



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 2021

2021 Upcoming FFAA Virtual Meetings

FFAA General Meeting, Sunday, July 25, 2021, 1 pm

This follow-up to June 19 meeting will be to review the roster of volunteers for Board and committee roles and decide on the number and type of programs FFAA will be able to offer in 2021-2022.

Add this date to your calendar and plan to attend!

The Board has called for more volunteers to assist with planning and delivering programs to FFAA members. All members are asked to consider their experience and skill set and come prepared to join a team to organize and deliver workshops, exhibitions and fibre art events. Note that the budget for these activities is in place; we need volunteers to deliver the programs.

We know the members are highly satisfied with the FFAA programs. It's time for more members to join the team and continue to deliver these valuable programs to your friends and fellow fibre artists.

The July 25, 2021 Zoom meeting link will be posted a week before the meeting. If you have any questions or comments about the meeting, contact info@focusonfibreat.org.

FFAA Studio

BJ Passmore and Judy Cote have joined Gwen Loiselle on the Facility Committee to work on details for use of the shared Studio space with ACUA. They will be meeting over the summer to confirm times for FFAA member access to the Studio for small group activities. For information, or to book time for your small group during July and August, contact studio@focusonfibreat.org.

2022 'Keeping It Local' Exhibition

The theme for our next competition explores ways in which we engage with our local community. We invite members to create a fibre artwork that illustrates the joys (and trials) of life in your corner of the world. Do you enjoy the sights and sounds of your local market, business or seasonal fair? How do you or your family participate in community associations and special interest clubs? How far have you traveled the trails that extend within and beyond your neighbourhood? What does 'keeping it local' look like for you?

Check back [HERE](#) over the coming months for updates on 2022 competition and exhibition news.

FFAA Workshops

The Workshop Committee has been meeting and making plans for the coming year. Watch this newsletter space for further details on upcoming workshops or check [HERE](#) at any time for up-to-date workshop information.

The Orion's Spur Foundation Piecing workshop was a resounding success with classes running both Saturday and Sunday to meet demand for this popular workshop. Japanese Bead Embroidery took place recently with a healthy enrollment and we eagerly await reports back from that.

Access to FFAA workshops for non-members is simple and inexpensive. Individuals may apply at any time for an individual 2-year FFAA Membership for \$20 from January 2021 to December 2022 and become eligible for all workshops offered by FFAA. Apply [HERE](#).

Please submit suggestions for workshops/instructors using [THIS FORM](#).

Seeking Instructors with classes developed to offer via zoom. We invite interested teachers to submit proposals, questions, or suggestions to workshops@focusonfibreat.org.



Faye Sutherley - Orion's Spur

FFAA Communications Update

The most reliable and expedient way to get FFAA news releases is to receive email notices directly to your inbox. [SIGN UP HERE](#). FFAA sends out email notices of upcoming workshops, exhibitions, and events as well as handy links to Zoom meetings so you don't have to go searching. Available to non-members! It's the easiest way to stay in the loop ... sign up today for FFAA messages directly to your inbox!

FFAA Committee Chairs needed

FFAA is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions:

Workshop coordinator for online workshops.

Contact info@focusonfibreat.org

Website Editor - Sharon is looking for a volunteer to mentor in managing the FFAA website. Please contact Sharon through web@focusonfibreat.org.

Chair 2022 Competition 'Keeping It Local' - 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@focusonfibreat.org.

Call for Nominations

The Board is taking nominations for executive positions starting February, 2022: President, Vice-President, Treasurer.

Member Guilds - Upcoming Workshops & Events

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

External Workshops & Events

Threads of Hope - Fibre Art Exhibit

June 5 - July 21, 2021

Alberta Council for Ukrainian Arts

9534 - 87 Street, Edmonton AB

[See regular studio hours here](#)

Co-hosted by ACUA & Fibre Art Network

A visit to the gallery is a delightful outing for fibre enthusiasts, especially with an outdoor lunch stop at Juniper Bistro a few doors down from the gallery. An online preview can be seen [HERE](#).

Artist Talks – visit acuarts.ca to register

Tuesday, July 6 - Judy Weiss: Survey of the Threads of Hope Exhibition

Thursday, July 8 - Dianne Firth: Paint, felt, quilt and stitch AND Cindi Plant: Rediscovering my love of art making

Tuesday, July 13 - Yvonne Bilan Wallace: Working with Nature in Textiles

Thursday, July 15: Sharon Rubuliak: Textile Expressions Using Paint and Stitch

Tuesday, July 20 - Marie McEachern: Making Marks AND Marg Jessop: From Challenge to Idea to Completion (both Calgary FAN members)



The Edmonton Weavers' Guild Textile Art Exhibition:
From Head to Toe...We've Got You Covered!

Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts

9534 87 Street NW

More information is available [HERE](#)

September 2 to 28, 2021 during [ACUA Studio hours](#)



See the beautiful textile pieces created by members of the Edmonton Weavers' Guild on display at the FFAA/ACUA Studio. From hats and exquisite woven baskets to wall hangings, scarves, and socks, these pieces have all been handmade with love and attention literally from head to toe! Come and celebrate our talented local fibre artists at this exhibit!

Threads That Connect 2021 A Year-long Celebration of Ukrainian Embroidery and Textiles



Fashion Show

Friday September 10, 2021, 7:30pm

MacEwan University

Allard Hall, 11110 104 Avenue, Edmonton

Tickets \$20-\$80 plus GST available at www.acuarts.ca;

780 488 8558; info@acuarts.ca

Featuring historical and vintage fashion from the Ukrainian-Canadian diaspora, as well as Olena Romanova's Fall 2021 Collection from Ukraine.

Panel: The Circle of Life of Fashion

Thursday, September 9, 2021, 7:00pm

Exploring Ukrainian Clothing from utility to art

Admission included with Fashion Show ticket (based on availability)

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and a full schedule of events.

The Quilt of Belonging



This amazing Canadian fibre art project is on display at the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton, now **until September 6, 2021**. Read about it [HERE](#).

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