



## ***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 November/December 2022**

[www.focusonfibreart.org](http://www.focusonfibreart.org)

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### **Next Board Meeting...**

**November 21, 2022, 7:00 pm via Zoom**

As always, ALL of our members, whether individual members or members through member guilds, are welcome to attend board meetings. What do we do at board meetings? We get updates from the executive and all committees, hear about all current FFAA business, and have the opportunity to comment preceding votes on motions. Attending a Board meeting is an excellent way to get the most detailed information on all current FFAA business.

The only thing you can't do as a general member attending a board meeting is vote. To do that you have to get on the board! Yes, there are currently vacant board positions! See the board list at the end of the newsletter. Contact [info@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreart.org) for more information on the vacant positions and on joining the board.

The Zoom meeting and agenda links will be posted on the home page of the website one week prior to the meeting: <https://focusonfibreart.org/>.

You can also request that the agenda and meeting links be sent to you by email. Please contact [info@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreat.org) to make this request.

## New FFAA Studio

The new studio address is **10554 - 110 St NW, Edmonton.**

The inaugural event in the new studio will be November 7. As of that date we are back in business! If you are wondering about your group's first date back please check with your group's studio liaison to confirm.

## Save the Date!

### New FFAA Studio Open House

**November 20, 2022**

1-3 pm

**10554 - 110 St NW**

**Edmonton**



## FFAA Studio Days

**Next Studio Day: Saturday, November 26, 9:30-4**

As we will have our studio space up and running as of November 7, we will be able to hold our regular November Studio Day on **November 26. Advance registration is required.**

Please contact [info@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreart.org) to register.

Focus on Fibre Art sponsors open studio days for FFAA members (all members of member guilds AND Individual Members) on the **fourth Saturday of every month, 9:30am-4:00pm**. On these days any FFAA member may book a table in the studio to work on personal projects. All FFAA members are eligible to register and welcome to attend.

As with any studio time, end-of-day clean-up is a group responsibility. Please remember to pitch in with general clean-up of the studio before leaving.

### **FFAA Studio - Group use and booking**

For groups wanting to book Studio time, please email [studio@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:studio@focusonfibreart.org) to check availability.

Studio information can be found here: <http://focusonfibreart.org/ffaa-studio-events/>.

### **September 14/15 Casino**

Thanks to all the casino volunteers! It was a successful fundraiser. The money will be in the bank soon and behind-the-scenes planning has already begun for the next casino.

### **FFAA Membership Benefits**

Why become a Focus on Fibre Art member? So many reasons!

- Access to a wide variety of FFAA fibre art workshops with preferred fees
- Access to the FFAA Studio for fibre art activities
- Advance notification of FFAA events as well as FFAA member guild events
- Voting privileges at our AGM
- Eligibility to serve on the FFAA board of directors
- Opportunities to show your work at FFAA biennial exhibitions. These competitions/exhibitions are judged (optional), and feedback is provided to entrants.

More information is available on the FFAA website: <https://focusonfibreart.org/about-ffaa/membership/>.

### **Seeking a Vice-President**

There is a vacancy on the executive with a nice short job description:

Vice-President

5.4.1 Term is 2 years, voted in on odd numbered years

5.4.2 Presides at any meeting in the absence of the President.

5.4.3 Assists the President whenever needed.

In the normal succession of the FFAA executive, this position continues in a two-year term as president.

For additional information on this position or to volunteer please contact [info@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreat.org).

## Seeking a Competition Chair

Currently FFAA is looking for a coordinator (or 2 co-coordinators) for a proposed fibre art exhibition in 2023. The coordinator(s) will direct those who have already volunteered to help to organize an exhibition. [Read more about the Competition Chair/Coordinator position.](#)

For more information and to volunteer please contact [info@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreat.org).

## FFAA Communications

The most reliable and expedient way to get FFAA news releases is to receive email notices directly to your inbox. 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. Also available to non-members! It's the easiest way to stay in the loop.

Sign up for e-news delivery!

## FFAA Policy and Procedures document

Our new bylaws have been approved by Alberta Corporate Registries and are now in effect! With this approval secured, we have begun the process of updating our Policy and Procedures Manual. Anyone interested is welcome to join the committee. Contact [info@focusonfibreat.org](mailto:info@focusonfibreat.org) for more information.

## Program and Education Committee





## Upcoming Workshop

### Christmas Acrylics with Juli

Fun Paint Class

Register here: <https://forms.gle/6nr65jvG1MtqsA9GA>

Juli Anne McEvers (Clover Co. Creative) will coach each participant to paint the same background. There are three stencils to choose from for the silhouette (see photos). All required materials will be supplied. No need to bring anything except your willingness to try something new and your sense of humour. After all, not everyone can be a Picasso. You will go home with your creation!

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2 Class times

10:00 to 12:30

**OR**

2:00 to 4:30

15 people maximum per class

Available to FFAA members only

LOCATION: new FFAA studio, [10554 - 110 St NW](#)

Send your \$20 registration fee by e-transfer to [treasurer@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:treasurer@focusonfibreart.org) to confirm your canvas.

## Future Workshop and Program Planning

The Program Committee is excited to start making plans for workshops in the new studio and we would love to hear from you. What do you want to learn? Do you want long or short workshops? How do you feel about getting back to in-person workshops? Do you want to see a hybrid program? Suggest a topic or an instructor! Let us know by filling out [THIS FORM](#) OR emailing the committee at [workshops@focusonfibreart.org](mailto:workshops@focusonfibreart.org), OR talking to your guild representative. Reps names can be found on the FFAA Board list at the bottom of the newsletter.

It is your input that makes our program successful. Thank you to everyone who has made suggestions and participated in our recent workshops.

Current workshop info can always be found on the website. As details become available they will be posted here: <https://focusonfibreat.org/workshops/upcoming-workshops/>.

## Member Guilds - Upcoming Workshops & Events

### ACUA Art Show and Sale

November 4

7-9 pm



### Black Gold Quilt Guild

Congratulations to Pearl Sceviour of the BGQPG for winning the Black Gold Viewer's Choice Award for QuiltFest 2022! This gorgeous hand appliquéd quilt took many, many hours of work and is a true showstopper.

Pattern "Baltimore Autumn" by Pearl P. Pereira ([p3designs.com](http://p3designs.com))

Quilted by Cheryl McCrea

Technique: hand applique / machine quilted





### Edmonton Needlecraft Guild

All information on the Edmonton Needlecraft Guild can be found here: <https://www.edmontonneedlecraftguild.org/>

Hybrid meetings on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 pm, Spirit of Hope United Church, [7909-82 Ave](#) and on Zoom. Guests may request the zoom link through [info@edmontonneedlecraftguild.org](mailto:info@edmontonneedlecraftguild.org).



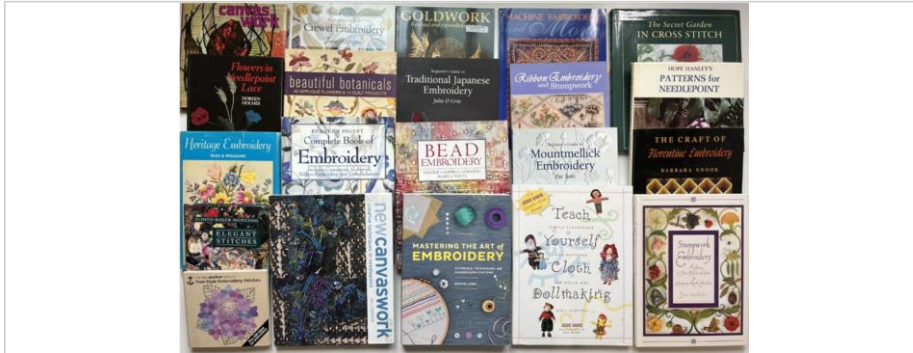
**Raggedy Ann Needle Felted Christmas Ornament Workshop!**

In person with Darcy Hoover on December 10, 11 2022 at the new FFAA Studio.

Open to non members too!

Come out and create a beautiful new keepsake ornament for your tree or as a gift for someone special.

For more information: <https://www.edmontonneedlecraftguild.org/workshops>



### The Edmonton Needlecraft Guild Book Sale

Books Books Books Books BOOKS!

Stitching, Textile Art and Craft books at Bargain Prices!

20 boxes of books from 3 Needlecraft Book Collections will be on sale.

These books need new craft-loving homes!

Fantastic prices from \$1 to \$20!

2 days only! Everything must go!

- **November 19 & 20, 1 to 5 pm**
- **3004- 67 Street NW, Edmonton** (home of Donna Ziegler) • Phone: 780-450-8440; email: [dziegler@telusplanet.net](mailto:dziegler@telusplanet.net)
- Cash Only

Proceeds to the ENG library and the Jean Ford Legacy Fund

\*\*Important Note: There isn't a list of the books for sale. Come out for In-Person shopping.\*\*

### Edmonton and District Quilters' Guild



June 3-4  
2023





**SAVE THE DATE**

**Festival of Quilts**

Edmonton & District Quilters' Guild  
Central Lions Seniors Center  
11113 - 113 Street Edmonton, AB



## EDQG Festival of Quilts

**June 3-4, 2023**

It's back after a 4 year break!

Sharing the heART of Quilting

Quilt Show, Vendor Market Mall, Prairie Rose Challenge and Featured Quilter

<https://edqg.ca/festival-of-quilts/>

## EDQG November 2022 Update

- Hybrid monthly meetings take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm. You can sign in using Zoom or attend the in-person meeting at Alberta Teachers' Association (11010 – 142 Street). Guest fee is \$10 and available through [membership@edqg.ca](mailto:membership@edqg.ca).
- Community Service Sew Days are on the second Tuesday of the month at the FFAA Studio space; these meetings will now resume after the temporary closure of the studio for moving and renovations. Watch for a notification from Judy C, the Community Service chair, of the first Community Service Sew Day.
- Check <https://edqg.ca/2021/10/10/sew-days/> for info on Zoom sew days.
- Non-members are welcome to join us at all activities for a slightly higher fee.

## Upcoming Guest Speakers

- November - Helene Blanchette
- December - Christmas party; no speaker

Consult the **Member Guild social media sites** for updated information about online guild meetings and workshops: <https://focusonfibreart.org/about-ffaa/member-groups-of-ffaa/>

## External Workshops, Events, and News



## Edmonton Fibre Frolic

**November 12 & 13**

Edmonton Expo Centre

Speakers, Vendors, Workshops

Get tickets and detailed information here: <https://edmontonfibrefrolic.com/>**The Visual Arts Studio Association of St. Albert (VASA)****Call for Submissions, 2023**

VASA is soliciting submissions for visual art exhibitions for the 2023 calendar year from professional and emerging artists in the Edmonton region of Alberta. The deadline for submissions is Nov 15, 2022.

Click here for full submission information: <http://www.vasa-art.com/submission>.**Thinking of destashing this fall?**

The Edmonton Grandmothers (aka, officially, the Grandmothers of Alberta for a New Generation) are accepting donations Thursdays in November.



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# Fabric, yarn, sewing and craft supplies

NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17 AND 24

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT STRATHEARN  
UNITED CHURCH, 8510-95 AVENUE  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PLEASE USE THE ALLEY DOOR AND RING THE  
DOORBELL. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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## The Fabric of Canada

Have you heard of the **Campaign for Wool--Canada**? It's an initiative working to support the revival of the Canadian wool industry: <https://campaignforwool.ca/>.

"The Fabric of Canada" is a series of beautifully produced short films released to celebrate

Wool Month 2022 and consists of four projects for the month.

Week 1: **The 100-Mile Jacket** tells the journey of a blazer that was created all within a 100-mile radius of the City of Toronto from sheep to hanging for sale in the shop. The film talks about creating a connection to and deeper appreciation for the products that we consume, and emphasizes the importance of skilled artisans in creating local wool products. Watch the short film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsYODDiGpCY&t=3s>

Week 2: **Coast Salish Weaving** celebrates traditional weaving and its important cultural and spiritual significance. Hereditary Chief Janice George of the Squamish First Nation set out to learn Coast Salish weaving as a teenager, however, she was not able to find anyone to teach her until decades later. The film tells the story of how Chief Janice George has set out to revive the technique by teaching Coast Salish weaving to others. Watch the short film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmkkg9rzRcw&t=3s>

Week 3: **A Prairie Jubilee** follows Manitoba Fibre Artist Rosemarie Péloquin in her creation of a 100% Canadian wool bust of the late Queen Elizabeth II as a commemoration of her Platinum Jubilee. In the film, Rosemarie speaks about building connections throughout the Manitoba wool value chain and working with local shepherds to source wool with the specific properties she seeks. Watch the short film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBUtnquMkLM>

Week 4: **The Knitters of Newfoundland & Labrador** highlights the story of NONIA and Yvonne Sheppard. NONIA is a social enterprise that allows families to supplement their incomes by knitting, employing roughly 175 knitters throughout the province. The NONIA knitting collective has been a part of Newfoundland & Labrador's cultural community for over a century and Yvonne has been a knitter for NONIA for 33 years. She had always been passionate about knitting, but when faced with difficult circumstances, she was able to turn to NONIA and has been knitting for them ever since. Watch the short film: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C822LI\\_qnuk&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C822LI_qnuk&t=1s)

## FFAA Board of Directors

**President** Wendy Cooper

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**EMQG rep** Faye Sutherley

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