - The museum's purpose is to stimulate experimentation among leading contemporary artists and to share the process of creating works of art with the public. They have various exhibits and a permanent collection, as well as studio facilities, equipment, and expert technicians on-site. Find more info at fabricworkshopandmuseum.org/.

Alling Coverlet Museum, in Palmyra NY, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. historicpalmyrany.com/alling.htm

Need to Update Your Guild Info? Looking for MAFA Resources?

Submit your **updated guild info, officers, Rep, or meeting times** online using this form: <https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/>

Submit **guild events** here: <https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/>

We would love for you to **submit a guild profile** here: <https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-profile-submission/>

As always, you may send any event info or changes to your Reps, officers, or meeting dates/times to the MAFA Membership Chair at membership@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Website: MAFA has created an entirely new website, most of our resources are located there, and we encourage you to explore to see what we have to offer. Of particular interest to member guilds will be the Guild pages, the Guild Resources & Reps' Corner, and the Fiber Resources pages.

NOTE: If your guild hasn't already, please ask your web person to add a link to MAFA at <https://mafafiber.org/> and let me know if you want a MAFA logo for your website.

- Under the website [Guilds](#) tab, you will find our list of all member guilds, sorted by state, as well as on a Google Map.
- Under the [Guild Resources](#) tab you will find links to the Rep's Corner with current and past newsletters and our Role of the Rep document; info on guild administration topics; and program suggestions.
- MAFA can **host your guild website**. If you are interested in having us create and host a website for your guild, please email webmaster@mafafiber.org.
- Check out the [Fiber Resources](#) pages on the website to find info on exhibits, events, festivals, schools, other conferences, and much more. If you have a resource to add, use the online form linked in the sidebar and found here: <https://mafafiber.org/submit-a-resource/>.

MAFA Reps Groups.io: Reps, Guild officers, and Program Chairs, be sure to join the mafareps group at groups.io/g/mafareps. To join, click on "Apply for Membership in this Group", or email me for an invite. We particularly want guilds to enter program, workshop and instructor info in our Programs database here: groups.io/g/mafareps/table?id=3297.

MAFA on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MidAtlanticFiberAssociation/

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MAFA on Twitter: twitter.com/MAFAfiber

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