

Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association



Application for Guild Membership

Thank you for your recent inquiry about becoming a Member Guild of the Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA). Enclosed is an application for guild membership and related information. Please do not hesitate to contact MAFA Membership Chair Dave Banks at mafamemberchair@gmail.com or 757-258-8632 with any questions you may have.

The Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association looks forward to receiving your application and welcoming you as a Member Guild.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Guild Membership

What are the objectives of MAFA?

To promote education in the fiber arts field by planning, organizing and conducting conferences, to facilitate communication among Member Guilds, and to encourage cooperation among fiber groups in the U.S. Middle Atlantic region.—Bylaws, Article II, Sections 1 & 2

Who qualifies as a Member Guild?

Any interested fiber group in the U.S. Middle Atlantic states may become a Member Guild—Bylaws, Article III, Section 1

What are the benefits of guild membership in MAFA?

Individuals in MAFA Members Guilds receive conference registration materials and are eligible to attend MAFA conferences and other events. Member guilds also receive email notification when a new issue of *Threadlines*, MAFA's semi-annual online newsletter, has been posted to MAFA's website: www.mafafiber.org. Individuals in Member Guilds also may apply for scholarships to attend conferences, and they are encouraged to expand their personal fiber-arts networks by becoming involved as MAFA volunteers at any level.

Member Guilds may seek advice, guidance and support in guild matters by contacting the Vice President or other member of the Board of Directors. Member Guilds are encouraged to work jointly to produce workshops or mini-conferences and can apply for grants, when funding is available, to help underwrite costs of such events. Member guilds may also promote themselves and their events on MAFA's website and may submit guild news to *Threadlines*, MAFA's semi-annual online newsletter.

Are there dues and what are the associated terms?

Guild Membership dues are set by the Board of Directors and approved by Member Guilds. They are payable by Oct. 1 of each year or upon acceptance of membership.—Bylaws, Article III, Section 3

*For example, if a guild pays dues to join in June, dues will be payable again Oct. 1 of that year and each subsequent year.**

Do Member Guilds have a role in MAFA decision-making?

Member guilds elect or appoint one representative and one alternate representative to MAFA. They serve two-year terms beginning in September of odd-numbered years. The representative and/or alternate representative (or another guild member appointed as needed) attend two Representative Meetings each year, one in the spring, one in fall. Each guild, through its designated representative, has one vote in decisions requiring Member Guild approval. Guilds may contact the Board of Directors at any time for help or information.

What obligations does a Member Guild have to MAFA?

Communication between guilds and the Board of Directors is imperative to MAFA's well being. Member Guilds actively participate by supporting attendance at Representative Meetings, volunteering to serve on committees and communicating with the Board of Directors.

Within the guild, a Representative should maintain up-to-date member lists and see that MAFA membership is current by encouraging the timely payment of dues. The Representative informs the MAFA Membership Chair of any additions or changes to their Guild membership lists at least once a year.

The Representative also is expected to report to the guild about activities and decisions occurring at Representative meetings or shared with Representatives via mail or email. Representatives also may be asked to collect information or opinions from their guilds and report back to the MAFA Board of Directors or Committees.

* The Board voted at the Spring 2008 meeting to make dues due for a TWO year period. Dues paid in Fall 2010 are valid until Oct 1 of 2011.



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Please submit the following information along with your dues payment to the address shown below. The Membership Chair will acknowledge your application.

Name of Guild:

Mailing Address of Above:

Guild Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Web URL:

Meeting Information: Usual time, date and location, etc.:

Officers:

President:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Representative:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

