



# MAFA News

## November/December 2022

**Please share this newsletter with your guild**

### President's Message

Have you narrowed down your workshop choices for MAFA 2023 yet? Yeah, me neither. With so many great choices, it's so hard to choose!

We announced our 2023 workshops and classes in early-September, and 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 MAFA Grant time! Think about outreach projects that could use grant support. As always, email me with any suggestions for how MAFA can support your guild.

*Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President*  
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### Important Dates

- **November 3: Special Reps Meeting** - Vote on Bylaws Amendment
- **November 22: FREE Lecture** - Weaving Connections Worldwide with WARP
- **January 24: FREE Lecture** - Yarn from the Ground Up with Anne Choi

# Member News

## **Special Representatives Meeting, November 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please plan on attending the reps meeting to vote on a change to the MAFA bylaws. At the September 27, 2022 Fall Representatives Assembly, we discussed a MAFA bylaws amendment recommended by the board, and endorsed by the current and three past presidents. The goal is to give the board more flexibility in finding volunteers to serve on the board and lead key committees, and to make the most of their abilities and interests. You can review the PDF here:

[mafafiber.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=de960dc4491d02f3aa4b727a0&id=71a04ea589&e=85d75ad4c3](https://mafafiber.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=de960dc4491d02f3aa4b727a0&id=71a04ea589&e=85d75ad4c3)

**Please register in advance for a Zoom link:**

[us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpd-mvrzsoGt2Z3mTYEpfta6yx5BpMvQDM](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpd-mvrzsoGt2Z3mTYEpfta6yx5BpMvQDM)

## **MAFA Free Lecture - Open to All MAFA Members**

### **November 22, 2022, 7p.m.: Weaving Connections Worldwide with WARP**



Weave A Real Peace (WARP) is an international organization with the mission of improving the quality of life of textile artisans worldwide. WARP's Executive Director, Kelsey Wiskirchen, will share stories of connection and empowerment for women in weaving communities around the world. In Guatemala, India, Bolivia, Sardinia, Ghana, and many other countries, WARP members work to promote an appreciation of handwoven textiles, and a living wage for the weavers who make them. The program will be an inspiring look at the work done to support the future of handweavers and textile artisans in communities around the world. Kelsey will also share information about WARP resources that may

be of interest to MAFA members, including WARP's artisan resource guide, emergency relief grants, and free monthly virtual programs. You can learn more about WARP at [www.weavearealpeace.org](http://www.weavearealpeace.org).

**Register to attend:**

[www.lessonface.com/apply/Weaving-Connections-Worldwide-WARP](https://www.lessonface.com/apply/Weaving-Connections-Worldwide-WARP).

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:**

**January 24, 2023:** Yarn from the Ground Up - Life on a NJ Sheep Farm, with Anne Choi. Register to attend here: [lessonface.com/apply/Making-Yarn-Ground](https://lessonface.com/apply/Making-Yarn-Ground).

## **Free Lecture Recordings**

If you registered to attend a free lecture, the recordings will be hosted on Lessonface, and you can watch them by going through your Dashboard to My Classes and Events.

## **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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# **Fall Reps Assembly**

The Fall Reps meeting was held on September 27, 2022. Find the minutes for the meeting here:

[mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/Reps-Meetings/RepsMeetingMinutes20220927.pdf](https://mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/Reps-Meetings/RepsMeetingMinutes20220927.pdf)

You can also access a recording of the meeting here: [youtu.be/XC6YblifKKA](https://youtu.be/XC6YblifKKA)

If you have any additions or corrections to the minutes, please let me know at [secretary@mafafiber.org](mailto:secretary@mafafiber.org)

*Patty Chrisman, MAFA Secretary*  
[secretary@mafafiber.org](mailto:secretary@mafafiber.org)

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# \*NEW\* MAFA Virtual

## Virtual Classes, Free Lectures, Movie Nights!



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

## Upcoming Online Classes (find details on [Lessonface](http://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, starting January 28, 2023. **Waitlist**
- Intro to Fiberworks lecture with Maryse Giroux, January 17, 2023.
- Making Woven Chenille for a Pile Rug with Mary Mandarino, February 25, 2023
- Off-Loom Weaving with Sarah Ward, February 25 & March 4, 2023
- Spinning for a Project with Alanna Wilcox, March 9-11, 2023
- Weave a Twill Gamp/Color & Weave Effects with Karen Donde, March 16-30, 2023
- Jogakbo Korean stitching with Youngmin Lee, March 25-26, 2023.
- Paint Two, Beam One with Denise Kovnat, April 29, 2023
- Learn to Use Fiberworks Weaving Design Software with Jen Weber, May 2-23, 2023

## Free Lecture Series

Our Free Lectures have moved to MAFA Virtual, and will 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: [mafafiber.org/virtual/](http://mafafiber.org/virtual/) Register to attend on Lessonface: [www.lessonface.com/mafa](http://www.lessonface.com/mafa).

## 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.

**Interested in teaching or speaking for MAFA online?** Submit a class proposal here: [mafafiber.org/virtual/teach-online/](http://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 us.

MAFA Virtual Committee  
[virtual@mafafiber.org](mailto:virtual@mafafiber.org)

# MAFA Conference 2023

June 22-25, 2023

Millersville University, Millersville, PA



- **Download the MAFA 2023 Brochure:**  
[mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Conference/M-23\\_Brochure\\_v5\\_220914c.pdf](https://mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Conference/M-23_Brochure_v5_220914c.pdf).
- **Visit the MAFA 2023 Website:** [mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/](https://mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/).
- **Registration opens for MAFA Members: February 4, 2023 at 9 a.m.**
- **Encourage your members to join the MAFA email list for updates:**  
[eepurl.com/hTauf9](https://eepurl.com/hTauf9).

## Guilds - Advertise at the Conference:

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. Ads range from \$150 and up. If your guild has a budget for ads or sponsorships, **find details, the list of ad/event opportunities, and the advertiser form, here:**  
[mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/advertise-at-the-conference/](https://mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/advertise-at-the-conference/).

## Volunteers:

Want to get involved in conference planning? We still have positions available! If interested, please email [conference@mafafiber.org](mailto: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, 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, doris buttons, needle cases, or useful logo items. 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](mailto:goody.bags@mafafiber.org).

MAFA 2023 Conference Committee  
[conference@mafafiber.org](mailto: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 [mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/](https://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/).

Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org).

## Micro-Grants

Congratulations to Loyalhannon Spinners, Shore Fiber Arts, Susquehanna Spinners & Weavers Guild, Weavers' Guild of Buffalo, Central Pennsylvania Guild of Handweavers, Hudson Mohawk Weavers' Guild, North Country Spinners, and the Fiber Guild of Blue Ridge on receiving micro-grants in the third round! Five of these addressed technology needs while the others covered a speakers series, a fiber study and a demonstration loom. Great job by all involved!

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 December. 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)

## Conference Fellowships will return in 2023

To learn more about Conference Fellowships:

- Check out the fellowship information, and guidelines, and application at [mafafiber.org/grants/fellowships/](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](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org).

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

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## 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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for your chosen charity.
- Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com/onthego) to learn more.

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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/](http://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/](http://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.

**New: Weavers' Guild of Rochester Holiday Sale**, Nov. 4-6, Perkins Mansion, 494 East Ave, Rochester, NY  
[www.weaversguildofrochester.org/events/holiday-sale](http://www.weaversguildofrochester.org/events/holiday-sale)

**New: The Handweavers Guild of Bucks County Holiday Show and Sale**, Nov. 18-20, Trinity Episcopal Church of Buckingham 2631 Durham Road, Buckingham, PA  
[www.hwbcguild.org/](http://www.hwbcguild.org/)

**New: The Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers Holiday Sale**, Dec. 7 through Dec 21. 8135 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA [pghw.org/holiday-sale-public/](http://pghw.org/holiday-sale-public/)

## Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

### **Events**

**New: Southeast Fiber Forum**, April 13-16, 2023 Registration opens 11/7/22. Arrowmont School of Art Gatlinburg, TN. [sefiberforum.org/](http://sefiberforum.org/)

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

### **Festivals**

**MD Alpaca and Fleece Festival**, Nov. 12-13, West Friendship, MD,  
[www.marylandalpacas.org/page/5822/maryland-alpaca-and-fleece-festival](http://www.marylandalpacas.org/page/5822/maryland-alpaca-and-fleece-festival)

### **Exhibits**

**National Basketry Organization Members Exhibit** [nbo-exhibits.org/](http://nbo-exhibits.org/)

### **Ongoing**

**The McLean Textile Gallery:** [www.themcleantextilegallery.com/](http://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,**  
[shelburnemuseum.org/](http://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.** Every Tuesday at 4 PM (EST) HGA hosts 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. [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 NY, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. [historicpalmyrany.com/alling.htm](http://historicpalmyrany.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/](https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/)

Submit **guild events** here: [mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/](https://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/](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](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/](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](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/](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](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)

**MAFA on Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/mafafiber/](https://www.instagram.com/mafafiber/)