workshops

Each year we cover a VAST number of Fiber & Folk subjects with renowned and wonderful teachers.

Members get the benefit of signing up for workshops one week before the general public!

fine art exhibit

The Fine Fiber & Folk Art Exhibit will be held during the Fair at the Lake County Fairgrounds in a special gallery. We expect literally THOUSANDS to view the show! See our website for details and our application and Artist Prospectus.

marketplace

Over 100 vendors in the Marketplace will have a WIDE array of goods—both finished and supplies—in our Marketplace. You won't believe your eyes!

demonstration introduce

Our guild members will be demonstrating a wide array of fiber arts. The public will have the opportunity to experience the work of our hands.

contact opportunity

To become a member, and for all other questions, please contact:

Carol Cassidy-Fayer President carol@fiberandfolk.com





grass roots support

Many of us begin our journey into fiber arts as children. Our skills honed over the years, it becomes second nature. We lose sight of the value—the art—in the motion of the creation.

Some of us begin our journey as fiber artisans later in life. We are eager for each new drop of learning, each new tactile adventure into new materials, each new opportunity to share what has sprung forth—the art—from our hands.

Because we understand so well both of these kindred artisans, we have made our goal for The Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair about making people feel GOOD about the work of their hands.

The result has been almost magical.

www.FiberAndFolk.com

But events like this cannot survive on admissions alone. Help us keep the magic going. We need supporting members!



fair membership programs

friends of the fair aka "the flock":

the flock is merino, the best of the best

Wool from the Merino sheep is the most prized wool in the world. The Phoenicians introduced sheep into Asia Minor and North Africa. They reached Spain in the 12th century. Spain began breeding sheep for wool quality and softness resulting in the Merino sometime in the 14th century. Fine wool became a source of income for the Castile in the late Middle Ages. Exportation of a Merino sheep was a crime punishable by death until 1723 when the first flock was exported to Sweden. Later, a large flock was given to Saxony in 1765. A small flock of Merino sheep was the prize possession of Thomas Jefferson. Merino prices vary according to the fineness of the wool.

The Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair is growing! Our admission revenues only cover a portion of the actual costs of producing this Fair. Our continued growth and sustainability requires the generous support of both sponsors and members.

individual memberships:

All members deserve our thanks and recognition, and so all members will be listed in both our program (sign up by March 1) and on our web site. We also recognize that some members like incentives and some don't want them, so each kind of membership is offered with two levels: a Nurturing level includes incentives and a Green level, which is "no frills". All members receive pre-registration for workshops, provided they sign up by March 15.

Nurturing Level Incentives:

- ~ One weekend pass to the Fair
- ~ One week pre-registration for Fair Workshops
- 10% discount off all Fair Merchandise
- ~ Our annual Commemorative Fair Pin

"Green" Level Incentives:

~ One week pre-registration for Fair Workshops

Individual Membership: Nurturing: \$50 Individual Membership: "Green": \$25

business memberships:

Business members receive the above per level, plus a link on our web site.

Business Membership: *Nurturing:* \$100 Business Membership: *"Green":* \$50

guild memberships:

An amazing number of fiber arts guilds share teaching and talent with artists and hobbyists throughout the Midwest. Their presence allows the beauty of fiber work to endure across ages, genders, and cultures.

In order for our fiber arts guilds and the Fair to create the most advantageous partnerships we offer two Guild levels of sponsorship for those who wish to participate in the Fair and one level that is a supporting membership for those guilds who wish to support, but not participate. All member guilds are invited to have information at the Fair Info Booth and will have a link on the Fair's web site as well and a listing in the Program Book.

Nurturing Guild - 3 Day Participation: \$200

- Reserve space (approx 10x10 space) all three days of the Fair, for demonstrations, raffle sales (with valid Grayslake Raffle License) and guild membership information
- Receive 3 3-day passes to the Fair for guild demonstrators (can substitute 9 single day admission passes to be used as needed)

"Green" Guild - Supporting Only - "No Frills": \$50

~ Green guilds will receive a link on our web site

If you are interested in one of these opportunities, please either sign up through the web site at www.FiberAndFolk.com, or complete the Membership Form on the right and return it to us with your payment at:

Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair PO Box 754 Crystal Lake, IL 60039

Forms and payment MUST be received no later than MARCH 15, if you wish to receive the early Workshop Registration and to be included in the Program Book. Nurturing Guild Representatives will be contacted to schedule guild appearance.

thank you for your support!!!

join the flock! membership application

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