



MAFA News

September/October 2022

Please share this newsletter with your guild

President's Message

Welcome to our newest member guild, the [Handweavers' Guild of Connecticut](#)!

Here's a reminder to all our members, if you belong to an eligible guild that is not a member of MAFA, now is the time to encourage them to [join MAFA](#) and be a part of the 2023 Conference and MAFA Virtual.

We will announce our 2023 workshops and classes in early-September, and I can hardly wait! With our return to in-person, and 42 workshops, it's shaping up to be an exciting conference! MAFA Virtual classes continue to be added, and we're working on plans for a virtual mini-conference after the in-person event. Stay tuned for details.

It's also almost MAFA Grant time! Think about outreach projects that could use grant support.

As always, email me with suggestions for how MAFA can support your guild.

Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President
president@mafafiber.org

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Important Dates

- **September 27: Reps meeting** and guild leadership Roundtable.
- **October 25: FREE Lecture** - Shave 'Em to Save 'Em with Cindra Kerscher.
- **November 22: FREE Lecture** - Weave a Real Peace (WARP)

Member News

MAFA Free Lecture - Open to All MAFA Members

Shave 'Em to Save 'Em with Cindra Kersher

Join us to learn about The Livestock Conservancy's Shave 'Em to save 'Em Initiative (SE2SE). The Livestock Conservancy identifies twenty-four heritage breeds of sheep as endangered. Come learn about these breeds, their wool and fiber and how you can discover them for yourself through the Shave 'Em to Save 'Em Initiative. Find out more here: livestockconservancy.org/.

[Download a Shave 'Em to Save 'Em brochure.](#)



Register to attend at:

<http://www.lessonface.com/apply/Shave-Em-Save-Em>.

About a day before the lecture, you will receive an email with the Zoom link. OR log in to Lessonface and join the lecture from your dashboard.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Free Lectures:

November 22, 2022: Weave a Real Peace (WARP), with Kelsey Wischircher

January 24, 2023: Life on a NJ Sheep Farm, with Anne Choi.

Free Lecture Recordings

Did you miss a previous free lecture? Starting in October, new recordings will be hosted on Lessonface. If we have permission to share recordings longer term, and for 2021 and 2022 recordings, find the video links on the NEW Free Lectures page here:

<https://mafafiber.org/virtual/free-lecture-recordings/>.

MAFA Reps

Our next Reps Meeting will be September 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. We will email a reminder, agenda, and Zoom link before the meeting. We will also continue our MAFA Roundtables at Reps Meetings. 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.

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.

Sara Robbins, Membership Chair
membership@mafafiber.org

NEW MAFA Virtual

Virtual Classes, Free Lectures, Movie Nights!

- Find info and the schedule on the MAFA website here: <https://mafafiber.org/virtual/>.
- Go to the MAFA page on Lessonface to register for classes: <https://www.lessonface.com/mafa>.
- **Join the email list here for monthly updates and movie night Zoom links: eepurl.com/hTauz9.**



Starting September 14th, our first MAFA Movie Night!

MAFA Movie Nights will be every month on second Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Look for an email each month with the Movie Night video info and Zoom link.

Free Lecture Series

NEW Starting with our October [Shave 'Em to Save 'Em talk](#) (see info above), our Free Lectures will move to MAFA Virtual, and be hosted along with our virtual classes on Lessonface.

Free lectures will continue throughout the year, with four to five programs open to all MAFA members and guests. Find the schedule here: <https://mafafiber.org/virtual/>, and register to attend on Lessonface: <https://www.lessonface.com/mafa>.

Upcoming Online Classes (find details on [Lessonface](#))

- Inspirational Fiber Blending with Dia Robinson, November 19, 2022
- Three Doubleweave classes with Leslie Fesperman in December and January.
- Secrets of Shibori with David Heustess, for four weeks starting January 28, 2023.
- Intro to Fiberworks lecture with Maryse Giroux, January 17, 2023.
- Jogakbo Korean stitching with Youngmin Lee, March 25-26, 2023.

Interested in teaching or speaking for MAFA online? Submit a class proposal here: <https://mafafiber.org/virtual/teach-online/>.

Questions? Suggestions? We particularly want to find new and more diverse instructors and topics. If you have an instructor or topic to suggest, have questions, or want to help on the MAFA Virtual committee, email virtual@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Conference 2023

June 22-25, 2023

Millersville University, Millersville, PA



2023 Workshops & Instructors info is posted here:

https://mafafiber.org/sessions/?conference_year=2023.

The conference brochure is due to be published, posted on the website, and emailed to all on the mailing list by mid-October. We will also have registration, exhibit, and event information up on the website at that time!

Encourage your members to join the MAFA email list for updates:

<http://eepurl.com/hTauz9>.

Guilds - Help support conference events with an advertisement:

For 2023, we will be taking advertisements to help support various exhibits, events and happenings at the conference – much as we took sponsorships in 2021. If your guild has a budget for ads or sponsorships, **find details, the list of ad/event opportunities, and the advertiser form, here:**

<https://mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/advertise-at-the-conference/>.

Volunteers:

Want to get involved? We still have positions available! If interested, please email conference@mafafiber.org for details. In particular we're looking for:

- **Instructor Liaisons** - We need 2 to 3 volunteers to help with our instructors. You will act as a point of contact to ensure instructors are getting updates, that we get all needed info and materials from them, and to coordinate with class "angels" before the conference.
- **Communications** - Do you know MailChimp or WordPress? Join us on the Communications Committee.

Goody Bag Items:

Some guilds make small items which we add to attendees' tote bags and often this is done as a guild program. Though we expect to stuff about 500 totes, each guild doesn't have to make that many items as our volunteers will mix and match donations from various guilds. Think small practical items such as tiny pouches, dorset buttons, needle cases, or useful logo items. The idea isn't for guilds to spend a lot of money on this. Items will be shipped to the Goody Bag Coordinator in May 2023 to be sorted before the conference. We'll send out info about shipping next Spring. Questions? Email goody.bags@mafafiber.org.

MAFA 2023 Conference Committee

conference@mafafiber.org

Grants Committee News

MAFA Grants for 2023

The Grants Committee will start accepting applications for the regular grants in September with an early decision deadline of November 1, 2022. Please read the guidelines at <https://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/>. Questions? Contact grants@mafafiber.org.

Micro-Grants

Congratulations to Harmony Weavers Guild and the Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore on receiving micro-grants in the second round! Both addressed technology needs in conducting hybrid meetings. Three more are in the pipeline for September review.

Conference Fellowships will return in 2023

To learn more about Conference Fellowships:

- Check out the fellowship information, and guidelines, and application at <https://mafafiber.org/grants/fellowships/>.
- Read [reports](#) from previous Conference Fellows

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.

The MAFA Recovery Fund Pilot Program

During the past two years, while we have experienced many challenges, we have also had the opportunity to witness many examples of meeting challenges with creativity and generosity. One such example was provided by the Weavers' Guild of Buffalo. In 2020, the guild made a donation to MAFA to acknowledge the efforts we were making to support member guilds during the pandemic. Buffalo suggested setting up a program to provide assistance to persons impacted by disasters. The MAFA board responded by adding money to create such a fund and by establishing a committee to administer it as a pilot program for two years. By the end of that time we hope to know if the program fills a need and whether or not we have the human resources to administer it.

In coming weeks we will be explaining details of how the fund can be accessed. We wish to thank Buffalo for being the catalyst to the establishment of a mutual aid program for our guilds and their members. We'll keep you informed going forward.

Questions? Contact Angela Fishman at grants@mafafiber.org.

Help Support MAFA with Amazon Smile!

Did you know MAFA has an Amazon Smile account and by using it you help support MAFA? It doesn't cost anything to participate. All you need to do when purchasing is do the following (note going through mobile is easier as it remembers the charity after the first time):

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

- Visit smile.amazon.com.
- Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com.
- Select your charity (**MidAtlantic Fiber Association Inc**).
- Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.
- Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

- Open the Amazon Shopping app.
- Navigate to the main menu (=).
- Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile".
- Select your charity (**MidAtlantic Fiber Association Inc**) and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app.
- Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego to learn more.

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/. 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/. You may also email newsletter items to membership@mafafiber.org before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

New: Weavers' Guild of Rochester Holiday Sale, Nov. 4-6, Rochester, NY
<http://www.weaversguildofrochester.org/events/holiday-sale>

Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

Events

HGA's Searchable Fiber Arts Calendar: <https://weavespindye.org/calendar/>

Festivals

PA Endless Mountain Fiber Festival, September 10-11, New Milford, PA,
<https://endlessmountainsfiberfest.com/>

NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival, September 10-11, Lambertville, NJ,
<https://njsheep.net/>

Adirondack Wool and Arts Festival, September 24-25, Greenwich, NY,
<https://www.adkwoolandarts.com/>

Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival, September 24-25, Macungie, PA,
<http://www.lvfiberfest.com/>

Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival, September 24-25, Berryville, VA
<https://www.shenandoahvalleyfiberfestival.com/>

WNY Fiber Festival, October 1, East Aurora, NY, <https://wnyfiberartsfestival.org/>

Fall Fiber Festival of Virginia, October 1-2, Montpelier Station, VA,
<https://fallfiberfestival.org/>

NY Sheep and Wool Festival, October 15-16, Rhinebeck, NY,
<https://sheepandwool.com/>

New: Little York Fall Fiber Festival, Oct. 8-9 Preble, NY
<https://cortlandrep.org/little-york-fall-fiber-arts-festival/>

New: MD Alpaca and Fleece Festival, Nov. 12-13, West Friendship, MD,
<http://www.marylandalpacas.org/page/5822/maryland-alpaca-and-fleece-festival>

Exhibits

New: National Basketry Organization Members Exhibit <https://nbo-exhibits.org/>

Ongoing

The McLean Textile Gallery: <https://www.themcleantextilegallery.com/>, McLean, VA
The McLean Textile Gallery is the first venue in McLean solely devoted to textile creations and art. Established in December 2020 by Nancy Preston, owner of The Quilt Shop of McLean, the gallery showcases published, award-winning talent and identifiable contemporary art styles each month.

Pattern and Purpose: American Quilts from Shelburne Museum,
<https://shelburnemuseum.org/>

Tatter: A Gathering of Material Culture, is offering online classes.
<https://www.tatter.org/stitching-classes-index>

HGA - Handweavers Guild of America: Textiles and Tea. The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) is excited to announce our new program for 2021: Textiles & Tea. Every Tuesday at 4 PM (EST) HGA will host a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. In our 45-minute discussion we will focus on their artwork and their creative journey. We will allow 15 minutes at the end of our conversation for questions from the audience. Make a cup of your favorite tea and join us as we talk about fiber, creativity, inspiration, process and so much more. <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles: <https://www.sjqUILTmuseum.org/>

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. They have a beautiful and extensive textile exhibit (available in English). <https://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/.

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/.

Alling Coverlet Museum, in Palmyra NY, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. historicpalmyra.com/alling.htm

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

Submit your **updated guild info, officers, Rep, or meeting times** online using this form: <https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/>

Submit **guild events** here: <https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/>

We would love for you to **submit a guild profile** here:
<https://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.

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 <https://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. MAFA is currently hosting 15 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: <https://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. 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.

MAFA on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MidAtlanticFiberAssociation/

MAFA on Ravelry: www.ravelry.com/groups/midatlantic-fiber-association

MAFA on Twitter: twitter.com/MAFAfiber

MAFA on Instagram: www.instagram.com/mafafiber/

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