



# 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 March/April 2021

## Message from the President

With determination and persistence in 2020, the Focus on Fibre Art Association Board coordinated numerous activities for and on behalf of members, despite health restrictions and shutdowns.

Currently a handful of committed volunteers are putting in many hours covering a lot of bases -- and they need help. We understand that not everyone is able to take on a leadership commitment, but a dozen or so new volunteers taking on small jobs on the committees will ease the load for those in leadership roles and FFAA will be able to survive and to thrive.

We are currently looking to develop three candidates for the next Board starting in February 2022. Ten or twelve new volunteers on the committees will allow volunteers who have accumulated knowledge and experience in the organization to move to leadership positions, knowing their committee work is covered. Every volunteer contribution is important to the organization.

The mandate of FFAA is to encourage, foster, and develop excellence and appreciation of fibre as an art form among the community. The recent opening of the Focus on Fibre Art Studio opens the door to more opportunities for promoting skill development and showcasing the creativity of fibre artists through workshops and exhibitions.

We are asking everyone who has benefitted from entering FFAA competitions since 1998 and from taking subsidized workshops since 2013 to step forward and contribute your time and talents to the future success of FFAA.

In addition, we are asking up-and-coming fibre artists (stitchers, felters, quilters, knitters, rug hookers, dyers, weavers, and spinners) to volunteer on a committee as a way of participating in and strengthening the fibre art community that we all value and enjoy.

Vicki Robson, President

On behalf of the FFAA Board of Directors

To volunteer or ask questions contact Vicki at:

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## FFAA Committee Volunteers needed

**Social Media** - We are looking for someone to manage the Instagram Page and assist with the Facebook page. Contact Catherine at [cchallen120@icloud.com](mailto:cchallen120@icloud.com) if you are interested.

**Website Editor** - Sharon is looking for a volunteer to mentor in managing the FFAA website. Please contact Sharon through [web@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:web@focusonfibreart.org).

**2022 Competition Chair and Sub-committee heads** - This position will start Fall, 2021. There is a pool of experienced previous competition leadership who can help direct a new chair and subcommittees. We need an individual to coordinate the sub-committees and keep preparation on schedule. Co-chair teams welcome if you know someone you work well with. Send any questions to [info@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreart.org).

## 2021 Upcoming Virtual Meetings

The next **Board meeting** will be Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 1 pm via Zoom. Board meeting dates following this will be: April 18 and May 16. The link and agenda will be emailed a few days prior.

## 2021 'Self-Expression' Exhibition

The Exhibition committee is pleased to announce our info and submission pages now live and ready to accept your entries! Find the Call for Entry and online entry form on the [2021 Exhibition](#) webpage. We look forward to displaying your creative fibre art interpretations of **Self-Expression** this summer. Thanks to Exhibition Chair, Christine Wiggett and the members of Fibre Fly for coordinating this exhibition for the benefit of FFAA members.

### Important dates:

- May 15, 2021 - Online submissions close at midnight
- July 1, 2021 - Intake (within AHS Guidelines, as required)
- July 2, 2021 - Exhibition opens (within AHS Guidelines, as required)
- July 2-August 31, 2021 - Exhibition runs (within AHS Guidelines, as required)
- August 31, 2021 - Artworks available for pick up (within AHS Guidelines, as required)

## 2022 'Keeping It Local' Exhibition

Next year, FFAA's biennial juried and judged competition and exhibition are planned on the theme 'Keeping It Local', and will be displayed at the Focus on Fibre Art Studio. Watch this space for updates.

## Upcoming FFAA Workshops

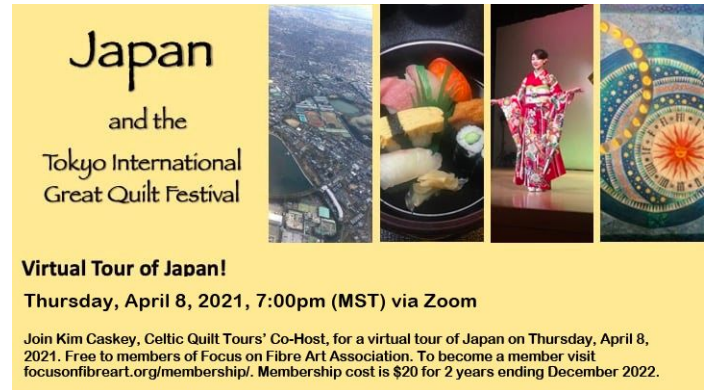
As of publication date, there is still space in the **Kate Atherley Custom Fit Sock-A-Long** March 7, 14, and 28, noon to 2pm. Fee: \$30 members \$60 non-members. For more information and to register visit: <https://focusonfibreat.org/kate-atherley/>

**Mary Alice Sinton Japanese Bead Embroidery.** FFAA is proud to bring Mary Alice virtually to Edmonton to teach June 26 & 27, 2021. Registration opens March 31, and will end May 15. Materials will need to be ordered and shipped in time for the workshop. Additional details available [here](#).

**Seeking Instructors:** We are currently looking for instructors with classes they can offer via zoom and invite interested teachers to [submit proposals here](#). Instructors can be local or distant. Questions or suggestions? Contact [workshops@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:workshops@focusonfibreat.org).

## FFAA Zoom Lecture

FFAA is pleased to present this zoom lecture on Japan and the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival, April 8, 2021, 7 pm. Additional details on the poster:



The poster features a yellow background with the text 'Japan and the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival' in a serif font. To the right of the text are four small images: a cityscape, a bowl of colorful fabric scraps, a person in a red kimono, and a quilt. Below the images, the text reads 'Virtual Tour of Japan! Thursday, April 8, 2021, 7:00pm (MST) via Zoom'. At the bottom, it says 'Join Kim Caskey, Celtic Quilt Tours' Co-Host, for a virtual tour of Japan on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Free to members of Focus on Fibre Art Association. To become a member visit [focusonfibreat.org/membership/](http://focusonfibreat.org/membership/). Membership cost is \$20 for 2 years ending December 2022.'

## Sign Up Now for FFAA Email Notices

Get email notices of upcoming workshops, exhibitions, and events direct to your inbox from FFAA. Available to members and non-members. [Sign up here, now!](#) This benefit is to give members quicker notice of meetings and events than is possible via the bi-monthly FFAA newsletter. Initial response has been positive: the convenience of direct notifications beats trying to remember to check the website, Facebook, and Instagram sites on a regular basis. It's the easiest way to stay in the loop ... sign up today for direct email notification of coming events!

## Focus on Fibre Art Studio - Update of Events

FFA Studio Address: 9532/9534 87 St NW, Edmonton  
Hours: Tue-Thur 10-4, Fri 2-7, Sat 11-3, closed Sun/Mon

**ACUA Threads That Connect** Exhibit in the FFA/ACUA gallery until Mar 20, 2021. Get more information [here](#).

**The Language of Stitches** presented by the Edmonton Needlecraft Guild, Mar 1-31, 2021, FFA Studio. How do we use our needles and threads to communicate to and with others? How do our stitches speak for us? What are the stories our stitches tell? Our members answer these questions and create a dialogue with pieces expressing their unique and personal language of stitching. A selection of photographs from the exhibit will be viewable on [our website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



### EDQG 2021 Festival of Quilts Featured Quilter, Lois Miller

Attend the Meet and Greet with Lois Miller on May 1 and 2 at the FFA Studio, starting at 1 pm. A display of Lois's quilts will be in the Studio until May 15. Check [here](#) for further details and updates on Lois Miller's exhibit. To see the feature article on Lois in the EDQG April 2021 newsletter, [check this space](#) in April.

**Sew/play days in the Studio** These will again be offered once per month when it is safe to meet in groups. Open to all members. Contact [studio@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:studio@focusonfibreat.org)

**Open Studio days** When possible, FFAA will again offer open studio days for members who require more space for a project or wish to get together with some friends in a large space. Email [studio@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:studio@focusonfibreat.org) to inquire and to book the Studio workspace. Subject to health restrictions being lifted.

### Member Guilds - Upcoming Workshops & Events

Consult the [Member Guild websites](#) for updated information about online meetings and workshops.

**Virtual Spring Fling Stitching Retreat hosted by Edmonton Needlecraft Guild on Zoom** April 24 & 25, 2021, 9:00 am - until you drop! One day \$15; both days \$25. Online registration form available [here](#). Registration Deadline: April 22. Contact: [virtuallspringfling@gmail.com](mailto:virtuallspringfling@gmail.com) for mail-in registration and questions. Non-members welcome!

**EDQG Temperature Quilts workshop** [Check here](#) for more information and to register for this zoom workshop.



**CARFAC presents Writing Your Artist Statement**, March 06, 1-230pm. Find more information and sign up for this FREE Zoom workshop [here](#).

### FFAA Board of Directors Update

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