



MAFA News

November/December 2021

Please share this newsletter with your guild

President's Message

I am so happy to be continuing on the MAFA board, though in a new role as president. In case you don't already know me and our other board members, you can find MAFA officer bios and email addresses on the website under Contact Us/Meet MAFA's Officers, here: <https://mafafiber.org/about-us/contact-us/mafa-officer-bios/>.

It's been an exciting past two years, and we are all looking forward to what we can accomplish in the next two years. We started conversations about diversity and inclusiveness, and that work will continue and hopefully grow under the guidance of our past president Helena Valentine because it's important to engage all who are interested in fiber arts.

Who would have thought a global pandemic would help strengthen our organization and bring all our members together in new ways. But that's exactly what it did. For a start, through Zoom meetings. They allowed us to continue meeting as guilds, to bring far-flung members back into the fold, and to attend programs and take classes anywhere in the world. For MAFA, we offered use of two Zoom accounts to all guilds, and we started the guild roundtable series that we plan to continue and expand going into next year with programs for all members. And, most importantly, video conferencing allowed us to have a 2021 conference anyway.

Our biggest takeaway from that virtual conference was the ability we found to engage MAFA members across our entire geographic area, many of whom can't attend in-person conferences. Now we want to keep all our members connected in the future, and my goals as president include exploring ways we can keep that engagement, offer programs beyond just the conference, and expand our outreach efforts—both on our own, and through guild grants.

I welcome your suggestions for how MAFA can better support your guilds. Feel free to email me any time.

Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President
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Important Dates

- November 23, 2021: Final Guild Roundtable for 2021: Francis Irwin Handweavers, will discuss their MAFA Grant project: "Linen the Journey From *"Seed to Cloth"* (presentation and discussion).
 - January 10, 2022: 2022 Grant Applications Due
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Member News

Minutes of the Reps Meeting on October 26:

Find the minutes on the Reps Corner on the MAFA website, or here:

mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/Reps-Meetings/RepsMeetingMinutes20211026.pdf.

And the recording is here: https://youtu.be/awkA3X_rfzo.

Next Guild Roundtable:

Linen, the Journey from Seed to Cloth: November 23 at 7 pm.

Please join us for the next MAFA roundtable on Tuesday, November 23 to hear the Francis Irwin Handweavers present their grant project from start to finish: Linen, the Journey from Seed to Cloth. Learn about their whole process: planting, harvesting, preparing the flax for spinning, spinning, and finally, weaving, their setbacks and recovery.

This roundtable is open to all MAFA guild members. Register to attend at:

us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZakdeyprDksHdB47iM8oRGFAV-JSLtoKvgv

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Recordings:

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.

MAFA Zoom Account

If your guild has scheduled virtual meetings through the MAFA Zoom account, but for any reason need to cancel, please let Patty Chrisman, MAFA Secretary (and Zoom Administrator) know prior to the meeting date. You can reach Patty at Secretary@mafafiber.org.

Sara Robbins, Membership Chair

membership@mafafiber.org

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.

MAFA Conference 2023

Instructors needed!

It's hard to believe that we're already starting to work on the next conference. Our first task is to send out the invitations for instructors. We are compiling a list of people who teach weaving, spinning, dyeing, basket weaving and other fiber arts. If you or your guild members know of good teachers or you had a wonderful speaker at your recent meeting, please send the information (name, email, short description of fiber speciality) to education@mafafiber.org.

Millersville, here we come

Save the Date: The MAFA 2023 Conference will be held at Millersville University (near Lancaster, PA), June 22 - 25, 2023.

Carol Steuer, MAFA 2023 Conference Coordinator
conference@mafafiber.org

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.

New: Triangle Weavers Show and Sale: November 6, 10 am to 4 pm., Virtual at <https://www.triangleweavers.org/vendors2021.html>, Durham, NC.

New: Hudson Mohawk Weavers Guild 43 rd Annual Sale:

43rd Annual Show & Sale, Friday, 11/12 from 2 - 8:30 pm, Saturday, 11/13 from 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday, 11/14 from 10 am - 4 pm, Pat's Barn 110 Defreest Dr., Rensselaer, NY, <https://www.hmwg.org/show>

Handweavers of Bucks Co. Annual Show and Sale: Trinity Episcopal Church of Buckingham, 2631 Durham Road, Buckingham, PA., November 19-21.
<https://www.hwbcguild.org/>

Textile News in Our Region and Beyond

Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

Events:

No new events

Festivals:

MD Alpaca and Fleece Festival: <http://www.marylandalpacas.org/>. Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairground Road, West Friendship, Maryland 21794. *November 13-14.*

Exhibits

New: MAYAN TRAJE - A Tradition in Transition, Down Jersey Folklife Center at Wheaton Arts 1000 Village Drive, Millville, NJ 08332 [hBps://www.wheatonarts.org](http://www.wheatonarts.org)
September 24—December 31

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. *Sept. 18, 2021 - January 2, 2022*

Ongoing:

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.

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/

MAFA on Ravelry: www.ravelry.com/groups/midatlantic-fiber-association

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