



MAFA News

January/February 2022

Please share this newsletter with your guild

President's Message

Happy New Year!

Let's hope 2022 brings us lots of fiber activities, in whatever form. I know we all thought we'd be back to "normal" by now, but fortunately there are lots of virtual opportunities to learn about fiber arts and be part of various communities. MAFA has a number of things in the planning stage to bring you virtual programs and activities throughout this year and leading up to the in-person conference. Reps, we'll post details in the newsletter and in special email announcements, so be sure to forward information to all your guild members.

Our first 2022 roundtable will be January 25th, and is open to all MAFA members. See details and a registration link on the next page. We would love to hear your suggestions for lectures and programs you would like to see later this year. Email those to me or to Sara Robbins at membership@mafafiber.org.

Remember the deadline for guild grants is coming up on January 10th! We have also started studying the feasibility of a "micro-grant" program, for projects that are small in scope that may have a simplified application and rolling deadlines.

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

Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President
president@mafafiber.org

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Important Dates

- January 10, 2022: 2022 Grant Applications Due
 - January 25, 2022: MAFA Roundtable
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Member News

Next Guild Roundtable

Panel Discussion with Regional Fibersheds, January 25 at 7 p.m.

Please join us for the next MAFA roundtable on Tuesday, January 25 to hear a panel discussion with the following Fibersheds: New Jersey, Chesapeake, Piedmont, Blue Ridge, Central Appalachia, Pennsylvania and New York.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdOmoqj0sHdUqLmfCHI0o5Y7knjYOgrs9> After registering you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Roundtables

- **March 22 Roundtable (open to all MAFA guild members):** Sarah Woodyard's Hand-Sewing Journey: From 18th-century Dressmaking Apprentice to Modern Day Hand-Sewist. Learn more about Sarah Woodyard at <https://www.sewncompany.com/>.
- **May 24 and September 27: Reps meeting and Guild leadership programs**
- **July 26 and November 22 Roundtable:** Topics TBD. Stay tuned.

Recordings

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

<https://mafafiber.org/guild-resources/meeting-recordings/>.

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 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

The deadline for all applications for 2022 MAFA grants will be **January 10, 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 Angela Fishman at grants@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Conference 2023

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Love hats – traditional, silly, felted, knitted, or mad hatter? We are looking for someone to lead the new Hats Exhibit at the conference. Come up with the categories and criteria, create the application, keep track of the entries, and stage the exhibition at the conference. Work starts July 2022 and continues until June 2023. Send an email to Carol at conference@mafafiber.org

Instructors needed!

Invitations for instructors have been sent out, but we're still interested in expanding our 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.

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 membership@mafafiber.org before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

Events

New - *Handweavers Guild of America 25th Convergence*. July 22, 2022, July 15 through July 21, 2022. <https://weavespindye.org/schedule-and-registration/>

New - *Spindle and Dyepot Calendar of Events*: <https://weavespindye.org/calendar/>

Festivals

New: *Maryland Sheep and Wool Winterfest*: Virtual. January 29 and 30. <https://www.lessonface.com/sheepandwool>

New - *Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival*. May 7 and 8, 2022. Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. <https://sheepandwool.org/>

Exhibits

Craft Front & Center: <https://madmuseum.org/exhibition/craft-front-center>
Museum of Arts & Design (MAD). New York City, NY. *Now - Feb 13, 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.sjqmusem.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. historicpalmyra.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. MAFA is currently hosting 15 guild websites.
- 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.

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