



MAFA News

May / June 2019

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President's Message

It was great to see so many of our reps at the Reps Assembly at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival—and so many of our newest members too. We collected lots of goodies for the conference goody bags—I'm looking forward to seeing which ones I end up with!

Many thanks to our Nominating Committee of Elisa Eiger and Carol Steuer who have delivered us a slate of Board officers for 2019-2021. The slate is a mix of new and returning officers, so we will get some fresh ideas while making sure that past experience is not lost. You can see the candidate statements of all the proposed officers later in this newsletter. The election will be held at the conference. The slate consists of:

President:	Helena Valentine
First Vice President:	Sara Keene Robbins
Second Vice President:	Margaret Briggs
Secretary:	Patty Chrisman
Treasurer:	Marla Campbell

With the receipt of a record number of fellowship applications, our Grants Committee had a challenging job selecting the winners. Because of the number of strong applications, and the availability of funding, the Board decided to extend the number of winners to eight. We can't guarantee that we will be able to do this every year, but are pleased to be able to support so many opportunities to extend the learnings from our conference. Thank you to the committee, and congratulations to the winners.... And don't forget to start thinking about applying for a guild grant next fall!

I know it is a little soon to be packing your bags for MAFA 2019, but it's not too late to get your fashion, art, towel or skein ready for an exhibit—or to look at your stash and start dreaming of what you want to purchase in the MAFA Marketplace. Please encourage your guildmates to come for an afternoon and evening, even if they are not taking a workshop. Think about what you want to ask members of other guilds. Volunteer to help us out. And then get ready for your class—and a weekend of learning and inspiration. Hope to see you there!

Karen Miller, MAFA President
president@mafafiber.org

[Click here to read the May 4, 2019 Reps Meeting Minutes](#)

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 - May 31, 2019 - Deadline to register for the conference
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 - June 22 - Deadline to enter Towel Exchange and Skein Exhibit
 - June 27-30, 2019 - MAFA 2019 conference
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CONFERENCE 2019: June 27 - 30, 2019

Millersville University, Millersville, PA

mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2019/

***United in Fiber* conference is just around the corner!**

With the conference just around the corner, it's now time to make sure that you're prepared by double-checking what you're required to bring for your class. In the next few weeks, instructors will reach out to let you know what to bring and to give you information on how to reach them with questions.

For those of you who would love to help us out, we will have plenty of volunteer opportunities that don't require a lot of time and won't interfere with your conference experience.

If you haven't already done so, check out all that we plan to offer this year with fabulous vendors, activities, and an inspiring and local keynote speaker. The Millersville/Lancaster area is an area filled with local charms. This is one conference that you won't want to miss! So even if you aren't planning to take a class, you can still come up for the day and take part in many of the activities and shopping experiences. Remember, we have housing available for day-trippers, just click on the Register button on this page: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2019/registration/.

Find full details about the Conference at mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2019/.

Special Requests for MAFA 2019: All attendees can expect to receive a request to complete a simple survey via email. This survey aims to identify and match attendees requiring special accommodations, as well as a Sunday lunch option. Questions address:

- Elevator access to the 2nd floor dining hall
- Handicapped parking needs near workshop locations
- Dorm bed height
- Scooter rental—we are working through the university at this time
- Sunday grab-and-go bag lunch for those who want to get on the road immediately after the morning workshop.

Please respond by May 31, 2019. (We cannot guarantee fulfillment for requests received after this date.)

Volunteers needed!

To make the conference a success, we depend on volunteers to help with setup, check-in, helping instructors get moved in and set up, helping conference attendees unload, monitoring the exhibits, and more. Find volunteer sign ups here:

www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53175D701A1CDE4C42-mafavolunteers.

Volunteer at the 2019 MAFA Conference

Email Volunteer Coordinator Margaret Briggs at volunteer.coordinator@mafafiber.org.

Or find out more about ways to help at the conference here:

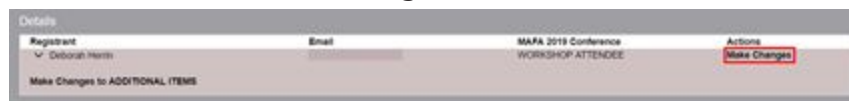
mafafiber.org/conferences/2019-conference/get-involved/

Registration

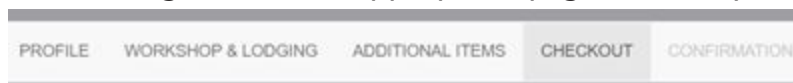
Are you registered for the conference and need to make a change? To update your registration, click on the link in your confirmation email or go to:

www.regonline.com/registration/login.aspx?eventID=2550039.

Once you sign in, click on the Make Changes link (see red box below).



From there, follow the navigation to the appropriate page to make your changes.



You **MUST** click the Finish button on the Checkout page to save your changes. If you have any questions, please contact registrar@mafafiber.org.

Registration will remain open through May 31, 2019 for day-trippers, non-participant attendees, and sock machine classes. Find complete details at:

mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2019/registration/.

Workshops

Registration for workshops is now closed as we are FULL, and we are looking forward to another great Conference!

Workshop attendees should hear from their instructors soon with class prep instructions and any other info. However, students are reminded to check their class information on the MAFA website for additional information on class supplies they need to bring. Visit the [Workshops page](#), and click the Learn More button on your class.

Questions about workshops? Please email Education Chair Chris Field-Funk at education@mafafiber.org.

Marketplace Vendors

Visit the Marketplace page to see our great lineup of vendors who will be offering yarns, fiber, tools, books, and equipment, including many workshop-related items: mafafiber.org/conferences/2019-conference/marketplace/.

Be sure to visit the vendors during Friday night's Shop 'til You Drop. We will also have book signings by our instructor authors on Friday 7 - 8 p.m.

Circular Sock Knitting Machine Mini-workshops

There are still several spots open for day-trippers visiting the Marketplace on Saturday afternoon 2 - 4 p.m.

Milissa Ellison Dewey of Bobbin Boy, will offer Sock Machine Drivers' Ed for absolute beginners. Participants will make a knitted sampler and learn about the origins and history of the circular sock knitting machines. Class fee includes equipment and materials. Find the complete class description and a link to register here: mafafiber.org/sock-knitting-machine-mini-workshops/.



Spotlight on Fashion - Exhibit & Show

The deadline to enter has been extended to midnight May 19, 2019. We have received some very exciting submissions; it's going to be a wonderful Fashion Exhibit! We have extended the deadline to give more of you an opportunity to share your creativity and expertise by submitting a garment and/or accessory. Conference participants, don't hesitate to contact the committee at fashion.show@mafafiber.org if you have any questions regarding your submission. As a reminder, all submissions will be included in the Exhibit. A few of them will be selected for inclusion in the Fashion Show.

More information and a link to the Entry Form can be found here: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafa2019/schedule-events/fashion-exhibit/.

Fiber Artist Exhibit - Threads of Communication

Amazing submissions are coming in for our first Fiber Art Exhibition! **We extended the deadline for entries to midnight May 19, 2019** to allow for more submissions! Please contact the Fiber Arts Exhibit Coordinator, Wendy Roberts with any questions at arts.exhibit@mafafiber.org.

Find entry details and guidelines on the website here:

mafafiber.org/conferences/2019-conference/schedule-events/artist-exhibit-threads-of-communication/.

Kitchen Towel Exchange

MAFA attendees, including instructors, are invited to participate in a kitchen towel exchange. All levels of weavers are welcome! Every participant will contribute one towel and receive one towel. Not a lot of weaving (read that as “low stress”) but also an opportunity to see what other towel weavers are creating and be a part of a large exchange—easier than a snail-mail based weaving exchange! Be sure to **submit your project sheet on the website by June 22**, then towels will be collected during registration and put on display for all conference attendees to enjoy. Questions? Email Towel Exchange Coordinator Aileen Campbell at towel.exchange@mafafiber.org.

Find guidelines and the exchange entry form here:

mafafiber.org/conferences/2019-conference/schedule-events/kitchen-towel-exchange/

Silly Spinning Games & Skein Competition

Not only will there be a return of our “Silly Spinning Games” at the 2019 MAFA Conference—but we’ve added a bona fide competition for handspun skeins, right down to the ribbons!

Visit the [Spinning Games page](#) where details will be posted soon about how to apply for the limited competition spots, how to prepare for the games including spinning with gloves (rubber AND cotton!), tinsel, partners, and other wacky challenges. **Remember to submit your request to participate in the games by June 1, 2019.**

Visit the [Skein Competition page](#) for guidelines and rules for entering your very finest handspun skeins. Then **submit your entry form(s) on the website by June 22, 2019.** Skeins will be collected during registration and displayed throughout the conference.

If you need more info, please email Spinning Coordinator Marcia Weinert at spinning.events@mafafiber.org. Find more details on the MAFA website at:

Skein Competition: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafafa2019/schedule-events/skein-competition/.

Spinning Games: mafafiber.org/conferences/mafafa2019/schedule-events/silly-spinning-games/.

Conference Goody Bag Items

If you didn't drop your guild's goody bag items off at Maryland Sheep and Wool, **please send your items to arrive by June 1st.** Include contact info (email and/or physical) address), and Ann will send an acknowledgement when she receives your items. If you have any questions, please email Ann at goodybags@mafafiber.org.

Send your items to:

Lancaster Spinners & Weavers
% Ann Wysock
901 Mt Pleasant Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

Door prizes

We're gathering fantastic donations for door prizes to be given away during Shop 'Til You Drop on Friday evening in the Marketplace, and every attendee is eligible to win! Do you know a local yarn shop, hand-dyer, weaving supplier, or creative arts school who would love the publicity and might be interested in donating a prize of any size? We're also looking for recently published books on the fiber arts.

Every organization that donates will be listed in the online and printed directories and the donation is tax-deductible. We want to spread the word to fiber artists about the great businesses that create our materials!

Please contact Donations Coordinator Paige McAfee at donations@mafafiber.org about donations, or with suggestions and we'll reach out.

2019 Conference Fellows Announced

MAFA is pleased to announce the selection of 2019 Conference Fellows. The Fellows represent five states and three fiber disciplines—weaving, spinning and felting:

Mary Ann Buckley, Central VA FiberArts Guild (VA)
Joanna Crosby, Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore (MD)
Natalie Drummond, Fredericksburg Weavers and Spinners Guild (VA)
Chris Field-Funk, Handweavers of Bucks County (PA)
Tina Mickley, Central PA Guild of Handweavers (PA)
Gail Pietrzyk, Harmony Weavers Guild (DE)
Adrienne Shtop, North Country Spinners (NJ)
Marcia Weinart, Weavers Guild of Rochester (NY)

Fellowships are awarded only in conference years, with the number and amount of the awards set by the MAFA Board based on the availability of funds. This year each Fellow

will receive a \$300 award after completion of an educational or outreach project based on their 2019 conference workshop. You can read the prior year Fellowship reports and other information about the program on the [MAFA Fellowships page](#).

Congratulations to all the Conference Fellows!

Grants Committee News

Now is a great time to plan for a MAFA grant!

We know many guilds take a hiatus during the summer. Please remind guild officers about next Fall's grants deadline now, before guild meetings and activities slow down.

MAFA awards grants to member guilds and fiber-related non-profits for projects that support MAFA's mission. Grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$1,500 and several awards may be made each year. MAFA will accept applications for 2020 MAFA Grant awards beginning September 1, 2019. **The Deadline for applications is November 1st.** Guidelines and application details are available on the [MAFA Grants page](#). Send any questions to grants@mafafiber.org

Interested in learning about grants while attending the conference? Place and time are still being finalized, but let us know at grants@mafafiber.org if you'd like details.

Volunteer for the Grants Committee

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Grants Committee? Invite them to volunteer for a two-year term starting in 2020. We are seeking a variety of viewpoints from throughout the MAFA region.

The Committee consists of a Chair and 6 to 8 volunteers serving staggered two-year terms. We review grant and fellowship applications and recommend awards to the MAFA Board. We also review and approve the recipients' final reports.

All regular members of MAFA Guilds and MAFA Associate Members are eligible*. Work is done by email and conference call, so reliable internet access is required. Ability to attend the conference is helpful, but not required. Volunteers from West Virginia and North Carolina would be especially welcome.

**Committee members are not eligible to receive fellowships during their term and do not participate in evaluating grant applications from their guild.*

For more details, or to express interest, please contact grants@mafafiber.org by August 1st. Include what guild(s) you belong to, and any relevant experience.

Candidate Statements for Board Elections

President - Helena Valentine

The first seed was planted when Helena saw looms in the basement of a playmate's home. Twenty years later she made a back strap loom in a YWCA class. While working in Philadelphia she heard about the guild and her learning took off. She attended her first MAFA conference in 1987 and still looks forward to the opportunity to learn, laugh and grow with fellow fiberholics.

Helena's mom taught her to knit as a child. She has added weaving, spinning, dyeing and machine knitting to her list of excuses for acquiring fiber. While living back in New York City, she studied draping and pattern making at FIT. Her current focus is designing handwoven garments with knitted accents.

Helena was a reading specialist and principal in Philadelphia for 30 years. She hopes her skills in teaching, professional development and collaborative leadership will be assets to MAFA. She will work to expand the connections between MAFA and its member guilds.

Helena lives in New Jersey. She is the proud mother of one son and grandmother to two wonderful children. She loves travel, learning and meeting new people. She is a member of the South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Handweavers and the Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers.

Vice President/Communications - Sara Keene Robbins

Sara grew up in the Midwest and wishes she had learned how to knit, quilt and crochet from her grandmother and godmother. But proving that it's never too late to learn something, she took up basket weaving in the 1980's and apprenticed with a well-known local weaver. She went from weaving traditional baskets to designing and weaving art baskets. Her favorite basket is one that is organic, incorporates natural elements and follows the lines in nature.

One person saw the organic nature of her baskets and suggested she might like Saori weaving, a more free-form style that does not follow a specified pattern. Sara joined Ready to Hand, a Saori studio in Philadelphia, studied the technique and was completely entranced.

When Sara joined the Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers (PGHW), many more opportunities for learning fiber arts opened up. She is now a felter, spinner and quilter (Grandma would be proud!). Sara has served on the Board of Directors for PGHW for four years, as newsletter editor, and is currently the Outreach Coordinator and Education Co-Chair. Sara and her husband play old time music, love cats, and volunteer for a local cat rescue. They now have six cats, three of which are "failed fosters." Life is good.

Vice President/Conference - Margaret Briggs

Like many of you, Margaret enjoys a wide variety of fiber art and craft activities – knitting, spinning, weaving, beading/jewelry, and now circular sock machine and flat bed knitting – and has the stashes to prove it! Margaret lives in Charlottesville, Virginia with her husband and fiber-friendly kitties. After a career in architecture and construction management, she has for the past 19 years worked with her husband performing business valuations for employee-owned companies.

Fortunately the family business has a flexible schedule, as she loves to travel to workshops and conferences, particularly to the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina for weaving workshops. Margaret shares her love of fiber arts and uses her project manager skills volunteering with various fiber arts groups: she is president and co-founder of the Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild, created by merging three previous guilds into one new dynamic guild; is on the board, maintains the website, and coordinates vendors and crafts demo volunteers for the Fall Fiber Festival of Virginia held in Montpelier Station, Virginia each October; and through August 2019 is a member-at-large on the board and maintains the website of the Circular Sock Knitting Machine Society.

Since Fall 2017, Margaret has served MAFA as Membership Chair, produces the newsletter, and has helped the team with the transition to our new website and online membership forms. She is currently also Volunteer Coordinator and learning the conference ropes on the 2019 MAFA Conference committee.

Secretary - Patty Chrisman

It all began with the discovery of a little spinning wheel in her grandmother's attic when she was a young girl, and a brief episode at a loom during Camp Fire Girl Camp in the 1970s. The spinning wheel is now in her possession. The location of the bookmark, woven in a small overshot pattern, is a mystery—it was pink and purple.

Patty's educational background includes a BFA and an MS in Historic Preservation. She left her home state of Oregon as a newlywed and spent several years in Washington, D.C. This was followed by a brief stop in Indiana and a couple years in Brooklyn, N.Y. and finally the charming town of Maplewood, N.J. where she and her husband raised their two sons—now both in their 20s.

Although she learned to spin in her 20s, Patty really began her focus on spinning and the fiber world when her kids were in grade school. Following her recent retirement she was able to fulfill a long time goal of learning to weave. Patty maintains an active interest in all things historic—from buildings to textiles, and is involved with her local historic house museum, where she has been known to demonstrate spinning on her Great Wheel,

Patty believes in the benefits of belonging to a guild (or several) and she is a member of Frances Irwin Handweavers, North Country Spinners, and the Essex County Hand Spinners guilds. She attended her first MAFA Conference in 2017 as a Rep for North Country Spinners, and was so impressed with the organization and the many ways it supports its members, through grants and scholarships, and its efforts in connecting guilds within the larger region.

Treasurer - Marla Campbell

Marla fell in love with crafting as a child but did not begin her serious fiber exploits until 2005, when she first discovered spinning. Her first wheel was a sweet, folding DT Lendrum and her little stable of wheels grew to six with the addition of her dream wheel – the Lendrum Saxony. She particularly loves spinning Cormo (or any soft and fluffy fiber) and cotton and her yarn makes its way to friends, family, weaving, and even some sales. Weaving came along soon after with a rigid heddle loom, then a triangle loom, and finally, an 8-harness floor loom.

She enjoyed membership in The Foothills Spinners and Weavers Guild, where she was treasurer for six years, and is the current treasurer for the Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild (formerly the Albemarle Weaver's Guild and the Whirling Whorls spinning group) and MAFA. Throughout her guild years, having the opportunity to participate in demonstrations at fiber festivals, arts and craft days, and school events has shown her that sharing what she knows about the world of fiber is incredibly rewarding, especially when children are involved—they are enthralled with the process and so very enthusiastic about giving it a go!

Her professional work background includes being a CSR, a buyer and merchandiser for 14 years, and a data analyst and geographic information system mapping analyst for another 12 years.

MAFA's mission of promoting fiber arts education is important to Marla and she chooses to support that mission by volunteering in this capacity. Since becoming MAFA treasurer in February 2016, Marla took on the task of converting the books from manual entries to using Quicken for more efficient electronic tracking, to include all historical information as far back as the year 2000. In 2018 she switched MAFA financial records to QuickBooks in order to provide enhanced information and tracking in anticipation of required audits, donations tracking, and other reporting features. She also moved all manual financial paperwork that MAFA is required to maintain to electronic files and assisted with developing and implementing a document retention program. Currently she is developing a written standard operating manual and schedule as a framework for future MAFA treasurers.

Marla is a founding member of Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild (VA).

Upcoming Guild Events

Let us help you publicize your guild exhibits, workshops, outreach events and sales! Visit the new and improved **Guild Events** listing on the website here: mafafiber.org/events/. Submit info 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.

The **Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore** (WGGB) is excited to announce their upcoming 70th anniversary show and sale. "A Celebration of Heirloom Quality" takes place from July 15th through August 31st, 2019, at the Baltimore County Arts Guild. Featuring outstanding work from the guild's current and past members, the show is both a celebration of the guild's growth and its deep history.

This Platinum Anniversary event includes an opening reception on July 11th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., with refreshments and demonstrations. The reception is open to the public. Members of the guild will also be competing for prizes in several categories, adding another exciting element to the event. Many items will be available for purchase as well. Come join us in our celebration of heirloom quality fiber arts, and perhaps take home an heirloom of your own! Find WGGB at www.wggb.org/.

Central Pennsylvania Guild of Handweavers offers the Guild Advancement Program (GAP). Designed to encourage weavers of all levels of development to advance their knowledge and skills in the 5 level program. Find a program booklet at: www.centralpaweavers.com/gap-program.html

Fiber Guild of the Blue Ridge has an active outreach program at schools, events, and festivals. www.fiberguildbr.org/fairs-and-festival-demonstrations/

Textile News in Our Region

Blue Ridge Fiber Fest, June 7 - 8, 2019, Sparta, North Carolina

A two day celebration of the fiber arts. Featuring fiber animals, 65+ vendors and workshops all set in the beautiful blue ridge! Info at www.blueridgefiberfest.com/.

The **Hudson Valley Fiber Arts Network** is a listing directory, marketing & news resource to promote and celebrate the diversity & creativity of the fiber arts community of the greater Hudson Valley region - from New York City to the Canadian border, along the I-87 and Hudson River corridor and surrounding areas. Find their events listings, and info at www.hudsonvalleyfiberartsnetwork.com/

Textile Travels in Guatemala, August 2019 Join organizer Mari Gray for an adventure in Guatemala, sharing creative ideas together with rural partner artisans for

a trip that is truly mutually-beneficial for international participants and local artisans alike. For more info visit the website at kakawdesigns.com/pages/textile-travel-2019 or [download a flyer](#).

CNY Fiber Arts Festival proudly announces the first annual Viv Fulton Memorial Award for excellence in weaving. I imagine that many of you knew Viv, who was a much-loved and vital member of the CNY Fiber Arts family. In her honor, the organization behind the festival will be awarding a cash prize every year for the finest handwoven product submitted to our competition.

We have engaged the services of a well-respected weaving judge, Joyce Robards. She will be coming to the festival site in Bouckville on Friday, June 7th to assess the entries. The winning entry will be announced at the festival and the entries will be on display throughout the festival weekend (June 8th and 9th). A scribe will be on hand during the judging, so all entrants will receive thoughtful feedback on their work.

The competition is open to teens and adults.

- Entries must be handwoven by the entrant and must contain at least 50% animal fiber.
- Individuals may submit multiple entries.
- There are no limitations on size of entries.
- There is no entry fee.
- Entries must either be mailed to: Denise Tarbox, 2511 Howard Hill Road, Newark Valley, NY 13811 by June 1st
- OR delivered to the festival site: 6893 U.S. Route 20, Bouckville, NY, on Friday, June 7th between 9 am and 10:00 am
- Entries may be picked up at the festival on Sunday, June 9th. Anyone unable to collect their entry should submit a mailing label with the entry.

An entry form will be appearing on cnyfiberarts.org soon. Please direct any questions to Pamela Haendle hermitpond@gmail.com or Denise Tarbox sdtarbox@frontier.com. Now - let the weaving begin!

Exhibits, Events & Online Fiber Arts

Sheila Hicks: Line by Line, Step by Step: Nineteen 'minimes' or small works of sixty years of her intimate practice.

Through June 8, 2019, New York, New York

<http://www.demischanant.com/exhibitions/sheila-hicks/about-the-exhibition>

Eastern PA/Northern NJ/NYC - Autumn-Winter Exhibits

Narrative Threads: New Jersey Quilts & Textiles

Now through June 9, 2019, Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, Madison, New Jersey

<http://www.metc.org/>

New Directions in Fiber Art

Through June 16, 2019, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, New Jersey

<https://montclairartmuseum.org/exhibition/new-directions-fiber-art>

Camp: Notes on Fashion. The Met Fifth Avenue: Costume Institute's spring 2019 exhibition of more than 250 objects from 17th century to present
Through July 8, 2019. New York, New York

https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2019/camp-notes-on-fashion?utm_source=Exhibitions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2019_0410_Met_Exhibitions

Weave a Real Peace Annual Meeting

June 20 - 23, 2019, Washington, DC

<https://weavearealpeace.wildapricot.org/events>

New Jersey Guilds – if you are interested in helping the [Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge](#) plan arts and crafts events to commemorate their 80th anniversary, please contact Keena Graham at keena_graham@fws.gov, or (609) 382-7641.

Beads, They're Sewn So Tight, October 10, 2018 – May 26, 2019, Textile Museum Toronto, Ontario. Artists: Bev Koski, Katie Longboat, Jean Marshall, Olivia Whetung
www.textilemuseum.ca/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/beads.-they-re-sewn-so-tight

Esther and the Dream of One Loving Human Family

Through March 2024, American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

AVAM announces the return of its most beloved exhibited works in the national museum's 23-year history, the exquisitely tender testimonial embroideries created by Holocaust survivor, Esther Nisenthal Krinitz. The exhibition pays tribute to humanity's long history, past and current, of unjustly persecuted innocents and the dream of a world at peace. A preamble to Esther's fabric collages include South African Truth and Reconciliation embroidered testimonies, work gathered from Lily Yeh's partnership with Rwandan Tutsi genocide survivors, and more. <http://www.avam.org/>

Ongoing Exhibits

New York Members: Find out about activities, festivals and guild meetings in the Hudson River Valley here: www.hudsonvalleyfiberartsnetwork.com/

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Alexandria, VA, www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com/
Exhibits all forms of fiber work, including weaving, knitting, crocheting, sewing, surface design, and more, in 11 juried shows each year.

Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA, fabricworkshopandmuseum.org/
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.

Alling Coverlet Museum, in Palmyra NY, has a collection of simple 4H to jacquard coverlets. historicpalmyra.com/alling.htm

Fiber Tools & Equipment

Free: 4 shaft, 6 treadle counterbalance Cambridge loom

manufactured by Reed Loom, Springfield, Ohio. 45" weaving width. Cambridge model. Some restoration needed. About the Reed Loom company: <http://www.weaversfriend.com/page1/page4/page4.html>.

Loom manual:

https://www2.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/other/rlc_loom.pdf

Lynn Benedict, Vincentown, N.J. (Southern N.J. near Philadelphia)

Email: anamcarasoap.co@gmail.com

Tel: 609.535.5033



Need to Update Your Guild Info?

You may submit your **updated guild info** online using this simple form:

mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/

Please 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 Reps Groups.io Info

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 at membership@mafafiber.org. We particularly want guilds to enter program, workshop and instructor info in our Programs & Workshops database here: groups.io/g/mafareps/table?id=3297.