



Focus on Fibre Art Association

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

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FFAA Member Newsletter July/August 2020

2020 Competition and Exhibition

The Opening Gala for the *2020: Future in Focus* exhibition will be in our new location at 9532 – 87 Street, Edmonton AB. The event will be a virtual gala on Facebook Live. Register at our [Facebook site](#) to join the fun.



The gallery space has been prepared to accommodate small group visits by appointment from July 20 through August 31, 2020. Please check our [website](#), [Facebook](#) regularly for updates on hours and how to book an appointment to view the exhibition.

Fibre Events during 2020 Culture Days

While many fall fibre events have been cancelled or postponed, there are opportunities this fall to promote fibre art and artists during both the Alberta and Canadian Culture Days. This year Albertans have the entire month of September to discover, experience and celebrate arts and culture through local events and activities, either in person or online across the province. See the Alberta Culture webpage <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-culture-days.aspx> for more information regarding funding and planning events tips and tools.

Nationally, Culture Days 2020 is extending beyond the traditional Culture Days Weekend to a more inclusive and interactive 4-week schedule of activities from September 25 to October 25. For more information go to <https://culturedays.ca/en>.

If your guild wishes to host or co-host an in-person Culture Days event, the new Focus on Fibre Art Studio is available for bookings at no cost to member guilds. This space is large enough to offer a safe environment for groups of up to 15 people and all users will be required to observe health and safety protocols in place at the time the event is offered. Contact [Arlene Tomnuk](#) to book your event or for more information.

NEW FFAA Meeting Location

Once regular FFAA meetings resume they will be held at our new home at 9532 – 87 Street, Edmonton AB in Strathearn Centre - see [map](#)). Free parking is available onsite. This space is available for FFAA member groups to use for meetings and small group activities.

Contact [Arlene Tomnuk](#) to book or for more information. If your organization in the Alberta fibre arts community would like to [join FFAA](#), please contact us at membership@focusonfibreart.org.



Applying for FFAA-Sponsored Workshops

FFAA invites members and guilds to request workshop instructors and topics for FFAA-sponsored workshops. Please apply in writing, including the name of instructor, topic, dates preferred and any other pertinent information. Requests are considered by the FFAA Board. As the process can take some time, the sooner you make your request, the better we can help organize your workshops. Please send your request via email to Arlene Tomnuk at workshops@focusonfibreat.org.

Volunteer Hours Submission Form

FFAA tracks the number of hours that volunteers contribute to fibre art activities in order to meet the requirements for grant applications. Please report all your FFAA-related activities monthly using the **updated** online [FFAA Volunteer Hours Submission Form](#).

Rescheduled FFAA Workshops

Check for updates on the FFAA [website](#).

Member Guilds - Upcoming Workshops & Events

Member guilds will be rescheduling activities once it is safe to do so. Consult the [Member Guild websites](#) for updated information.

Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School

This annual event has been rescheduled for next year, October 29 - November 3, 2021 at Providence House in Edmonton. Watch for updates at <https://prairieharvestrughookingschool.wordpress.com>.

Member Profile - Kim Heron

EWG member Kim Heron loves quilting, weaving, and felting and is always interested in learning new techniques for anything fibre related. A lifelong interest in sewing and art originated with childhood projects in her Edmonton community and have led to the opening of her new shop in the Terrace Heights neighbourhood in Edmonton.

Kim graduated from Ryerson University in Toronto with a Bachelor of Fashion Design. She has always had a passion for colour and artistic creations, particularly in the wool and textile industries. She has spent the last ten years pursuing a career in health and safety with a focus on reducing occupational exposures to hazardous materials, some of which, interestingly enough, are fibres (ask her about her asbestos collection).

In June 2020 Kim opened Little Blue Fibre Studio as an art and creative community supplying makers with wool, yarn, backing fabrics, and more. The shop has a fantastic selection of local and sustainable yarn, rovings, embroidery floss and needlework supplies, rug hooking materials, needle and wet felting supplies, and an abundance of accessories.

The vision of the studio is to encourage a slow-fibre movement as a way of bringing fibre lovers back to the roots of their craft by building on the heritage laid down by our ancestors.

Little Blue Fibre Studio is located across the street from the Capilano Library at 6718 101 Avenue NW in Edmonton. Open Tues - Fri 10-5 and Sat 10-4.

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People in Prairies by Vadimira F Wackenreuther
2014 Prairies Competition, Weaving / Tapestry