



## **MAFA Message**

### **February 2017 - Guild Representative News**

#### **Online Registration and Payment for the 2017 Conference**

Registration continues for MAFA members and is going smoothly. More than 270 people have already registered for the conference.

Registering online is quick and easy. Click here to register:

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

Please note that registration for non-MAFA members begins February 1, 2017.

#### **Updated Conference Brochure**

The downloadable PDF conference brochure has been updated to correct some misinformation (mostly levels of experience in some workshops) and add some new new information. You can find the updated brochure at:

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

As before, 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 and their individual members to support and promote education in the fiber arts.

#### **Guild Grants**

The deadline for this year's grants has passed. Time to start thinking about guild projects for next year that might qualify for MAFA grants.

## **Fellowships**

Conference attendees interested in 'paying it forward' by sharing knowledge gained at the conference are eligible for fellowship awards.

Criteria, requirements and application are 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 for participating in the Sample Exchange are included in both the conference brochure and online.

- THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FASHION SHOWCASE IS APRIL 15.
- THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP FOR THE SAMPLE EXCHANGE IS JUNE 1.

However, if you have further questions you may contact:

- Carol Ireland at [fashionshow@mafafiber.org](mailto:fashionshow@mafafiber.org) regarding questions about the Fashion Showcase and Show
- Barbara Fornoff at [sample-exchange@mafafiber.org](mailto:sample-exchange@mafafiber.org) regarding questions about the Sample Exchange.

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.

## **Spring Representatives Meeting**

The Spring Representatives Meeting will be held at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland. The time and will be announced closer to the festival.

The Lancaster Spinners and Weavers Guild is coordinating the Goody Bag project and will be collecting goodies before and after the Spring Representatives meeting. Further information will be provided before the festival.

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.

### **Dates of Note**

February 1, 2017 - Registration opens for non-members

May 6, 2017 - Spring Representatives Meeting

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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

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