Focus on Fibre Art Association

Encouraging, fostering and developing excellence and appreciation of fibre as an art form.

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Upcoming Workshops

Mark your calendar for two new workshops. Watch the website for details.

- Val Flannigan Oct 25-27, 2019 - Purses & Bags (rug hooking)
- Tanya Graham March 30-Apr 1, 2020 - Demystifying Modern Art (rug hooking)

Volunteer for Demos July 13 at Leduc Art Walk

FFAA members will be demonstrating hand quilting and fibre art techniques note requiring electricity at Leduc Art Walk, Saturday July 13 during four shifts 9am- 7:30pm. Feel free to sign up for more than one shift. You are welcomed to bring items for display and promotional materials for your guild. Expected attendance is 10,000 visitors.

Step 1: select a shift using the FFAA online form LAW2019. Check for the email confirmation. Step 2: Register as a volunteer with the Leduc Arts Foundry volunteer page for their insurance purposes and to receive meal vouchers and swag. You will need to scroll down the form until you get to Focus on Fibre Art Association shift choices.

Volunteer for Demos July 20 & 21 at Leduc West Antique Annual Exposition

Sign up to help with demos of your choice not requiring electricity at the Leduc West Antique Exposition on July 20 & 21, 2019 at LWAS sign up page. Demos are in the schoolhouse. Notify people at the gate that you are a demonstrator to get in for free.

Volunteer for Creativ Festival West Sept. 6 & 7

Volunteers are needed to help at the FFAA booth at the 2019 CreativFestival West on Sept 6 and 7 (plus Sept 5 set-up) at Millenium Place in Sherwood Park. FFAA will again have a booth to promote fibre art activities and the FFAA member groups’ upcoming workshops and other activities. This event has been shown in the past to be an effective way to network and to promote guild activities and has resulted in new guild members and higher workshop registrations.

Sign up online to volunteer for a 3-hour shift at the FFAA booth at CreativFestival West. The sign up link will remain open through until just before the show.

You will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com. SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Deborah Giles and she will sign you up manually.

Ways to volunteer: lend handmade items for display, gather handmade items to bring for set-up, set-up the booth, do demos, hostess, tear-down, and return display items to guild members. Read more re the FFAA booth.

Member Feedback Sought on 2020 Call for Entry

The organizers of the 2020: Future in Focus competition and show are updating the Call for Entry to be distributed in the fall. We are seeking feedback from past participants of FFAA competitions in order to make the form as user-friendly as possible. If you would like to give input, please review the draft Call for Entry and send comments to Deb Merriam, Coordinator, 2020: Future in Focus by July 15.
Member Guilds - Upcoming Events

**Armchair Traveller: Stitching the World** sponsored by the Edmonton Needlecraft Guild. Exhibition runs June 25 - August 27, 2019 at Enterprise Square, 10230 Jasper Ave. Edmonton AB.

**Leduc Quilt Show** on October 18 & 19, 2019 - co-sponsored by Black Gold Quilt Patch Guild and the Edmonton Modern Quilt Guild at Leduc Recreation Centre in Leduc AB.

Local Workshop Instructors Sought

Members are invited to submit recommendations for local fibre art workshop instructors. Email Arlene at info@focusonfibreart.org for more information or to submit.

Bulletin Board

The Ukrainian Women's Association in Smoky Lake AB is looking for someone who works with flax, processing flax stems into fibre, and working with linen. Contact Noreen Easterbrook at eastklym at mcsnet.ca.

FFAA School Sewing Program a Hit

Students at St Thomas Aquinas School in Edmonton were delighted with the sewing workshop sponsored by FFAA in March 2019. They hand sewed felted foods to create a ‘meal’. They also learned how to use a sewing machine to create owl bags of their own designs to be donated to the Bird Observatory. Some students were inspired to seek out patterns and sew pajama shorts!

CQA Viewers’ Choice Award

Congratulations to Anne Beaudoin and Diane Carson of Exeter ON for their intricately pieced and quilted 9-patch quilt *To the Nines*. FFAA is a co-sponsor of the Viewers’ Choice award.

EDQG Viewers’ Choice Winner

Congratulations to Cathy Tomm of BGQPG and EDQG for winning the **EDQG Festival of Quilts Viewers’ Choice** award for her stunning paper pieced quilt *Crazy, I Am!*

Quilt Canada 2020 in Edmonton

Save the date for **QUILT CANADA 2020!** June 18-20, 2020 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

2019-20 FFAA Board of Directors

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FFAA 2019-20 Meeting Dates

- Aug 23 Executive (location TBA)
- Sept 15 General & Special Meetings (open to all members to vote on updated Bylaws)
- Oct 27 Board
- Nov 24 Executive (location TBA)
- Dec 8 General meeting & Christmas dessert potluck
- Jan 19 Executive (12 pm) & Board (2 pm)
- Feb 23 AGM