



MAFA News

September/October 2023

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President's Message

Since our last newsletter, we held our first MAFA Mini Virtual Conference, which was a huge success, following in the footsteps of our return to an in-person conference in June. Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers, attendees, instructors, and supporters for both events!

The board is looking forward to welcoming our new members in September/October. With the change in the board, I'd like to thank our retiring board member Sara Robbins who has served as VP and Membership Chair for several years. Marla Campbell will take over membership duties, while Patty Chrisman will become our new Reps Liaison.

Believe it or not, planning for the 2025 conferences will start this Fall. If you are interested in joining the conference committee or virtual committee, email conference@mafafiber.org or virtual@mafafiber.org for more information.

It's also time to think about grant applications. Read on for more information.

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

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Important Dates

September 26: MAFA Virtual FREE Lecture - Karen Hampton

October 24: MAFA Reps Meeting, 7 p.m. on Zoom

November 28: MAFA Virtual FREE Lecture - Hinda Mandell

MAFA Board Election Results for 2023-25

The slate of officers for the 2023-25 MAFA Board term was ratified at the Reps Meeting on July 25, 2023:

- President: Margaret Briggs (current President)
- Vice-President: Patty Chrisman (current Secretary)
- Secretary: Valerie Clark Bolton (Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers)
- Treasurer: Joanna Brandt (Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore)

Reps, please review the minutes from the July 25, 2023 meeting. If I have misspelled your name or mis-identified your guild, please send me a note at secretary@mafafiber.org. Read the minutes here:

<https://mafafiber.org/wp-content/uploads/Reps-Meetings/RepsMeetingMinutes20230725.pdf>

Our Reps Fall Meeting will be held October 24, 2023, at 7 p.m., on Zoom. Please register to attend here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUlcOCqrTsjGtdbvLwhXJW9DzDe_1oji3nO

Patty Chrisman, MAFA Secretary

MAFA Virtual

Visit the MAFA page on Lessonface to register for ongoing virtual classes: www.lessonface.com/mafa.

(More Fall and Winter classes will be posted soon.)



Remember to join the email list for monthly updates and movie night Zoom links: eepurl.com/hTauz9.

Upcoming FREE Lectures

- **September 26: *Making the Invisible Visible: Historically Based Storytelling Through Textiles***, with Karen Hampton.
- **November 28: *Craftivism***, with Hinda Mandell.

MAFA Movie Nights

MAFA Movie Nights will continue 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.

Questions? Suggestions? If you have an instructor or topic to suggest, have questions, or want to help on the MAFA Virtual committee, email us at virtual@mafafiber.org.

Margaret Briggs, MAFA Virtual Committee

MAFA Conference 2025

Planning for 2025 starts this Fall!

To join the Conference Committee, email conference@mafafiber.org for information.

Grants Committee News

MAFA Grants for 2023

The Grants Committee is accepting grant applications to be reviewed ongoing. mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/. 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 October 2023. These grants are for requests up to \$500. Guilds that received microgrants in 2022 may apply again in 2023. Details can be found at: <http://mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/>. Questions? Contact grants@mafafiber.org

Want to get involved on the Grants Committee?

The Grants Committee welcomes new members annually. It's a rewarding experience to see what other guilds are planning! For more information or to express interest, contact Grants Committee Chair 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 vp@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Zoom Account

As a benefit to our member guilds, MAFA will continue to offer zoom meetings. To schedule a meeting for your guild, use the Zoom meeting request form on the MAFA website: <https://mafafiber.org/guild-resources/guild-zoom-meetings/>. As a reminder, if you do not need the host controls (i.e. for recording etc.) you can simply request a "no host" meeting. If you do need the controls, a MAFA Board member will transfer hosting capabilities to you. If your guild needs to cancel a meeting, please let Patty Chrisman, (MAFA Zoom Administrator) know prior to the meeting date. You can reach Patty at vp@mafafiber.org.

Patty Chrisman, Incoming MAFA Vice President

Upcoming Guild Events

Let us help you publicize your guild exhibits, events and sales! Visit the Guild Events listing on the website here: <https://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 newsletter@mafafiber.org before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

Events, Festivals, Exhibits & Online Fiber Arts

Events and Festivals

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

Local Fiber Regional Fiber Events: <https://localfiber.org/regional-fiber-events/>

New York Textile Month, September 2023

<https://www.textilemonth.nyc>

NJ Sheep & Fiber Festival

September 9-10, 2023 - Hunterdon County Fairgrounds, Lambertville, NJ

<https://njsheep.net/>

NY State Sheep & Wool Festival

October 21-22, 2023 - Rhinebeck, NY

<https://sheepandwool.com/>

28th Annual Weaving History Conference - A Virtual Event

October 23 - 25, 2023

<https://tiartscenter.org/weaving-history-conference/>

A Dark, A Light, A Bright: The Designs of Dorothy Liebes

July 7, 2023 - February 4, 2024 at the Cooper Hewitt Museum in New York.

<https://exhibitions.cooperhewitt.org/dorothy-liebes>

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.

<https://www.themcleantextilegallery.com/>

Tatter: A Gathering of Material Culture, offers online and in-person classes and events. <https://tatter.org/events/>

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. <https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, San Jose, California.
<https://www.sjqiltmuseum.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. <http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com/>.

Textile Museum, George Washington University, Washington, D.C - The museum presents rotating, thematic exhibitions inspired by its collections of global textiles. <https://museum.gwu.edu/>.

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. <http://fabricworkshopandmuseum.org/>.

Alling Coverlet Museum, in Palmyra, New York, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. <http://historicpalmyrany.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/>

OR send any event info or changes to your Reps, officers, or meeting dates/times to the MAFA Membership Coordinator at membership@mafafiber.org.

Submit guild events here: mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/

MAFA Website: We encourage you to explore the MAFA website 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 us 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: <https://mafafiber.org/submit-a-resource/>.

MAFA Reps Groups.io: Reps, Guild officers, and Program Chairs, be sure to join the mafareps group at <http://groups.io/g/mafareps>. To join, click on “Apply for Membership in this Group”, or email me for an invite

MAFA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MidAtlanticFiberAssociation/>

MAFA on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mafafiber/>

MAFA on X: <https://twitter.com/MAFAfiber>

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