



# MAFA News

## November/December 2023

**Please share this newsletter with your guild**

### President's Message

With the arrival of colorful Fall leaves, it's also time to welcome our new board members, and believe it or not, to start planning the MAFA 2025 Conference. Our new Vice President is our former Secretary Patty Chrisman, and joining us on the board are Secretary Valerie Clark Bolton, and Treasurer Joanna Brandt. We thank them for helping make MAFA successful. If you are interested in serving on the MAFA board, as an at-large member or committee chair, please email me at [president@mafafiber.org](mailto:president@mafafiber.org).

If you are interested in joining the MAFA 2025 Conference committee, please scroll down for notes on some important open committee positions we're looking to fill, then email [conference@mafafiber.org](mailto:conference@mafafiber.org). To get involved on the MAFA Virtual committee, email [virtual@mafafiber.org](mailto:virtual@mafafiber.org).

*Margaret O'Reilly Briggs, MAFA President*  
[president@mafafiber.org](mailto:president@mafafiber.org)

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### Important Dates

**November 6:** MAFA 2025 Workshop Proposal form opens  
**November 28:** MAFA Virtual FREE Lecture - Hinda Mandell  
**January (dates TBD):** Author talk and Book Group discussion

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# Reps Meeting Minutes

Reps, please review the minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting. If I have misspelled your name or mis-identified your guild, please send me a note at [secretary@mafafiber.org](mailto:secretary@mafafiber.org). Find meeting minutes on the MAFA website here: [mafafiber.org/guild-resources/rep-meeting-minutes/](https://mafafiber.org/guild-resources/rep-meeting-minutes/).

*Valerie Clark Bolton, MAFA Secretary*

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## MAFA Virtual

Visit the MAFA page on Lessonface to register for ongoing virtual classes: [www.lessonface.com/mafa](https://www.lessonface.com/mafa).



Remember to join the email list for monthly updates and movie night

Zoom links: [dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/221138/102410233504073183/share](https://dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/221138/102410233504073183/share)

### Upcoming Virtual Classes

- **November 11-18: Essentials of Tapestry Design**, with Molly Elkind  
<https://www.lessonface.com/apply/Essentials-Tapestry-Design>. NOTE: This class is currently full, but please join the waitlist and we'll try to schedule another class.
- Stay tuned for more classes coming in early-2024.

### Upcoming FREE Lectures

- **November 28: Craft Activism, Memory-Making, and Political Action** - a FREE LECTURE by Hinda Mandell. Register here:  
[www.lessonface.com/apply/Craft-Activism-Memory-Making-and-Political-Action](https://www.lessonface.com/apply/Craft-Activism-Memory-Making-and-Political-Action)
- **January Dates/Times TBD:** Author talk and Book Group discussion.

**Winter is coming**.....Picture yourself in a comfy chair with a soothing cup of tea and a book that really takes you away. Stay tuned for information on a MAFA Book Group discussion along with an author presentation. Does your guild have a book group? I'd love to hear all about it! Please contact Patty Chrisman, MAFA Vice President and Events Chair at [vp@mafafiber.org](mailto:vp@mafafiber.org).

### 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 join the MAFA Virtual committee, email us at [virtual@mafafiber.org](mailto:virtual@mafafiber.org).

*MAFA Virtual Committee*

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# MAFA Conference 2025

**MAFA 2025 will be held June 26-29, 2025  
at Millersville University, Millersville, PA**



**Planning for 2025 is already underway!** We have several open positions on the conference planning committee and we're asking Reps to help us get the word out to guild members. For 2025, we particularly need volunteers to take on the following important committee roles:

- **Ads and Donations Coordinator** – contact advertisers and organizations, and manage submitted ads and donations. Skills needed: good communications, spreadsheets, and email.
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – coordinate and manage volunteers before the conference and onsite. Skills needed: good communications, spreadsheets, email, and willing to learn Signup Genius.
- **Weekend Classes Coordinator** – solicit, schedule, and coordinate up to a dozen 2 to 3 hour classes for day trippers on Friday afternoon and Saturday during the conference. Skills needed: good communications, experience scheduling guild instructors helpful, spreadsheets, and email.
- **Goody Bags Coordinator** - collect and sort goodies donated by guilds so they are ready to stuff in the conference totes. Skills needed: willing to attend MDSW and have items shipped to you, organize helpers to sort goodies, deliver everything to the conference, and email.

For more information about what's involved in these positions, or other ways to help the Conference Committee, please email [conference@mafafiber.org](mailto:conference@mafafiber.org).

**2025 In-Person Workshop Proposal RFPs will go out November 6th.** If you are interested in teaching, or if you have a workshop instructor to suggest, please email Chris Field-Funk at [education@mafafiber.org](mailto:education@mafafiber.org).

*MAFA Conference Committee*

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## Grants Committee News

### MAFA Grants for 2023

The Grants Committee is accepting grant applications to be reviewed ongoing. [mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/](https://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/). Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto: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 December 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](mailto: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](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org).

*MAFA Grants Committee*

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## **Member News**

### **Membership**

Marla Campbell, our past Treasurer, is the new Membership Chair. Be sure to be in touch with Marla at [membership@mafafiber.org](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org) to let her know if you have a new Rep or new guild officers. Patty Chrisman, our former Secretary, is the MAFA Vice President—a new position. She will continue to schedule your guild zoom meetings as the MAFA “zoom administrator,” but will also be scheduling the Free Lectures and Roundtables. Additionally, Patty will be the Reps Liaison, or “ombudsman,” acting as a representative between the Reps and the MAFA Board on any matters of concern of interest to the Reps. You can reach Patty at [vp@mafafiber.org](mailto:vp@mafafiber.org).

### **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](mailto: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 know prior to the meeting date. You can reach Patty at [vp@mafafiber.org](mailto:vp@mafafiber.org).

*Patty Chrisman, MAFA Vice President, Reps Liaison*

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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: <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/](https://mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-event-update/). You may also email newsletter items to [newsletter@mafafiber.org](mailto:newsletter@mafafiber.org) before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

## **Express your Sole! DIY Espadrilles**

November 4-5, 2023 at Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore

<https://mafafiber.org/event/express-your-sole-diy-espadrilles-2/>

## **Hudson-Mohawk Weavers' Guild 45th Annual Show & Sale**

November 10-12, 2023 at Pat's Barn 110 Defreest Dr., Rensselaer, NY

<https://mafafiber.org/event/hudson-mohawk-weavers-guild-45th-annual-show-sale-2/>

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# 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/>

## **Express your Sole! DIY Espadrilles**

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>

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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:** <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](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org).

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