



MAFA Message

January 2017 - Guild Representative News

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2017 CONFERENCE!!!

Online Registration and Payment

Registration begins January 2, 2017 at 9 a.m. Click here to register:

<http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org/workshop-registration/>

If you have any questions about registration, check out the latest FAQs on the website at <http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org/faqs/>.

Conference Brochure

If you haven't checked the downloadable PDF conference brochure, you can find it at http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/E420_2017_MAFa_conference_8c.pdf. You can print it as a whole or in sections. Please note that the most recent information will always be posted online.

Grants and Fellowships

MAFA offers financial aid to member guilds as well as to their individual members to support and promote education in the fiber arts.

Guild Grants

Awarded yearly to member guilds and associate members, these grants are based on applications describing how the proposed fiber-related project will educate and/or otherwise benefit the public. Have an idea for a such a project? See if your project fits within the MAFA Grants Program by reviewing the guidelines and the final reports of past recipients at <http://mafafiber.org/grants.php>. To take advantage of grants, submit an application **no later than January 31, 2017**.

Fellowships

Awarded to conference attendees based on applications describing how the attendee plans to utilize the knowledge gained at the conference to further educate others. The criteria, requirements and application can all be found online at: <http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org/fellowships-dorosh-award/>.

Fashion Showcase, Fashion Show and Sample Exchange

Instructions for submitting wearables to the Fashion Showcase and Show and how to participate in the Sample Exchange are included in the conference brochure and online. Note that access to all related forms as well as submissions will be online only. Please encourage your guild members to participate. It's so inspiring to see what talent we have within the association.

Goody Bag Items

If your guild hasn't decided what to make for the conference attendee Goody Bag, it's time! Not only will your small gift bring joy to the conference recipient, these projects provide an opportunity for your guild to work together in a creative learning experience. The Lancaster Spinners and Weavers Guild is coordinating the project and will provide collection information nearer the conference.

MAFA 2015

Elizabeth Ator gathered photographs from the 2015 Conference and put them into a slideshow full of memories for those who attended and a taste of the event for those who have never been. Please share the [slideshow](#) with your guild members as you talk about the conference.

Dates of Note

January 2, 2017 - REGISTRATION OPENS FOR MEMBERS

January 31, 2017 - Deadline for grant applications

February 1, 2017 - Registration opens for non-members

I know some of the above is repetitious, but I continue to get questions on these items from my guild mates, as I'm sure you do. If you have further questions you may contact me at the email address below.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful and exciting New Year.

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In the tapestry of life, we're all connected. Each one of us is a gift to those around us helping each other be who we are, weaving a perfect picture together. ~ Anita Moorjani
