



# MAFA News

## July/August 2023

**Please share this newsletter with your guild**

### President's Message

**What a great MAFA 2023 Conference! Now onward to the Mini!**

Thank you to our attendees, instructors, vendors, and the marvelous conference committee for the amazing return to an in-person conference. We definitely had some hiccups, but the overwhelming response has been that you loved it – especially our first-timers.

The 2023 Mini Virtual Conference is coming up on July 8-9. Enrollment in classes and the conference pass for the Mini will stay open until class time (or until a class fills), and be sure to enroll in the Conference Pass for our lunchtime lectures, trivia night, morning and afternoon yoga, and informal morning coffees.

**Reps, be sure to join us on July 25th for a business meeting and elections.**

*Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President*  
[president@mafafiber.org](mailto:president@mafafiber.org)

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### Important Dates

**July 8-9:** MAFA 2023 Mini Virtual Conference

**July 25:** MAFA Reps Meeting and Elections, 7 p.m. on Zoom

# Elections for MAFA Board, 2023-25

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate for the 2023-25 MAFA Board which will be voted on at the Reps Meeting on July 25, 2023, at 7 p.m., on Zoom: [us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZAscuyvpjwpG9eVCuDqIMtrpTTGNFA-vqWq](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZAscuyvpjwpG9eVCuDqIMtrpTTGNFA-vqWq)

- President: Margaret Briggs (current President)
- Vice-President: Patty Chrisman (current Secretary)
- Secretary: Valerie Clark Bolton (PGHW)
- Treasurer: Joanna Brandt (Greater Baltimore)

Bios of the nominated candidates will be posted on the website [here](#).

*Karen Miller and Helena Valentine, Nominating Committee for 2023-25*

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## MAFA Virtual

**MAFA 2023 Mini Virtual Conference, July 8-9, 2023!**

**Register here:** [www.lessonface.com/mafa2023mini](http://www.lessonface.com/mafa2023mini)

- Visit the MAFA page on Lessonface to register for ongoing virtual classes: [www.lessonface.com/mafa](http://www.lessonface.com/mafa). (Fall and Winter classes will be posted soon.)
- Join the email list for monthly updates and movie night Zoom links: [eepurl.com/hTauf9](http://eepurl.com/hTauf9).



### Save the Dates for Upcoming Free Lectures

- **September 26:** *To Be Alive Is A Political Act: My Journey As A Black Fiber Artist*, with Karen Hampton.
- **November 28:** *Craftivism*, with Hinda Mandell.

### MAFA Movie Nights

MAFA Movie Nights will be every month on second Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Sign up for the email list to receive a reminder email each month with the Movie Night video info and Zoom link.

**Questions? Suggestions?** If you have an instructor or topic to suggest, have questions, or want to help on the MAFA Virtual committee, email us.

*MAFA Virtual Committee*

[virtual@mafafiber.org](mailto:virtual@mafafiber.org)

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# MAFA Conference 2023

**Thank you for an amazing conference!**



## Attendee Survey

To help us better plan for the 2025 Conference and get constructive feedback to the university, please take a few minutes to complete our Conference Attendee Survey by July 21st, here: <https://forms.gle/dqrfEeD7CYoJdMs56>.

Attendees may submit feedback anonymously, or if you want us to follow up with you, be sure to include your name and email at the end. We do read ALL the surveys, and many of our improvements come from attendee suggestions.

**A big thank you to guilds for all the wonderful goodies!**

*MAFA 2023 Conference Committee*

[conference@mafafiber.org](mailto:conference@mafafiber.org)

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## Grants Committee News

### MAFA Grants for 2023

The Grants Committee is accepting grant applications to be reviewed in August 2023. [mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/](https://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/). This is an additional review added due to the lack of successful grants in 2023. Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org).

### Micro-Grants

Due to the popularity of the micro-grants, MAFA will be continuing the program with the next review to be held the first week of August 2023. These grants are for requests up to \$500. Guilds that received micro-grants in 2022 may apply again in 2023. Details can be found at: [mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/](https://mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/). Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org)

Congratulations to Stitch Buffalo and the Philadelphia Spinners and Weavers Guild on getting micro-grants.

### Conference Fellowships

Congratulations to the following fellows for MAFA 2023: Heidi Brown, Frances Slaterbeck, Lyn Guyer, Chris Field Funk, and Marion Kallok! Great projects are lined up to spread the word about the fiber arts.

## 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](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org).

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## Member News

### MAFA Reps Roundtables

Roundtables are designed to help support the guild representatives and guild leaders on leadership issues. I would love to hear your ideas as to what would be of interest and be helpful to you. You can reach me at [membership@mafafiber.org](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org).

### MAFA Zoom Account

If your guild has scheduled virtual meetings through the MAFA Zoom account, but for any reason you 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](mailto:secretary@mafafiber.org).

*Sara Robbins, Membership Chair*  
[membership@mafafiber.org](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org)

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## Upcoming Guild Events

**Let us help you publicize your guild exhibits, events and sales!** Visit the *Guild Events* listing on the website here: [mafafiber.org/events/](https://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/](https://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.

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## Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

### **Events**

**HGA's Searchable Fiber Arts Calendar:** [weavespindye.org/calendar/](https://weavespindye.org/calendar/)

### **Festivals**

**NEW** <https://localfiber.org/regional-fiber-events/>

## **Ongoing**

**The McLean Textile Gallery**, McLean, Virginia - The gallery is the first venue in McLean solely devoted to textile creations and art. The gallery showcases published, award-winning talent and identifiable contemporary art styles each month. [www.themcleantextilegallery.com/](http://www.themcleantextilegallery.com/)

**Pattern and Purpose: American Quilts from Shelburne Museum**, [shelburnemuseum.org/](http://shelburnemuseum.org/)

**Tatter: A Gathering of Material Culture**, is offering online classes. <https://tatter.org/events/>

**HGA - Handweavers Guild of America: Textiles and Tea**. Every Tuesday at 4 p.m. HGA hosts a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. Each discussion will focus on their artwork and creative journey, with time at the end for questions from the audience. [weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/](http://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/)

**San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles**: [www.sjqUILTmuseum.org/](http://www.sjqUILTmuseum.org/)

**Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam**. They have a beautiful and extensive textile exhibit (available in English). [www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/rijksstudio/works-of-art/textiles](http://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/](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, New York, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. [historicpalmyra.com/alling.htm](http://historicpalmyra.com/alling.htm)

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

Submit your **updated guild info, officers, Rep, or meeting times** online using this form: [mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/](http://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/)

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 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 [mafafiber.org/](http://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](mailto:webmaster@mafafiber.org). MAFA is currently hosting 18 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: [mafafiber.org/submit-a-resource/](http://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](https://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](https://groups.io/g/mafareps/table?id=3297).

**MAFA on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/MidAtlanticFiberAssociation/](https://www.facebook.com/MidAtlanticFiberAssociation/)

**MAFA on Ravelry:** [www.ravelry.com/groups/midatlantic-fiber-association](https://www.ravelry.com/groups/midatlantic-fiber-association)

**MAFA on Twitter:** [twitter.com/MAFAfiber](https://twitter.com/MAFAfiber)

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