



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 September/October 2021

2021 Upcoming FFAA Virtual Meetings

**FFAA Board Meeting, Sunday, September 19, 2021,
1pm via Zoom**

The 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.

Board members, add this date to your calendar and plan to attend!

Volunteers still needed!

We have had some volunteers step forward to fill some key positions (thank you volunteers!!), BUT there are still critical positions that need filling:

Secretary ASAP, if only to fill in until February 2022

Competition Chair ASAP: (Like the general contractor who hires the people who do the work.) There is a pool of experienced competition volunteers who will take on various positions on the committee, but we need someone to organize all those volunteers and keep the schedule rolling forward. Co-chair teams welcome if you know someone you work well with. Send any questions to info@focusonfibreat.org.

Advertising: currently submitting the add to the Country Register every 2 months.

FFAA Studio

The Facility Committee reports that guilds and individual members are starting to use the space again as of September.

For studio information: <http://focusonfibreat.org/ffaa-studio-events/>. To book studio time contact info@focusonfibreat.org.

FYI to members using the studio: the landlord requests that members parking all day please park at the back of the building or on the street as a courtesy to the neighbours of the studio and their customers.

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 is excited to announce two fall Zoom workshops. The committee is not quite ready to dish on the details but check back [HERE](#) for Zoom workshop details which will be posted as soon as available.

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](#).

We are taking suggestions for workshops/instructors at any time using [THIS FORM](#).

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

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!

Call for Nominations

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

Member Guilds - Upcoming Workshops & Events



Edmonton Weavers' Guild Textile Art Exhibition

From Head to Toe...We've Got You Covered!

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! These beautiful textile pieces, created by members of the Edmonton Weavers' Guild, are on display at the FFAA/ACUA Studio. Come and celebrate our talented local fibre artists at this exhibit!

Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts, 9534 87 Street NW September 2 to 28, 2021 during [ACUA Studio hours](#) (scroll down); full information is available [HERE](#)



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

Threads That Connect Fashion Show

Friday September 10, 2021, 7:30pm
MacEwan University, Allard Hall
11110 104 Avenue, Edmonton
Tickets \$20-\$80 + GST available at www.acuarts.ca;
780 488 8558; info@acuarts.ca
Full information available [HERE](#)

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)
Full information available [HERE](#)
[CLICK HERE](#) for a full schedule of events.



Threads That Connect Fashion Show



Wild Women Don't Get the Blues

EMQG Fall Retreat

The Edmonton Modern Quilt Guild has booked their fall retreat at Providence Centre in Edmonton from Friday November 26th to Sunday November 28th

Passionate quilters, members and non-members are welcome. We are expecting our registration form complete with payment options, will be ready by Friday September 3rd at <https://www.emgg.ca> under the events tab.

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

External Workshops & Events

Prairie Fibre Festival in Lacombe

September 11 and 12, 11 am-4 pm
 Lacombe Memorial Centre, 5214 50 Avenue, Lacombe
 \$5 entry fee gets you in for both days
 Fibre*Yarn*Bags*Fibre Art*Products*Supplies and Equipment
 Sit and stitch; door prizes; classes; demos
<https://www.facebook.com/PrairieFibreFestival/>
<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/prairiefibrefestival/>

FFAA Board of Directors

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EDQG Quilter Extraordinaire – Lois Miller

Meet Lois and view her work at the FFAA Studio
 9532 – 87 Street, Edmonton
 Saturday, October 2, 1-5 pm and
 Sunday, October 3, 10 am-4 pm



Lois Miller and just a few of her quilts!

Black Gold Quilt Guild Zoom Workshop

Karen K. Stone is known world-wide for her stunning, award-winning quilts. She is a vibrant personality, quilt designer, and teacher. Black Gold Quilt Guild will be presenting Karen's "Wild Women Don't Get the Blues" on-line. This is foundation paper piecing Karen's original way, streamlined and efficient. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 9:30 am to 4:00pm
 \$45.00 for members, \$65.00 for non-members
 Info/registration: janet.mireault@gmail.com
 Registration opens to non-members after September 15th