



Message from the President

Keeping TFAM relevant during COVID-19 pandemic was TFAM's biggest challenge these last few months. The executive worked together to present virtually in place of actual in-person meetings. These meet-ups have been very popular. Many rural members are feeling more included as they can make it to every meeting without traveling hours to a central location. Also, we are able to have presenters from all over the world. Ironically, COVID has made us stronger!

So, what is new? Read this newsletter for upcoming Virtual Meet-Ups and Workshops organized by our Education Coordinator, Theresa Shaw. We have a wonderful line up of national and international Instructors! Both of this year's exhibits, **River**, and our impromptu exhibit, **COVID Art Journal**, can be viewed on our website and our Exhibit Coordinator, Cathie Ugrin, is setting up their touring venues. Enjoy seeing the wonderful artwork by your colleagues either on the website or at a venue near you. If you want any information from previous meet-ups or want to see the current exhibits, go to the TFAM website. Our Website Coordinator, Yvonne Carlson, works hard to keep the TFAM site current.

The AGM is coming up in October and we will hold it virtually due to rising numbers of COVID in Manitoba. I am busy gathering reports, minutes from the previous AGM, member motions, the 2021 budget and executive position openings to send to you later this month. Also planned for the AGM is another great speaker. Keep tuned for more information!

We can view COVID restrictions as a glass half empty, where we are kept from doing things, or as a glass half full, where we are presented the opportunity to learn and create. I hope you opt for the latter.

Keep creating!
Krista Zegers - TFAM President

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Guest Editorial

Manitoba Craft Council Mask + Makers Auction

Submitted by **Cathie Ugrin**
and **Theresa Shaw**

How does a Craft Council do business-as-usual in a time of pandemic? The Manitoba Craft Council's gallery, closed for many months, is again open but restricting visitors. Fewer people to see the art, buy items, attend lectures and workshops, therefore less support for the organization.

Well that's easy – you have a Mask Auction! A Mask Auction where anything goes ...

Functional, unique, bizarre, beautiful, huge and outrageous were the donations submitted by many artists for the auction which took place July 27 – Sept 4.

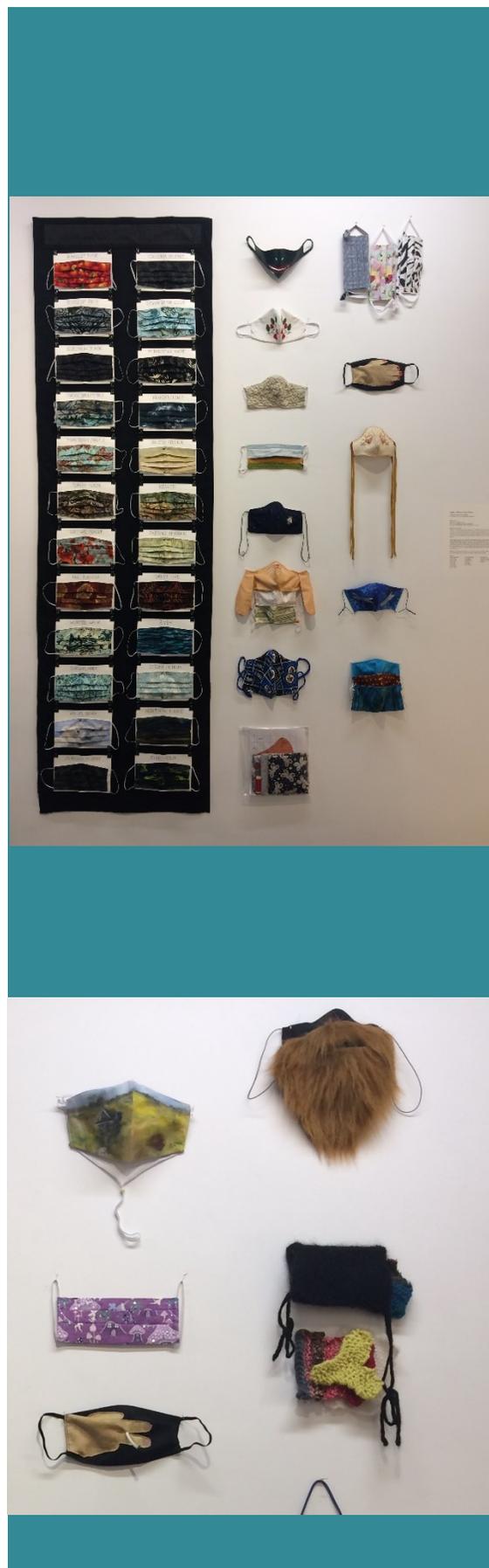
Masks have become both a necessity and symbol of our time. Providing a sense of security and consideration of others. They also allow for creative expression. Thanks to MCC, the artists and all the bidders for participating in this fabulous and important event.



So, if you see a cheeky smoker, Lani MacDonald or one of the ZZ Top guys strolling down the street, you'll know where the masks came from!

Cathie Ugrin took the opportunity to design and construct an installation piece. "Hidden Here" is composed of 24 'hidden' in Manitoba designed masks. This piece sold for over \$300.

Theresa Shaw contributed four pieces to the Manitoba Craft Council auction and was glad to know that the sale of her items contributed \$200 to the auction total. The Craft Council is half of C2 Centre for Craft. The other half is the Manitoba Craft Museum. The Craft Museum will be holding its own online auction later this fall. Check out their website for more information c2centreforcraft.ca



Being a Fibre Art 'Newbie' at TFAM

By Tania Deleva

I can call myself a fibre artist because I'm an avid knitter.

A few years ago, my daughter sent me a picture taken on one of her trips. I wanted to surprise her with a fabric reproduction of the said picture. Cathie Ugrin helped me by showing me how to cut strips and sew them together. I was very excited and finished it in 2 days. I didn't do batting or backing because I didn't know I needed to. Done, delivered, enjoyed. And, when a year later Yvonne, Susan, and Cathie came to do a presentation of Manitoba Moments at my knitting group, I decided to join TFAM.

For my River piece I wanted to use a picture of the Kootenay River that I took years ago on a trip to BC. I knitted my river and used fabric for the background. But something was not right, the piece looked weird to me. Since I don't have a background in art, I didn't know exactly what was wrong and what to do to fix it. I know almost nothing about design elements or principles of composition. Yeah, Google is there but one needs to know what to search for.

I hope in the future TFAM meets-up there will be some presentation about Art quilts, design elements, taking good photos, etc.

Bali



Special Events

TFAM Executive Retreat 2020

submitted by **Tania Deleva**

The Executive of TFAM met for two days at Cathie Ugrin's home, no overnight stay because of COVID 19. There were seven of us and it was interesting to see everybody trying to keep a safe distance. It was difficult to hear each other with masks all the time so we abandoned them after the first few minutes.

The decisions made were always with safety of the members in mind. For now, we will continue with virtual meet-ups and eventually return to in-person meet-ups when time and conditions allow. We will try to offer virtual workshops with facilitators both inside and outside the country. In the future we are hoping to organize an exhibit with pieces of members'

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artwork. Check regularly on the website, Instagram, and Facebook “members only” group for updates on what is coming.

On the website you will also find slideshows and information regarding our exhibits; Manitoba Moments, ICE, COVID and River. A new exhibit for 2021 is being planned and will be announced at the AGM in October.



Introducing the Members

Michelle Gaber

My love of textiles and fibre began in art class during high school. My career path in the field of Interior Designer took me on a journey dealing with textiles in upholstery and drapery, but little time for artistic experimentation with fibre. Recently, I have been able to return to the artistic freedom to explore and immerse myself in the interplay of textiles and fibres with the luminous aspects of glass art. As I pursue my own style, I celebrate the experience of transforming fibres with colors, textures and playful compositions, open to what I can achieve using my imagination and building blocks gathered from my experiences.

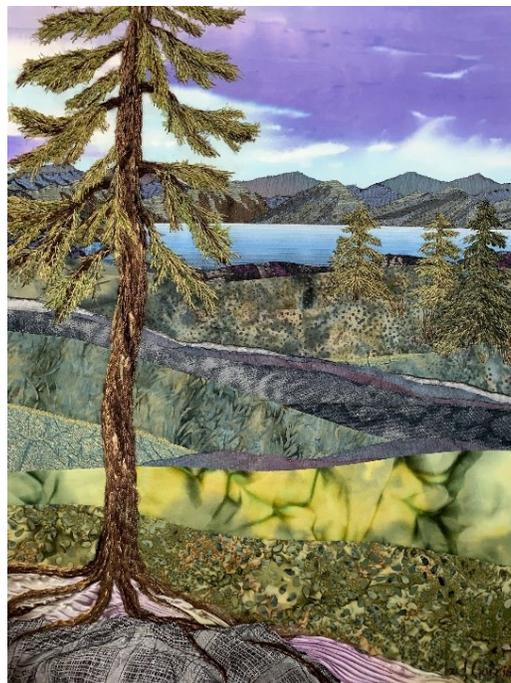
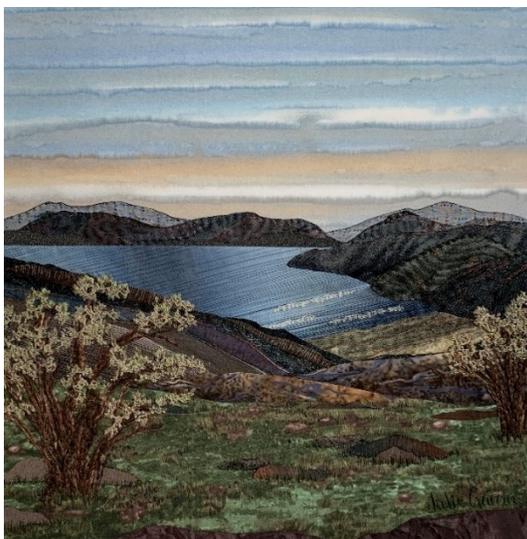
My Prairie

Fibre Art and
Glass Study



Julie Garcia

For the last 10 years, I have been creating quilts, fabric pottery and more, recently teaching quilting. My first Landscape art quilt and dyeing fabric experience was in a class instructed by Heather Lair. Recently, I receive my inspiration from many articles in Quilting Arts Magazine. Also, I have created landscape art quilts from photographs taken on vacations in Clear Lake, Manitoba. I will continue to explore the landscape quilting arts with gratification.



MEMBERS!

If you have not submitted your bio and artwork photographs, please do so by emailing them to tfamartists@gmail.com. We would love to introduce you in the next newsletter.

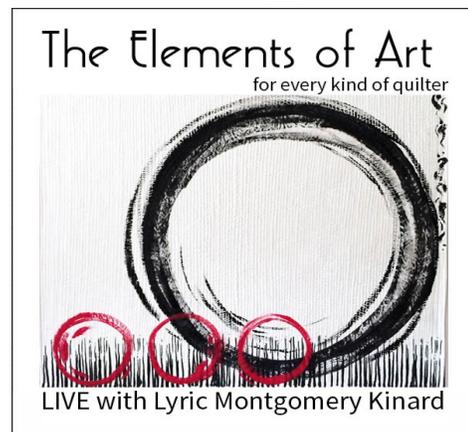
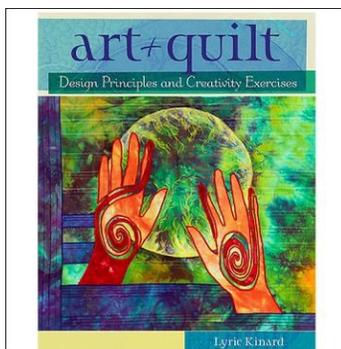
TFAM HiLites

Virtual Meet-Up & Workshop Schedule

Tuesday, September 15 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm

ZOOM Workshop with Lyric Kinard.

Lyric is an award-winning textile artist and educator who is well known for her book, "art + quilt: Design Principles and Creativity". Lyric will discuss with us the five elements of art, and how to use these to develop your creative vision. This workshop is now full.



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Tuesday, October 20 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Annual General Meeting with special guest presenter Amanda McCavour. Amanda is a Canadian artist known for her colourful and delicate 3D fibre installations. Amanda will be discussing her work and talking about the workshop that she will be presenting for us in November. Amanda's presentation is being underwritten by TFAM and is free to our members as part of the annual general meeting.

Check out Amanda's work at amandamccavour.com



Three Wednesdays in November - 4, 11, and 18th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm each day.

Live Virtual Three Day Challenge: Experimenting With Stitch and Water Soluble Stabilizer - presented by Amanda McCavour. Students will work from the comfort of their homes and have plenty of time to experiment with the techniques. Each day will include 2-3 hours of instruction, demos, exercises, and a separate meetup for questions.

Fee: \$100 per student, maximum 12 students.



Tuesday, November 17th - 5:00 pm

ZOOM Meetup with lecture by special guest Lea McComas. Lea is an award-winning quilter known for her exquisite thread painting. She will be speaking to us about creating pictorial quilts based on photographs. The lecture will address the selection of inspiration photos: what to look for and what to avoid, with a follow on to these photo editing topics: cropping and the "Rule of Thirds", grayscale, posterizing, and resizing. Additionally, the lecture will address important concepts related to colour, such as scheme, value, and temperature. Finally, the presentation will turn to elements of composition to include line, balance, contrast, and repetition, and will conclude with a question and answer session as time allows. This presentation will be free to TFAM members.

Check out Lea's work on her website: leamccomas.com



Tuesday, December 15th - 2:00 pm -



ZOOM Meet-Up/Party - you're invited to a virtual

Bring an art friend to this meet-up to share our work and creative experiences. More details to follow.....

Mask Making Update

TFAM members made hundreds of masks and donated them to family, friends and charities. Cathie Ugrin spearheaded the spring TFAM mask-making donation to the Main Street Project. Thank you to Cathie and contributing TFAM members!

It has come to our attention that 1JustCity and Main Street Project again need masks. They will accept any style of mask, but prefer ones that have elastic rather than ties.

TFAM member, Michelle Gaber has agreed to collect the masks at her home in Winnipeg and deliver them. Michelle's address is 319 Oxford Street in the River Heights area. She will have a bin in her porch so you can drop off your masks without breaking the social distance barrier. Just drop them in the marked bin and Michelle will collect them.

If you are in a more distant location, please contact other TFAM members and see if anyone is traveling to Winnipeg, or donate them to a local charity. Let us know where you donate them and we can let the other TFAM members know.

Let's see how many masks we can again create to help those more disadvantaged than us!

Non-profits issue plea for masks for city's most vulnerable
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/mask-plea-winnipeg-1.5051523>

TFAM Exhibits

2020 Exhibit 'River'

The RIVER exhibit is now together and just waiting for its first showing. River's first booking in Weyburn, SK got cancelled but it is booked for the Crescent Ft Rouge United Church Art Show, Oct 2-4. It is also scheduled to exhibit at the Manitou Opera House in January 2021.

“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.”

~Oliver Wendell Holmes, jr.

2020 Exhibit 'COVID'

Theresa Shaw has collected the exhibit and it had its first showing at Crescent Ft Rouge Church as a pop-up art show.

2019 Exhibit 'ICE'

ICE is currently in the Gallery in the Park in Altona, and what a fabulous space. A road trip to Carman and Altona just sounds like a great idea.

2018 Exhibit 'Manitoba Moments'

Manitoba Moments is now hanging in the Golden Prairie Arts Centre in Carman. We are waiting to see what happens as far as the Manitoba Arts Network touring schedule with MAN in 2021 – so far, we are booked for June 2021 at the International Peace Garden and Oct 2021 in McCreary, MB.

Lizzy B's

Fill in the form on the TFAM website if you would like to exhibit in this unique space; one form for each artwork and you will be contacted. Lizzie B's is located at 953 St Mary's Rd - stop in to see the exhibit and maybe do a little shopping!

Contact me with any questions or concerns:

Anita Shackleford - ajshackleford@gmail.com

Tributes

Our tribute this time is a sad one. We want to recognize and honour the passing of TFAM member Roberta York on July 7, 2020. Roberta had a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in textiles among many other degrees. Roberta's love of weaving and quilting led her to lecturing on textile design at the University of Manitoba. Roberta will be missed at our workshops and meetings. [The obituary can be seen here.](#)

Congratulations to Cindy Smyth who has taken on the position of President for the Winnipeg Modern Quilt Guild.

“Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tip toe if you must, but take the step.”

~Source Unknown

Let's share a little recognition. Send us a tribute if you know of anyone (yourself included) who has won an award, got accepted to a special show or competition, or for any reason you think they deserve a Tribute. Send the info to tfamartists@gmail.com

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Congratulations to TFAM members Elaine Filyk, Cathie Ugrin Dawn Piasta and Krista Zeghers, who had their artwork featured in the SAQA JOURNAL:

Volume 30#2

Article - Climate control

On Thin Ice -Elaine Filyk

Article - Colour with a U

Powwow Power -Krista Zeghers

The Dancer -Cathie Ugrin

Eh, Eutopian Sky -Dawn Piasta

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Article - Unconventional Materials Equal Fabulous Works

Frozen -Elaine Filyk

Exhibition and Event Notices

EXHIBITS:

TFAM Manitoba Moments – Golden Prairie Arts in Carmen, MB
Sept. 4 – October 30, 2020

Lure – C2 Centre for Craft, 329 Cumberland Ave in Winnipeg: a ceramic exhibit by Peter Tittenberger. Sept. 4 – October 31, 2020

EVENTS:

Fibre Trail at MCML – C2 Centre for Craft: a Pop-Up Exhibit around the World with fibre including 16 pieces each showcasing a different textile-making technique or type of fibre. Part of the Manitoba Fibre Festival's 2020 Fibre Trail. Sept. 11 – 12

'Manitoba Fibre Festival's Fibre Trail' –

See the schedule of locations at manitobafibrefestival.com/the-manitoba-fibre-trail-2020.

'...a new way to "do" the Fibre Festival — the Manitoba Fibre Trail comprises farms, studios, museums, shops and displays around southern Manitoba and Winnipeg. It's a self guided tour, plan your own route. September 11, 12, & 13.'

The Fibre Trail includes: [**COSTUME MUSEUM OF MANITOBA**](#)

Vintage and donated fabric sale, 70 Arthur St. Main floor.

OPEN: Friday September 11, 5:00 -9:00pm and

Saturday September 12, 10:00 am -5:00pm

MAWA 'Over the Top Auction' - charityauction.bid/mawa or MAWA at 611 Main St in Wpg.

What used to be a fantastic mix of art and mayhem, sugary goodness and fun in March is now an in person or online auction event stretching over six months with a different lot each month. Next lot is September 4 – 27 from 12 – 9.

Creative Manitoba Artist Bootcamps – MAWA 611 Main or online via ZOOM

These free workshops are designed to help you to advance your art career and welcome all participants. Register by writing to Alison at info@mawa.ca or watch the MAWA website.

September 23 at 7 pm: Pop-Ups and Pricing with Melanie Welsley

October 15 at 7 pm: Selling Online with Cori Jaye Elston

November 12 at 7 pm: Writing About Your Art with Yvette Cenerini

Pembina Valley Studio Tour - Galleries include Golden Prairie Arts in Carman. For a schedule of participating artists, go to pembinavalleystudiotour.com.

September 12 and 13

Call for Entry

MCML Made in the Middle – Manitoba Hydro Bldg November 20 from 10 – 4

Submission Deadline: Sept. 11, 2020 Details at c2centreforcrafter.ca/category/call-for-submission/

Art Quilts XXV Fleeting Moments –

Submit your most significant work to this annual exhibition of contemporary art quilts. This exhibition will take place at [Vision Gallery](#), Chandler AZ.

Now in its 25th year, this annual exhibition has grown from a local and regional quilt show to a respected vehicle for contemporary works. The yearly exhibition draws national and international entries and allows hundreds of visitors each year to experience quilting as an art form.

Submission Deadline: Sept. 14, 2020

Details at c2centreforcrafter.ca/category/call-for-submission/

Do you know of competitions, shows or art exhibits open to public submission? Let the members know about it. Send the information to tfamartist@gmail.com so we can share it on Facebook and in the Newsletter.

“The difference between ordeal and adventure is a change in attitude.”

~source unknown

Craft and Critters – A Craft Auction in Support of MCML

Submission Deadline: September 25 Details at
c2centreforcraft.ca/category/call-for-submission/

MCC Bursary Fund

Submission Deadline: January 8, 2021 Details at
c2centreforcraft.ca/category/call-for-submission/

Manitoba Arts Network: Rural Arts Mentorship Program: Eastman Region 2020/21

Submission Deadline: September 15 Details at
<http://winnipegarts.ca/wac/event/11983/>

The Grand National Exhibition 2021 “Crossroads” has opened its call to entry for fibre artists across Canada.

Entry submission Nov 1 – Dec 15, 2020

www.grandnationalfibreatexhibition.com

The “Crossroads” theme focuses on times when one encounters a point at which the normal path through life is divided. At this time a decision must be made. Which way do I go? For better or worse the future will take a new path. Fibre artists are challenged to create a fibre art piece that represents a crossroad past, present or future that has a profound meaning to them. This theme was designed over a year ago, but seems particularly poignant at this time!

The exhibit will open at the University of New Brunswick Art Centre in Fredericton, NB April 30 – June 24, 2021.

The artworks will then travel to:

Thunder Bay, ON: July 10 – September 25, 2021

Woodstock, ON: October 10, 2021 – February 28, 2022

Victoria, BC: March 14 – May 31, 2022

Weyburn, SK: July – August 2022

Brandon, MB: September 22 – November 21, 2022

September 2020

[Quilt National 2021](#) – The Dairy Barn (Athens, OH)

May 28 – Sept 6, 2021

[CraftForms 2020](#) (Juried) – Wayne Art Center (Wayne, PA)

Dec 4, 2020 – Jan 20, 2021

[Primal Forces: Earth](#) (SAQA members) – National Quilt Museum (Paducah, KY)

3-part series over 6 yrs.: Earth, Wind & Fire in alternating yrs.

Sep 2021 (Earth)

Do you have a favourite site or source that you use regularly? Let us know.....

November 2020

[QuiltCon 2021](https://www.quiltcon.com/) – Atlanta, GA
<https://www.quiltcon.com/>
Feb 18 - 21, 2021

Ten Squared – FCA Gallery (Vanc, BC)
<https://artists.ca/submissions/index>
Dec 14 – 23, 2020

December 2020

Canadian Quilt Show
2021 National Juried Show
Information regarding Call for Entry at 'canadianquilter.com'

January 2021

Interpretations 2021 – Visions Art Museum, Contemporary Quilts & Textiles (San Diego, CA) <https://visionsartmuseum.org/>
Oct. - Dec. 2021

Sacred Threads 2020 (Herndon, Va.)
<http://sacredthreadsquilts.com>
July 15 - 25, 2020

[Connections](#) – IQF Houston 2021
Nov 2021 - Dec 2024 traveling

February 2021

[Microscape](#) – IQF Houston 2021
<https://bit.ly/2Zd4lWI>
Nov 2021

March 2021

Material Witness – Everett Quilt Show (WA)
<https://www.everettquiltshow.com/> Apr 30 - May 1, 2021

May 2021

Fine Art Textiles – Festival of Quilts (Birmingham, UK)
<https://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/>
Jul 29 - Aug 1, 2021

Salt Spring National Art Prize – (Salt Spring Island, BC)
<https://saltspringartprize.ca/>
Sep - Oct 2021

Education/Resources

Workshops:

'Open Doors': Indigo Dye Drop-in – C2 Centre for Craft 329 Cumberland on the patio. This is a natural indigo dye demo by Katrina Craig – bring your t-shirts or other cloth pieces to give it a try. Sept 12 from 12 – 4

MCML Culture Days 2020: Needle Felting with Bison Hair – C2 Centre for Craft
September 26, October 3, 17, 24 at 1, 2 and 3 pm. Each session can take up to 4 people and is 45 minutes long. Pre-registration is required. For details please go to c2centreforcrafft.ca and follow the links.

Online Resources for Fibre Artists:

Global Quilt Connection is a forum started by Lyric Kinard and Sue Bleiweiss, that offers free virtual "Meet the Teacher" webinars conducted using Zoom and YouTube livestreams. Each of the teachers deliver a short presentation describing their live-online courses and lectures. The webinar concludes with a 30 minute Q&A for your guild representatives to ask follow up questions. If you are unable to attend the live events they are [recorded and available](#) on their website.

There is no fee for guilds to attend these events but you must pre-register for them. You can have more than one representative from your guild attend. Your registration will be good for all event dates. This is a great way for guilds and individuals to find learning opportunities without leaving home. Check it out at globalquiltconnection.com

Quilt Stories with Lisa Walton - conversations with artists about individual quilts. Check it out on youtube.com.

Craftsy/Blueprint/Craftsy -it was Crafty, then it was Blueprint, and now it is returning to Craftsy. It is still a work in progress so....stay tuned....

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Textile Talks - a collaboration between six fibre-focused organizations - Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA), Surface Design Association (SDA), Modern Quilt Guild (MQG), San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, Quilt Alliance, and the International Quilt Museum. Textile Talks hosts regular online lectures and presentations with notable fibre artists and reps of organizations, as well as a weekly email list of events and exhibits going on internationally. To subscribe, go to <http://saqa.com>. You don't need to be a member of any of the six organizations to be on the list.

Fibre Fridays - list of news, events and exhibits posted by SAQA into your email box every Friday. To subscribe, go to <http://saqa.com/>. You don't need to be a member of SAQA to join this list.

Cloth Roads - a global textile marketplace. Go to <http://clothroads.com> to see world-wide monthly calendar of events, interesting articles and travel opportunities (in the future) as well as shopping. You can subscribe to their email newsletter.

Citizens of Craft - citizensofcraft.ca. An online calendar of events, exhibits and workshops across Canada, list of crafters, Podcast artists, curators, educators and collectors

Quilting Arts podcast - subscribe at quiltingdaily.com or on a podcast app such as Spotify.

Textile Artist - textileartist.org - weekly emails with interviews with artists, access to the website is free but they have a new paid subscription option for access to tutorials by professional fibre artists. Mostly embroidery....

Prism Textiles - prismtextiles.co.uk is an international exhibiting group of textile artists. Member gallery, exhibit gallery. Loads of inspiration for all fibre artists.

TFAM Current Exhibits

Manitoba Moments

2019

May 24 – June 12: Wasagaming Community Art Gallery, Riding Mountain National Park

July 6 to August 10: Grand Nationals - Portage la Prairie, MB

August 17: Eleanor Rose Outdoor Quilt Show -Kelwood, MB

September: Tiger Hills Art Association - Holland, MB

October: Fort Garry Library - Winnipeg

Oct 27: a Pop-Up exhibit - folk music workshop presented by Manitoba Opera

November: Pembina Hills Gallery - Morden, MB

2020

Jan-Feb: Headingley Library - Headingley MB (Artist Reception Jan 14, 2020)

~~March: Prairie Concert collaboration with U of M (details TBA cancelled~~

~~April 17: Crescent Rouge United Church Art Show cancelled~~

~~April 30-May 3: Barnswallow Quilt Show - Morden, MB cancelled~~

~~May 21-24: MCC Quilt Show - Winnipeg, MB cancelled~~

~~August 7-8: St. Vital Ag Fair - Winnipeg, MB~~

Sept/Oct: Golden Prairie Arts Council (Carman)

2021

Manitoba Arts Network Travelling Exhibition - locations TBD

ICE

2019

June 20 – August 30: Charleswood Library -Winnipeg, MB

Oct 20 - MAAS exhibit Portage La Prairie MB

Oct - Kelwood Quilt Show - Kelwood MB

2020

August/ September: Gallery in the Park - Altona, MB

2021

October 2021: Pembina Hills Gallery - Morden, MB

River

2020

~~September: FAN Conference - Weyburn, SK cancelled~~

October 2 - 4: Crescent Ft Rouge United Church Art Show - Winnipeg, MB

2021

January: Manitou Opera House - Manitou, MB

September/ October: Steinbach Arts Council - Steinbach, MB

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Aug 8: Crescent Rouge United Church Art Show - Winnipeg, MB

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Submit by email to: tfamartists@gmail.com Please use 'Newsletter' in the subject line.