



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 Sep/Oct 2020

General Meeting - All Members Welcome

1 pm on Sunday September 20, 2020 via Zoom.
Agenda and Zoom link will be sent out Sept 9 by guild reps
and by FFAA Secretary (to individual members).

2020 Competition Winners

Congratulations to all the entrants and especially to
Cec Caswell whose brilliant hooked work, *UNPLUG/
DISCONNECT* was judged Best of Show, and to
Deborah Giles whose intricate multi-layered quilt,
Eternal Recurrence, was voted Viewers' Choice. See all
the entries and the catalogue on the website in the [2020
Gallery](#).

Artist Talks

Many thanks to Cec Caswell (shown below), Judy
Weiss, Sharon Rubuliak, Yvonne Bilan-Wallace and
Laurie Wiles for speaking about their art practice and
their artwork in the *2020: Future in Focus* competition
and exhibition. Their enlightening presentations were
thoroughly enjoyed by members and guests.



Focus on Fibre Art Studio & 2020 AB Culture Days

Our newly-opened 2800 sq. ft. studio/gallery space is in
the Strathearn Shopping Centre at 9532 – 87 Street in
Edmonton AB – see [map](#)). There is free parking in front.

There are also
tables and chairs
available outside
for visitors' use.



During the month
of September 2020
there will several
events to celebrate

Alberta Culture Days, including:

- ERHG 35th anniversary display until Sep 30th
- Join ACUA on **Saturday Sept 12**, 4:30-8:30 pm for
many displays and a Fall Harvest Market.
- Join EWG on **Sunday Sept 13**, 1- 4 pm for spinning,
weaving and other fibre art demonstrations.
- Join ENG on **Sunday, Sept 20**, 1-4 pm for a display
and demonstrations of needlework. Class listings will
also be available.
- Join FFAA on **Sunday Sept 27**, 1- 4 pm for a variety
of fibre art demonstrations. Details to be posted later
in September.

Watch the guilds' social media sites for monthly notices of
workshops, meetings, sew days, and casual meet-ups for
member guilds in the studio/gallery.

NEW Opportunities for Members & Guilds

The Focus on Fibre Art Studio is now available for bookings by members and member guilds. Under our arrangement with ACUA, the studio/gallery will be used jointly as a multi-purpose space for meetings, workshops and exhibitions. The studio/gallery includes a kitchenette and washroom, and can easily accommodate up to 12 people for fibre art activities and meetings while practicing COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines and protocols.

The **Studio** is available most months to member guilds at no cost based on guild size as follows: under 100 members, 1 day/month; 101-149 members, 1.5 days/month; 150 members and up, 2 days/month. Bookings may be made in 2-hour increments depending on availability. To book the Studio, send a request to studio@focusonfibreart.org.

In addition, we invite members to showcase their fibre art work in our **Gallery** which has about 40 running feet of wall space with a modern installation system. Bookings for display space can be made for a period of one month for each member or member guild. Email studio@focusonfibreart.org for more information.

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.

Edmonton Modern Quilt Guild

The September 8 meeting will be held at Government House grounds adhering to social distancing protocols. Subsequent meetings will be via Zoom. See emqg.ca.

ACUA Workshops

ACUA workshops will be held in person, and will follow strict procedures to ensure everyone's safety during this time. Due to COVID-19 concerns, social distancing and

mask-wearing policies will be followed during all workshops. Read more at acuarts.ca.

2021 & 2022 Exhibitions

Planning is underway for exhibitions in 2021 and 2022. Watch the newsletter and the website for the Call for Entry for the 2021 non-juried, non-judged exhibition on the theme of "Selfies". The following year, 2022, a juried and judged competition and exhibition on the theme "Keeping It Local" will be held at the Focus on Fibre Art Studio.



A Renewed Passion by Paula Banerji
2020: *Future in Focus* competition / Sculpture Category
(an artful example of stumpwork or raised embroidery)

Plan Now for 2021-2022 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 by email to workshops@focusonfibreart.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 activities monthly using the [online form](#).