



MAFA News

March/April

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President's Message

Spring is almost here!

March also means that proposals are in, and we will start selecting conference workshops this month. Look forward to our announcing teachers and workshops in September. Reps, we are still looking for a few key conference coordinators, and we're asking for your help in suggesting members from your guilds who could help fill these roles. See details in the MAFA 2025 section.

MAFA also has a full slate of virtual classes going on now through June with plenty of spaces left, and Fall classes will open for enrollment mid-March.

Stay tuned for details and an agenda for our May 14, 2024 Reps Assembly on Zoom.

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Important Dates

- March 26:** MAFA Free Lecture with Anne Choi
- April 16:** MAFA Book Group; *Unraveling* by Peggy Orenstein
- May 14:** Spring 2024 Reps Assembly, 7 p.m. on Zoom

MAFA Virtual

Join the email list for monthly 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 updated schedule for Winter/Spring 2024! www.lessonface.com/mafa. We will post our Fall classes in mid-March.

Upcoming FREE Events



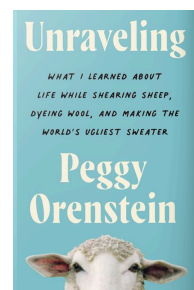
March 26: Exploring the Long Thread of Korean Textile Arts, with Anne Choi, 7 p.m. ET, FREE

Join Anne Choi as she reflects on her recent visit to Korea, where she visited the studios of contemporary artists working to preserve and celebrate Korea's unique textile craft history. Register here:

lessonface.com/apply/Exploring-Long-Thread-Korean-Textile-Arts.

April 23: MAFA Book Group, 7:30 p.m. ET, on Zoom, FREE. Our April book is *Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World's Ugliest Sweater* by Peggy Orenstein. Sign up for MAFA Book Group to get info on upcoming meetings/books, and the Zoom links: forms.gle/HQyMbp9T7gcpcnfz5.

Questions about book group? Email Patty Chrisman at events@mafafiber.org.



May 21: Save the Date for our May Lecture, 7 p.m. ET, FREE

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.

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.

MAFA Virtual Committee

MAFA Conference 2025

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



Workshop selection is happening now!

Proposals are in, and we expect to offer some great workshops in 2025 from both our favorite familiar instructors as well as new teachers and topics! You will have to be patient though, we will announce our workshops in September.

Conference Coordinators Needed

We 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. 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. 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.

MAFA Conference Committee

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/. Questions? Contact grants@mafafiber.org.

Congratulations to the folks at the Floyd Center for the Arts in Floyd, VA on a successful grant to establish a fiber arts studio in their center. If you are in the area, please check them out as it looks like an amazing place to visit! Also, congratulations go out to Three Rivers Fiber Focus on a micro-grant to have dedicated technology for streaming meetings and programs.

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 May 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

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.

MAFA Grants Committee

Member News

Membership

Marla Campbell, is the new Membership Chair. Be sure to get in touch with Marla at membership@mafafiber.org to let her know if you have a new Rep or guild officers, or fill out our Guild Update form here: mafafiber.org/guilds-page/guild-update/.

Patty Chrisman, MAFA Vice President, 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.

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 know prior to the meeting date. You can reach Patty at vp@mafafiber.org.

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: <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/>

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.

(703) 281-4091 <https://www.facebook.com/mcleantextilegallery/>

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, 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>