



# MAFA News

May/June 2024

**Please share this newsletter with your guild**

## President's Message

### Save the date for the Spring Reps Meeting!

Twice a year, MAFA leaders meet with our guild Reps to conduct business that needs Rep approval, and fill you in on what's going on with MAFA in general. Our Spring Reps Assembly will be on May 14, 2024, at 7 p.m., on Zoom. We will send out an agenda later this week, and a reminder a few days before the meeting. Please remember to click the link to register for the meeting and get your Zoom link.

Even though the in-person conference isn't until next year, there is a lot going on with MAFA Virtual in the meantime. Check out our bi-monthly Free Lectures, monthly Movie Nights, and join us for our new MAFA Book Group. Read on for details.

As always, if you have any suggestions for how MAFA can better serve your guild and members, please let me know.

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

**May 14:** Spring 2024 Reps Assembly, 7 p.m. on Zoom  
**May 21:** Free Lecture, 7 p.m. on Zoom, Elizabeth Okeyele-Olatunji  
**July 23:** MAFA Book Group, 7:30 pm ET. *Women's Work: The First 20,000 Years*  
**September 24:** Free Lecture, 7 p.m. Cameron Taylor-Brown

# MAFA Virtual

Join the email list for monthly updates and movie night Zoom links:  
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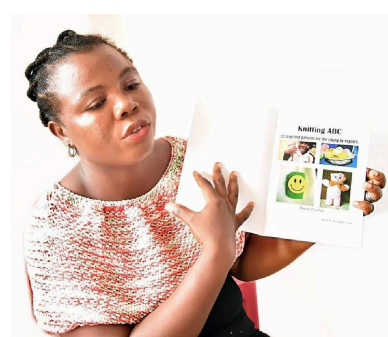
## Upcoming Virtual Classes

Visit the Lessonface MAFA landing page to see our full schedule at [www.lessonface.com/mafa](http://www.lessonface.com/mafa). Fall classes are now open for signups!

## Upcoming FREE Lectures

**May 21: Thinking with their Hands—Changing the World of Children with Yarn** with Elizabeth Okeyele-Olatunji, 7 p.m. ET on Lessonface.

Known for her support and encouragement of children by teaching them to turn their yarn dreams into reality, Elizabeth Okeyele-Olatunji started her organization “Tunnizze Creation” in Lagos, Nigeria with the goal of teaching children to think with their hands! Register here:



[lessonface.com/apply/thinking-their-hands-changing-world-children-yarn](https://lessonface.com/apply/thinking-their-hands-changing-world-children-yarn)

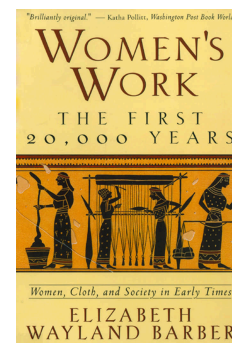
**September 24: How String Changed the World** with Cameron Taylor-Brown, 7 p.m. ET on Lessonface. Registration link coming soon.

## 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.

If you haven't already, sign up for the book group email list to receive details on upcoming dates, books, and Zoom links:

[forms.gle/HQyMbp9T7qcpcnfz5](https://forms.gle/HQyMbp9T7qcpcnfz5).



## 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 about MAFA Virtual, or want to join the MAFA Virtual committee? Email us at [virtual@mafafiber.org](mailto:virtual@mafafiber.org).

*MAFA Virtual Committee*

# MAFA Conference 2025

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



## **We have workshops!**

The conference committee has selected 40 great workshops for MAFA 2025 from both our favorite familiar instructors and some wonderful new teachers, plus we'll have some new topics! We will announce our workshops and registration info in September.

## **Conference Coordinators Needed**

We still have several open positions on the conference planning committee and we're asking Reps to help us get the word out to your guild members. 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. The conference chair and vendor coordinator will help with the asks, but we would like someone to be the point of contact for inquiries.
- **Weekend Classes Coordinator:** solicit, schedule, and coordinate up to a dozen 2 and 3-hour classes for day trippers on Friday afternoon and Saturday during the conference. Skills needed: good communications, spreadsheets, and email. Experience scheduling guild programs/workshops is helpful, and the conference chair and vendor coordinator will assist in finding teachers.

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

*MAFA Conference Committee*

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## **Grants Committee News**

### **MAFA Grants for 2024**

The Grants Committee is accepting grant applications to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. [mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/](http://mafafiber.org/grants/guild-grants/). Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org). Please consider brainstorming with your guild on new and exciting programs that you could pull off with a little funding. We are here to help you fulfill your desires! And we love hearing about all the exciting things happening in the fiber arts world.

### **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 2024. These grants are for requests

up to \$500. Guilds that received microgrants in the past may apply again in 2024. Details can be found at: <http://mafafiber.org/grants/micro-grants/>. Questions? Contact [grants@mafafiber.org](mailto:grants@mafafiber.org)

### **Scholarship Donation**

A big thank you to the family of Judy LaLeike, past member of the Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild, for thinking of MAFA in her estate. The monies will be put towards offering scholarships for the next in-person MAFA conference.

### **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).

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## **Member News**

**Reps, please plan to attend our Spring 2024 Reps Assembly, May 14, 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](mailto:vp@mafafiber.org) or Margaret Briggs at [president@mafafiber.org](mailto:president@mafafiber.org).

### **MAFA Reps Roundtables**

Roundtables are intended to help support the guild representatives and guild leaders on leadership issues. I would love to hear your ideas as to what topics would be of interest and be helpful to you. You can reach me 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.

# 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/>

## **Guild Events**

**Tanis Gray Workshops**, June 8-9 offers three workshops: Colorwork: Cowl from Luminosu Hat & Cowl Pattern, History of Knitting and Mosaic knitting: Bow-Tie Pasta Fingerless Mitts, and Estonian in-lay: A Short Reprise Hat. Location: Chamber of Commerce Building at 30 Lawton Lane, Milton PA <https://www.svswg.org/calendar>.

## **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 - The gallery is the first venue in the area solely devoted to textile creations and art. If interested in showing your work or visiting the gallery, contact [quiltdoctor@msn.com](mailto: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>

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## **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/](http://mafafiber.org/guild-resources/guild-zoom-meetings/). 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 volunteer will start the meeting and transfer hosting controls to you. If your guild needs to cancel a meeting, please let Patty Chrisman know prior to the meeting date at [vp@mafafiber.org](mailto: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](mailto:membership@mafafiber.org).

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