



MAFA News

July/August 2024

Please share this newsletter with your guild members

President's Message

Stay Cool!

When temperatures hit triple digits, staying inside in your (hopefully cool) fiber studio is the thing to do. And for those heading to Wichita, KS for Complex Weavers and Convergence in July, where it will be hot, hot, hot, I hope to see you there! MAFA will have a table at the HGA Networking Meet and Greet on Friday, so please come by and say hello.

We now have MAFA cards available for guilds to hand out at fiber festivals, see Members News below for info and let me know if I can send you some cards.

Other than that, things are a bit quiet for July and August. We'll be back with virtual classes, free lectures, and *[drum roll]* the MAFA 2025 Conference brochure and website will be published in September.

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

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Important Dates

July 23: MAFA Book Group, 7:30 pm ET. *Women's Work: The First 20,000 Years*

September 17: Fall 2024 Reps Assembly, 7 pm on Zoom

September 24: Free Lecture, 7 pm with Cameron Taylor-Brown

MAFA Virtual

Join the email list for updates and movie night Zoom links:
dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/221138/102410233504073183/share



Upcoming Virtual Classes

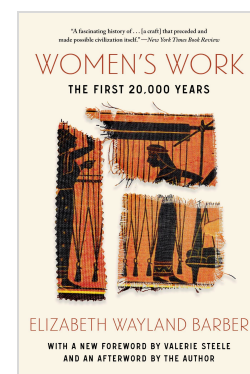
Visit the Lessonface MAFA landing page to see our full schedule of Fall classes at www.lessonface.com/mafa. 2025 classes will be posted soon.93

MAFA Book Group

July 23: 7:30 pm ET, on Zoom. Join us when we discuss our next book *Women's Work: The First 20,000 Years*, by Elizabeth Wayland Barber. This is the 30th anniversary of the publication of this classic. A link will be sent out a week before we meet.

October 26: Save the Date for our Fall Book Group, 7:30 pm ET on Zoom. Details on the Fall book coming in July.

Sign up for the book group email list to receive details on upcoming dates, books, and Zoom links: forms.gle/HQyMbp9T7qcpcnfz5.



Upcoming FREE Lectures

September 24: How String Changed the World: An Exploration of Fiber, Culture and Human Ingenuity with Cameron Taylor-Brown, 7 pm ET on Lessonface. On the heels of our Book Group discussion of *Women's Work: The First 20,000 Years*, join us for a talk by artist and educator Cameron Taylor-Brown. Taylor-Brown will discuss the history of flax, wool, silk and cotton as well as new ways to view textiles. Register here:



lessonface.com/apply/How-String-Changed-World-Exploration-Fiber-Culture-and-Human-Ingenuity

November 19: Save the Date for a lecture with Barbara Shapiro, 7 pm ET on Lessonface. Details and link coming soon.

MAFA Movie Nights

There will be NO Movie Night in July. We will be back in August and MAFA Movie Nights will continue each month on second Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Have questions about MAFA Virtual, or want to join the MAFA Virtual committee? Email us at virtual@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Virtual Committee

MAFA Conference 2025

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



Instructors and Workshops

We are getting all the information about our forty 2025 workshops compiled and uploaded to the website. Look for an announcement in August with the instructors list. The conference brochure and website will be published mid-September! Registration will open for members early-February 2025.

NEW Conference Scholarships

The board will announce details of our new Conference Scholarship program in September. Focused on encouraging first-timers to attend and take workshops, this new program will help make the conference more accessible for more of our members.

Weekend Classes Coordinator Needed

We are still looking for a volunteer to join the conference team and take on the role of Weekend Classes Coordinator. Members who have served as their guild's programs or workshops coordinator would be ideally suited to this position. We're already getting started booking classes, and we would like someone to help us continue to: solicit, schedule, and coordinate up to a dozen 2 and 3-hour classes for day trippers on Friday afternoon and Saturday during the conference. This person should be a good communicator, particularly through email, be familiar with spreadsheets, and be able to attend the conference to manage classes onsite. For more information please email conference@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Conference Committee

Grants Committee News

MAFA 2024 Grants

MAFA awards grants on an ongoing basis to member guilds or organizations wanting to support the fiber arts community. Please consider applying for a grant at mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/. For questions, contact grants@mafafiber.org.

Micro-Grants

The Grants Committee is reviewing applications for micro-grant requests up to and including \$500. Many of these micro-grants in the past have been for technology needs but several have also been for smaller equipment to be used for classes and demos.

Details on micro-grants can be found at mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/. Have questions? Email grants@mafafiber.org.

Congratulations to Susquehanna Valley Spinners & Weavers Guild and Handweavers of Bucks County on recent awards for technology needs!

Want to get involved on the Grants Committee?

The committee welcomes new members annually. For more information, please contact Grants Committee Chair Angela Fishman at grants@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Grants Committee

Member News

Reps, plan to attend our Fall 2024 Reps Assembly, September 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

If you can not attend, please designate an alternate. All Reps and guild Presidents will receive the agenda and a link to register for a Zoom link. If you have any questions, please email Reps Liaison Patty Chrisman at vp@mafafiber.org or Margaret Briggs at president@mafafiber.org.

MAFA Outreach Cards

We've had MAFA cards printed for guilds and members to pass out at fiber festivals and guild events. Please email Margaret Briggs at president@mafafiber.org with your mailing address and how many cards you want, and we'll mail them to you.



Patty Chrisman, MAFA Vice President, Reps Liaison

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 newsletter@mafafiber.org before the 21st of even months for inclusion in the next MAFA News.

Guild Events

Nuno Felting: Wearable Art with Jan Byron, July 14 - Presenter, Jan Byron, will share this cold-water felting technique using wool fibers on silk fabric to create a ruched texture. Designs include sheep curls, wool roving, and other embellishments. Finished pieces are then given a lavender rinse that softens and conditions the wool. <https://www.svswg.org/>

How to Hand Paint Warps for Large Looms with Sally Kahler, August 11 - Weaver Sally Kahler will share her expertise on how to paint warp threads prior to putting them on the loom, what dyes to use, and the different weave structures one can obtain. <https://www.svswg.org/>

Weavers' Guild of Buffalo 55th Anniversary Exhibit, September 3 to November 29 - The exhibit will feature original designs of hand-woven, felted, hand spun and mixed media work by its guild members. Prizes will be awarded at the opening reception and many of the exhibited items will be available for sale. <https://sites.google.com/view/weaversguildofbuffalo/>

Drawlooms & Damask Design with Amy Blair, October 13 - Amy Blair, master weaver, will talk about drawloom features and how to easily these looms can be can be adjusted to accommodate the changing needs of an imaginative weaver. Amy will examine and discuss the interplay between loom setup and design capability of these versatile looms. <https://www.svswg.org/>

Sashiko Ori Weaving Workshop in OBX, October 28 to November 1 - This is a workshop in weaving Sashiko Ori. It is open to all. <http://www.paumanokweaversguild.com/>

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/>

Ongoing

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/>.

The McLean Textile Gallery, McLean, Virginia, at the Quilt Shop of McLean - If interested in showing your work or visiting the gallery, contact quiltdoctor@msn.com or call 703-281-4091 <https://www.quiltdoctor.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. <http://fabricworkshopandmuseum.org/>.

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

Subversive, Skilled, Sublime: Fiber Art by Women, Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC, the work of artists such as Emma Amos, Sheila Hicks, and Faith Ringgold

<https://www.si.edu/exhibitions/subversive-skilled-sublime-fiber-art-women%3Aevent-exhib-6523>

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

MAFA Zoom Account: MAFA will continue to host Zoom meetings for guilds. Use the Zoom meeting request form on the MAFA website to request a meeting time: mafafiber.org/guild-resources/guild-zoom-meetings/. If your guild needs to cancel a meeting, please email to let Patty Chrisman know, prior to the meeting date at vp@mafafiber.org.

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.
- 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>