



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 May/June 2020

Postponement of FFAA Meetings & Workshops

All FFAA meetings and workshops are suspended until AHS advises it is safe to stop social distancing. Please check the [website](#) to learn when these activities will resume. In the meantime, we invite all fibre art enthusiasts to take advantage of their new-found creative time to make a piece for our biennial competition [2020: Future in Focus](#).

A New Home for FFAA

We're delighted to share the news that FFAA recently concluded an agreement with the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA) to share the expanded gallery and workshop space at the ACUA location at 9532 – 87 Street, Edmonton AB (in the Strathearn shopping centre on the Valley Line LRT). Check out the [contest](#) to name the new studio space!

Rescheduled FFAA Workshops

- ❖ Libs Elliot - Quilting Dec 6-8, 2020 EMQG
- ❖ Tanya Graham - Nov 12-14, 2020 ERHG
[Demystifying Modern Art](#) (rug hooking)
Registrants who paid for the March workshop and cannot participate on the new dates will receive a refund. Those on the waitlist will be contacted if openings arise.
- ❖ Tanya Graham Trunk Show - date TBA
- ❖ Terri Bibby - Saori Weaving - dates TBA
- ❖ Heike Bholm - Needlearts - 2021 dates TBA



NEW DEADLINE - Please download and complete the [Call for Entry Revised 3May2020](#) to submit your entry. The deadline for submissions has been extended to [June 28, 2020](#). The updated competition schedule is:

June 28	Submissions close at midnight
June 29-July 1	Jurying
July 2	Notifications sent
July 17	Intake with safety measures
July 18	Judging
July 19	Opening Gala via Facebook Live
July 20 - Aug 31	Exhibition by appointment or online

NEW LOCATION - The opening gala for the *2020: Future in Focus* exhibition will be in our new location at 9532 – 87 Street, Edmonton AB. We'll be broadcasting the gala online through Facebook Live. The exhibition will be open for small group visits by appointment from July 20 through August 31, 2020.

Please check our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) regularly for updates and to enter the contest to name the theme for the 2022 the competition by May 24.

NEW FFAA Meeting Location

Once meetings resume they will be held at our new home at 9532 – 87 Street, Edmonton AB (a couple of blocks from the future Strathearn stop for the Valley Line LRT under construction - [map](#)). Free parking is available onsite. If your organization in the Alberta fibre arts community would like to join FFAA, [please contact us](#).



Applying for FFAA-Sponsored Workshops

FFAA encourages members and guilds to request workshop instructors and topics. We ask that you make it in writing, including the name of instructor, topic, dates preferred and any other pertinent details. All requests need to be approved by your guild Board or Executive. Requests are then presented to the FFAA Board. As the process can take some time, the sooner you make your request, the better we can help organize our workshops. Please send your request via email to Arlene Tomnuk at workshops@focusonfibreart.org.

Volunteer Hours Submission Form

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

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.

Tips for Effective online Zoom Meetings

Deb Merriam of the ERHG shares her tips - If you're working from home these days, you've probably used Zoom or another teleconferencing app to meet remotely, but have you thought of using it for a fibre art meet up?

In the past month, I've met with the FFAA board and for weekly informal check-ins of small groups from ERHG via Zoom. We treat the check-ins like a stitch-and-bitch, and take turns saying how we're doing, what we're reading, and holding up our current projects to our webcams. There's lots of laughter and we end feeling a bit like we've had some real-life time with each other, and maybe getting to know some fellow ERHG members we don't usually get to chat with much.

A little technical advice: it works best if you have a group of 12 or fewer, and if you can schedule it for a time when others in your household aren't also online. To improve your video and audio signal, choose "speaker view" instead of "gallery view", and turn on the microphone only for the person who is speaking. It's also helpful if the person who schedules the meeting (or *cough* their significant other) has access to a paid account; free Zoom accounts are limited to a smaller group for 40 minutes, although sometimes they'll extend it.



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by Judy Weiss
2014
Prairies
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