



# 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 Sept/Oct 2019

## Upcoming Workshops

*Note: The October workshops with Moy Mackay are full.*

Mark your calendar for these new workshops.

- [Beginner tapestry](#) with Karen King, Oct 5 & 6, and Oct 19 & 20, 2019
- [Val Flannigan](#) Oct 25-27, 2019 - Purses & Bags (rug hooking). [Registration opens Sept 3.](#)
- Tanya Graham March 30-Apr 1, 2020 - Demystifying Modern Art (rug hooking)

## Volunteer for Creativ Festival West Sept. 6 & 7

Volunteers are needed to help at the FFAA booth at the 2019 CreativFestival West on Sept 6 and 7 (plus Sept 5 set-up) at Millenium Place in Sherwood Park. FFAA will again have a booth to promote fibre art activities and the FFAA member groups' upcoming workshops and other activities. This event has been shown in the past to be an effective way to network and to promote guild activities and has resulted in new guild members and higher workshop registrations.

### [CreativFestivalWestSept6-7 Demo Schedule](#)

There are a few 3-hour shifts left to fill. Sign up by September 5 by contacting [Deborah Giles](#) and she will confirm your shift. Regardless of the techniques being demonstrated, visitors to the booth will be interested in looking at any project you are working on and will ask questions, which is our goal!

Ways to volunteer: set-up the booth, do demos, hostess, tear-down, and return display items to guild members.

## New Password for Member Area

Starting on 15 September 2019 there will be a new password for accessing the Member Area of the [FFAA website](#). Please contact your guild rep for the password. Individual members are asked to contact the [Membership Coordinator](#). The content on this page includes Bylaws, Policies, meeting minutes and other information exclusive to FFAA members.

## Volunteer Hours Submission Form

FFAA tracks the number of hours that volunteers contribute to fibre art activities as part of the reporting requirement for AGCL. Please report all your fibre art related activities monthly using the online [FFAA Volunteer Hours Submission Form](#).

## Update on FFAA Meeting Schedule

Please note the following **changes** to the schedule:

- September 15** - changed from General & Special meeting to Board meeting; the vote on updated Bylaws is rescheduled for the AGM on February 23, 2020
- October 27** - changed from Board meeting to General meeting; all members are welcome to attend to hear a talk by rug hooker [Val Flannigan](#) of Kelowna BC.

The remaining 2019-20 meeting schedule is unchanged:

- Nov 24 Executive (location TBA)
- Dec 8 General meeting & Christmas dessert potluck
- Jan 19 Executive (12 pm) & Board (2 pm)
- Feb 23 AGM

## Member Guilds - Upcoming Events

[Leduc Quilt Show](#) on October 18 & 19, 2019 - co-sponsored by Black Gold Quilt Patch Guild and the Edmonton Modern Quilt Guild at Leduc Recreation Centre in Leduc AB. A new feature of the show is a [Youth Category](#) open to all quilters 19 years and under.

Edmonton & District Quilters' Guild is hosting [Quilt Canada 2020](#) on June 18-20, 2020 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

## Member Guilds - Upcoming Workshops

### ACUA - [Around Ukraine in Stitches](#)

Instructor: Joyce Sirski Howell

November 7, 14, & 21, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Register By: October 25, 2019

Registration Fee Members: \$40 + \$15 for supplies

Registration Fee Non-Members: \$50 + \$15 for supplies

This new series, a Technique Taster of Stitches, will introduce participants to embroidery stitches from the various regions of Ukraine. [Read more online.](#)

### EDQG - [Domestic Machine Quilting Techniques](#)

Instructor : Kathleen Riggins

Saturday, November 9 – A Cheater’s Guide to Quilting

Sunday November 10 - Quilting With Rulers on Your Domestic Machine

### ERHG - [Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School](#)

Friday Sept. 6 to Wednesday Sept. 11 at [Providence Renewal Centre](#), Edmonton, AB. FFAA is a co-sponsor for this event.

There will be a rug hooking show open to the public on Sunday Sept. 12 from 6-7:15pm.

### EWG - [Brochure of 2019-2020 Classes \(PDF\)](#)

## Edmonton Needlecraft Guild - new website

Congratulations to to ENG on the launch of their new website at <https://www.edmontonneedlecraftguild.org>

## Update on AGCL Raffle Criteria

Changes made in December 2018 to the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGCL) [Charitable Gaming Policies](#) impact both FFAA and member guilds. The changes affect raffles conducted by not-for-profit organizations under

Section 3.17. Groups that were eligible for raffles under \$10,000 before have been grand-fathered and are now eligible for raffles under \$20,000. However, all not-for-profit organizations are under review, and though it may take some time, eventually all will be subject to the new policy which limits raffles to under \$5,000 with restrictions to ticket price and prize value.

## Volunteer at Casino Fundraiser Feb. 6 & 7, 2020

Mark your calendar and watch for volunteer info for the FFAA fundraiser at Pure Casino Edmonton on Argyll Road. This biennial fundraiser, regulated by AGLC, provides the means by which FFAA can offer affordable fibre art workshops to members. Plan now to volunteer at the casino fundraiser on February 6 & 7, 2020.

## 2019-20 FFAA Board of Directors

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## 2020 Future in Focus Competition & Show

The call for entry for next year’s competition and show will be posted on the [FFAA website](#) in September.

[Sinking Like a Sunset](#)  
by Toby Cote

from 2018  
Climate  
Change  
competition

