



# MAFA News

## July/August 2019

**Please share this newsletter with your guild**

### President's Message

Another conference—and what a wonderful time we all had! Inspiring workshops, fun and games in the marketplace, marvellous exhibits, lots of opportunities to shop, eat and chat with friends, old and new. More than 400 attendees! Forty percent of them first-timers to our conference! The board and committee members are busy reading all the survey forms to make sure we understand any issues that came up and to glean ideas for improving MAFA 2021.

Special thanks to our Conference Coordinator, Theresa Hill, and all of her committee members for all their hours of hard work organizing this very special event. And to the many individuals who volunteered at the conference, helping to make it such a successful event. We were very pleased, too, with the support we received at Millersville University, and look forward to announcing the date for our 2021 conference in a few weeks.

One important event taking place at the conference was the MAFA Representatives Assembly—one of the few times our reps are able to actually get together in person. We had a good discussion about some of the other things MAFA is doing outside of the conference.

We also held our election for new officers, and unanimously elected the following slate:

President:	Helena Valentine
First Vice President:	Sara Keene Robbins
Second Vice President:	Margaret Briggs
Secretary:	Patty Chrisman
Treasurer:	Marla Campbell

This board will take office on October 1 and will serve through September, 2021.

Next up—MAFA Guild Grants—so get your thinking caps on and start preparing your proposals. Application forms will be available on our website September 1 and must be submitted by November 1.

Stay cool and enjoy your summer!

*Karen Miller, MAFA President*  
[president@mafafiber.org](mailto:president@mafafiber.org)

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## Important Dates

- September 1, 2019 - MAFA Grant application available
  - October 1, 2019 - MAFA Reps' Meeting via teleconference, 7 p.m., agenda and call-in info will be emailed to Reps in September
  - November 1, 2019 - MAFA Grant application deadline
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## Conference 2019 - United in Fiber

**Thank you! Thank you! THANK YOU!**

You have made the United in Fiber - 2019 Conference a successful event. Because of your feedback to prior surveys, you gave us a springboard from which to launch this conference. Look for a conference survey soon, and make sure you let us know how we did. Your continued support keeps MAFA going strong. I hope that each and every one of you enjoyed your time with us, and I look forward to seeing you again in 2021!

*Theresa Hill, MAFA Conference Chair*



Stay tuned for a complete conference report in the September/October issue!

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# Reps' Assembly Minutes

Find the minutes of the June 29, 2019 meeting [on the MAFA website](#).

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## Social Media Coordinators

MAFA needs volunteers interested in overseeing Ravelry and Weavolution social media networks, in particular, but would also welcome assistance with Facebook and Instagram accounts.

For more details, contact: [firstvp@mafafiber.org](mailto:firstvp@mafafiber.org).

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## Grants Committee News

### **Applications for 2020 Grants due by November 1, 2019**

Where to start?

- Read the detailed guidelines and reporting requirements on the [MAFA Grants page](#).
- Read [reports](#) of successful grant projects. The reports include advice for future applicants planning similar projects.
- Download the [grants brochure](#) and [application preview](#). The online application form will be available beginning September 1, 2019

Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org)

### **Grants Committee Seeks New Members**

New members will be appointed to an initial two year term beginning in January 2020. The Committee reviews grant and fellowship applications and recommend awards to the MAFA Board. We also review and approve the grant and fellowship final reports.

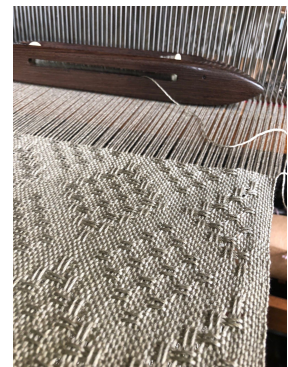
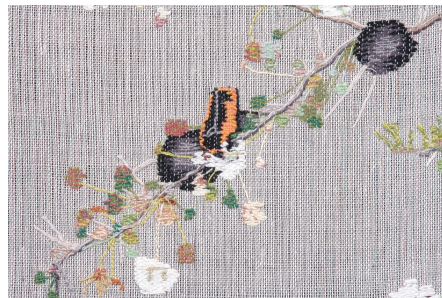
Please send expressions of interest to [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org) no later than September 1, 2019.

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# Upcoming Guild Events

Let us help you publicize your guild exhibits, workshops, outreach events and sales! Visit the new and improved **Guild Events** listing on the website here: [mafafiber.org/events/](http://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/](http://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/). You may also email newsletter items to [membership@mafafiber.org](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org) before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

The **Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore** (WGGB) is excited to announce their upcoming 70th anniversary show and sale. "A Celebration of Heirloom Quality" takes place from July 15 through August 31, 2019 at the Baltimore County Arts Guild, 1101 Maiden Choice Lane, in Baltimore, MD 21229. The exhibition is open to the public Thursday through Saturday 1 - 5 p.m. and by appointment outside of these hours by calling 410-247-0260. Featuring outstanding work from the guild's current and past members, the show is both a celebration of the guild's growth and its deep history.



This Platinum Anniversary event includes an opening reception on July 11, 6:30-8 p.m., with refreshments and demonstrations. The reception is open to the public. Members of the guild will also be competing for prizes in several categories, adding another exciting element to the event. Many items will be available for purchase as well. Come join us in our celebration of heirloom quality fiber arts, and perhaps take home an heirloom of your own! Find WGGB at [www.wggb.org/](http://www.wggb.org/). WGGB will also host educational programs at the Baltimore County Arts Guild's Free Family Art days on July 13 and August 10 from 2 - 4 p.m. Crafters will learn weaving fundamentals using simple improvised looms that can be later used for at home projects. **These activities are made possible by funding from the Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association.**

# Textile News in Our Region

## **New Professionals Convening: Envisioning Textiles Futures**

July 27, 2019, 12-5 p.m., The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Join the Textile Society of America at the Fabric Workshop and Museum (FWM) in Philadelphia for a panel discussion with Regan de Loggans, Karen Hampton and Lynnette Miranda devoted to envisioning a field that approaches cultural production with justice and equity, and to examine the ways that structures within museums, universities, and informal spaces can support or hinder movement towards a vibrant future in line with these goals. This program is intended for TSA members and curious prospective members who are embedded in institutions and systems as makers, researchers, professors and curators. We invite you bring experiences within your own institutions to the discussion, and hope that you will find new knowledge and connections to take back to your own practice.

The second part of the day will include a tour of *Monumental Cloth, The Flag We Should Know*, Sonya Clark's current exhibition at the FWM, and a behind-the-scenes look at archival boxes from previous artists in residence.

Registration is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Please register by July 22, 2019. Read more and register here:

[https://textilesocietyofamerica.org/tsa\\_events/new-professionals/](https://textilesocietyofamerica.org/tsa_events/new-professionals/)

## **Textile Travels in Guatemala, August 2019**

Join organizer Mari Gray for an adventure in Guatemala, that features sharing creative ideas together with rural partner artisans on a trip that is truly mutually-beneficial for international participants and local artisans alike. For more info visit the website at [kakawdesigns.com/pages/textile-travel-2019](http://kakawdesigns.com/pages/textile-travel-2019) or [download a flyer](#).

## **Handweavers Guild of America, Dyeing Certification (CoE)**

The deadline to apply is September 1, 2019. Find more info on the HGA website at [weavespindye.org/certificate-of-excellence/](http://weavespindye.org/certificate-of-excellence/)

## **Tintes & Textiles Cusco Workshop, September 2019**

Aula Artesana partners with artisans and indigenous communities throughout Peru, sourcing products and developing hands-on immersive workshops. During the first week of September, guests will be immersed in the traditional natural dyeing and weaving techniques of the Andean communities, with time to explore the area and enjoy the beautiful landscapes and amazing food of the Sacred Valley. Find out more about Aula and the workshop at [www.aulaartesana.com](http://www.aulaartesana.com), or email Sonya Radetsky at [sonya@aulaartesana.com](mailto:sonya@aulaartesana.com).

The **Hudson Valley Fiber Arts Network** is a listing directory, marketing & news resource to promote and celebrate the diversity & creativity of the fiber arts community of the greater Hudson Valley region - from New York City to the Canadian border, along the I-87 and Hudson River corridor and surrounding areas. Find their events listings, and info at [www.hudsonvalleyfiberartsnetwork.com/](http://www.hudsonvalleyfiberartsnetwork.com/)



## **Exhibits, Events & Online Fiber Arts**

### **Fiberart International 2019 - An Exhibition of Contemporary Fiber Art**

Through August 24, 2019, Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> in an ongoing series of triennial exhibitions presenting the best in contemporary fiber art, curated this year by Sony Clark, Distinguished Fellow at Virginia Commonwealth University and Jane Sauer, Artist and Gallerist

More info at <https://deborahkruger.com/current-exhibitions/>.

### **Camp: Notes on Fashion**

Through September 8, 2019, New York, New York. The Met Fifth Avenue: Costume Institute's spring 2019 exhibition of more than 250 objects from 17th century to present. More information at:

[https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2019/camp-notes-on-fashion?utm\\_source=Exhibitions&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2019\\_0410\\_Met\\_Exhibitions](https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2019/camp-notes-on-fashion?utm_source=Exhibitions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2019_0410_Met_Exhibitions)

### **Esther and the Dream of One Loving Human Family**

Through March 2024, American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM), Baltimore, Maryland.

Testimonial embroideries created by Holocaust survivor, Esther Nisenthal Krinitz. More info at <http://www.avam.org/>.

### **Domestic Matters: The Uncommon Apron**

August 31 - November 3, 2019, Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, New Jersey. More info at <http://petersvalley.org/html/gallery-exhibitions.cfm>.

## **Ongoing Exhibits**

**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/](http://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/](http://fabricworkshopandmuseum.org/).

**Alling Coverlet Museum**, in Palmyra NY, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. [historicpalmyra.com/alling.htm](http://historicpalmyra.com/alling.htm)

# Need to Update Your Guild Info?

You may submit your **updated guild info** online using this simple form:  
[mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/](http://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/)

Please submit **guild events** here:  
[mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/](http://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/)

We would love for you to submit a **guild profile** here:  
[mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-profile-submission/](http://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](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org).

## MAFA Reps Groups.io Info

Guild representatives (Reps) officers, and program chairs: Join the “mafareps group” at [groups.io/g/mafareps](http://groups.io/g/mafareps). To join, click on “Apply for Membership in this Group”, or email me for an invite at [membership@mafafiber.org](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org). We particularly want guilds to enter program, workshop and instructor info in our Programs & Workshops database here: [groups.io/g/mafareps/table?id=3297](http://groups.io/g/mafareps/table?id=3297).