



MAFA Message

June 2017 - Guild Representative News

May 12, 2017

Conference Update

Registration is now at 385 -- but there are still a few spaces left! See the list of open classes, as well as the latest information about the campus, the workshops, the other conference events, and our vendors on our website at: <http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org>

Open to the Public

The Marketplace with 31 fiber-related vendors, the Fashion Showcase and Sample Books exhibits, as well as special daytime activities will be open:

Thursday, July 20, 1 – 7 p.m.

Friday, July 21, 12 noon – 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 22, 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Special activities in the Marketplace will include:

- **Daytime demonstrations by Bobbin Boy and some of our vendors**
- **Knit-In - Friday, July 21, 1 - 4 p.m.**
- **Spin-In - Saturday, July 22, 1 - 4 p.m.**
- **Book signings - Friday, July 21, 7 - 9 p.m.**

- **Spinning Games - Friday, July 21, 7 - 8 p.m.**

Additional open activities

- **“Sheep and Wool in Story and Song,” with Martha Owen and Melissa Weaver Dunning - Saturday, July 22, 5 - 6 p.m., in the Reighard Multipurpose Room**
- **Open Studio Tour, Saturday, July 22, 7 - 9 p.m.**

Special offer for guild members visiting for the day -- Stay overnight!

MAFA has arranged for Friday and/or Saturday night accommodations for any guild member who wishes to join in the conference activities without taking a class. Come visit the Marketplace, watch the great demonstrations, volunteer for an hour or two. Then have dinner with your guildmates in the Dining Hall and attend Friday evening's Shop Til You Drop activities or Saturday night's Open Studio Tour.

Cost? \$55 per night. All-you-can-eat meals may be purchased in the dining hall: Breakfast at \$4.75, Lunch at \$9.25 or Dinner at \$13.

Register through our registration program on our website here:

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

Daytime Volunteers Needed

And if you are not attending a class, but can volunteer to help us out in the Marketplace or Fashion Showcase, especially during class times, please contact Elizabeth Ator, at volunteercoordinator@mafafiber.org. She will find you something fun to do!

Fashion Show

The deadline has been extended to May 15! More info at
(<http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org/call-entries-spotlight-fashion/>)

Sample Exchange

June 1 - Deadline to apply to participate in Sample Exchange.

- (<http://www.mafa-conference-2017.org/mafa-brings-back-sample-exchange>)

Sample books from previous conferences will be on exhibit at the conference. We will be looking for help to scan the contents of these books so we can post the contents on our website and make them more useful to our members. Think about it and email president@mafafiber.org if you might be interested.

Goodies

Thanks to all of you who brought goodies to the MD Sheep & Wool Festival! If you weren't able to deliver your guild's goodies, you can mail them anytime after mid-June to:

MAFA GOODY BAG ITEMS

c/o Donna Mentzer, Conference Coordinator

1989 Stone Mill Road

Lancaster, PA 17603

Check the website over the coming weeks for updates on:

- **Demonstration schedules**
- **Day tripper activities**
- **Updates on times and locations for Conference activities**
- **Classroom needs**

- Volunteer needs
- Classroom assignments

--Donna Mentzer

MAFA 2017 Conference Coordinator

MAFA Board News

The Reps Assembly at MD Sheep & Wool Festival was well attended, with reps of 25 guilds in attendance. Read the minutes on the [Reps Pages](#) of our website.

Slate of Officers for July Election:

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the 2017-2019 term:

President: Karen Miller

First Vice-President/Communications: Charlene Marietti

Second Vice-President/Conference: Donna Mentzer

Treasurer: Marla Campbell

Secretary: Joan Martin

The election will take place at the Reps Meeting at the conference on the morning of Saturday, July 22, so be sure to attend or send an alternate. Exact time and location is still TBD.

See the candidate statements posted on our website in the [Reps Corner](#).

Special thanks to our Nominating Committee, Suanne Pasquarella (Buffalo, Rochester, and Chautauqua), Mickie Schneider (Central Penn), and Leah Haymaker (FiberArts Guild),

for putting together a slate of officers for our association.

--Elisa Eiger

President, MAFA
