



MAFA News

May/June 2023

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President's Message

Welcome to our newest member guild, Piedmont Fiber Guild in Charlotte, NC!

To say that we've been overwhelmed by the response to both the [MAFA 2023 Conference](#) and the [MAFA 2023 Mini Virtual Conference](#) would be an understatement! Registration for our "back-to-in-person" conference has surpassed 2019 pre-pandemic levels. We are looking forward to seeing you. MAFA 2023 registration will remain open until May 25th. Remember to sign up to enter the [Exhibits](#) – whether you are attending the conference or not.

Class sign ups for the "Mini" are nearing 800. Some of you signed up for multiple classes, you know who you are, and we love you for it! Enrollment in classes and the conference pass for the Mini will stay open until class time (or until a class fills).

These are exciting times for MAFA, and we are truly grateful to all our members and guests for your support.

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

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Important Dates

- **May 15:** Last day to enter exhibits and place ads
- **May 25:** Last day to register or cancel MAFA 2023
- **June 22 - 25:** MAFA 2023 Conference at Millersville
- **July 8-9:** MAFA 2023 Mini Virtual Conference

MAFA Conference 2023

June 22-25, 2023

Millersville University, Millersville, PA



Last day to register or cancel is May 25, 2023!

- **Register on Cvent:** cvent.me/PrY5em.
- **Visit the MAFA 2023 Website for details:**
mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/.
- **Encourage your members to join the MAFA email list for updates:**
eepurl.com/hTauz9.

Exhibits:

Exhibits are back and expanded at MAFA 2023! Of course we will still have Fashion and Fiber Art exhibits and the ever-popular Towel Exchange. This year we are adding Hats too. Anything and everything fiber is welcomed to the exhibits.

ALL MAFA MEMBERS (even if not attending in-person) can participate in the exhibits. Click the link below to find the complete rules, info, and signup forms for each exhibit.

The deadline to enter all exhibits is May 15th.

Find all the exhibits info here: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/exhibits/.

Volunteers:

Sign up to volunteer at the conference on SignUp Genius here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45aba82daaff2-20231#/>.

Volunteer positions include: setup helpers at various events, exhibit monitors, classroom building coordinators, and building guides (NO unloading this year, we're hiring helpers!). If you plan to arrive on Wednesday afternoon, we'll be able to use your help, and there is an option to stay overnight Wednesday night.

Goody Bag Items:

MAFA 2023 Goody Bag items may be dropped off at Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Saturday May 6th, 8:30 - 10:30 am. Tina Mickley will be sitting along the lane to the Main Gate, with a sign saying MAFA Drop Off. For those only planning to be at the festival on Sunday, May 7th, Tina can make arrangements for a time and place to meet if you email in advance. Email Tina Mickley by Thursday, May 4th at goodybags@mafafiber.org to let her know you plan to drop items at MDSW.

If you are shipping your goodies, please send them to arrive no later than June 1, 2023. Be sure to include guild info and an email address. Tina will send an acknowledgement when she receives your items. The shipping address is:

LSWG
c/o Tina Mickley
1469 Alleghenyville Rd
Mohnton, PA 19540

All goody bag items must be dropped off or sent by the June 1 deadline!

(We need to pre-sort the items before the conference.) Any items delivered after the deadline or to Millersville will be set out on the Information table with a Take One sign instead of stuffing them in the totes.

The deadline to advertise at the Conference is May 15th

Find details, the list of ad/event opportunities, and the advertiser form, here:
mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2023/advertise-at-the-conference/.

MAFA 2023 Conference Committee
conference@mafafiber.org

MAFA Virtual

Virtual Classes, Free Lectures, Movie Nights!

- **MAFA 2023 Mini Virtual Conference, July 8-9, 2023!**
Registration is open: www.lessonface.com/mafa2023mini.
- **Visit the MAFA page on Lessonface to register for ongoing virtual classes:** www.lessonface.com/mafa.
- **Join the email list** for monthly updates and movie night Zoom links:
eepurl.com/hTauz9.



Upcoming Virtual Classes (find details on [Lessonface](https://www.lessonface.com))

- **Learn to Use Fiberworks Weaving Design Software** with Jen Weber, May 2-23
- Fall and Winter classes will be posted soon.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Free Lectures

September 26: To Be Alive Is A Political Act: My Journey As A Black Fiber Artist, with Karen Hampton.

November 28: Craftivism, with Hinda Mandell.

Free Lecture Recordings

If you register 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, or find the links on the MAFA website: mafafiber.org/virtual/lectures/.

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/.

Questions? Suggestions? 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

Grants Committee News

MAFA Grants for 2023

The Grants Committee is accepting grant applications to be reviewed in August 2023. mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/. This is an additional review added due to the lack of successful grants in 2023. Questions? Contact grants@mafafiber.org.

Micro-Grants

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 June 2023. These grants are for requests up to \$500. Guilds that received micro-grants in 2022 may apply again in 2023. Details can be found at: mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/. Questions? Contact grants@mafafiber.org

Conference Fellowships

The committee is currently reviewing seven fellowship applications for the MAFA 2023 in-person conference. Applicants will be notified shortly so that planning can begin.

Conference Q&A Session

The committee will be holding an informal session from 5:30-6:00 on Friday, June 23 in the Atrium, SMC at the conference. Please bring any questions on grants, micro-grants or how to join our committee. We would love to meet you!

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.

Member News

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.

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

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.

Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

Events

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

Shaped by the Loom, Weaving Worlds in the American Southwest, February 17-July 9, 2023, Bard Graduate Center, NYC,
<https://www.bgc.bard.edu/exhibitions/exhibitions/117/n-a>

Festivals

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, May 6-7, 2023, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Maryland sheepandwool.org/.

NEW: Central PA Fiber Festival, May 20 - 21, 2023, Lycoming County Fairgrounds in Hughesville, Pa. <https://centralpennfiberfest.com/>

Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival, Sept. 23-24, 2-23, Macungie Memorial Park, 50 N Poplar Street, Macungie, PA 18062, <https://www.lvfiberfest.com/>

Ongoing

The McLean Textile Gallery, McLean, Virginia - The gallery is the first venue in McLean solely devoted to textile creations and art. The gallery showcases published, award-winning talent and identifiable contemporary art styles each month. www.themcleantextilegallery.com/

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

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

HGA - Handweavers Guild of America: Textiles and Tea. Every Tuesday at 4 p.m. HGA hosts a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. Each discussion will focus on their artwork and creative journey, with time at the end for questions from the audience. weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles: 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

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, New York, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. historicalpalmyra.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: mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/

Submit **guild events** here: 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/

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 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 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/.

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/