



ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2012

Honoring textile traditions and promoting excellence and innovation in fiber art.



Letter from Executive Director

It is with great difficulty that I write this farewell letter because you have all become such wonderful friends. When we hatched the idea of a center for fiber art 20 years ago it seemed like a dream. Textile Center became a reality because of the dedicated work and support of countless people who joined me in pursuing this dream.

I look back and can say that Textile Center was worth every bit of the blood, sweat and tears that have been poured into this organization. The joys and heartache that come with founding an organization are enormous. Fortunately, every time we hit a roadblock another route opened and we accomplished what seemed to be impossible. Now, Textile Center is at a stage where I can leave confident that it will thrive and grow for decades to come.

I am tremendously grateful to everyone who gave so much to make this dream come true. The heart of Textile Center remains with the many individuals whose passion and commitment to fiber art is unsurpassed. Together we have created a wonderful community of talented and skilled makers and a place for fiber art that is envied by artists far and wide. Working every day with these amazing artists has made it the best job in the world for me.

Thank you all for being part of Textile Center — and my life.

Margaret Milly

Margaret Miller Executive Director

Margaret Miller announces her retirement. We say goodbye to an inspiring leader and offer best wishes to an extraordinary champion of fiber art.



Letter from Board President

The vibrant and creative atmosphere at Textile Center ran at a fevered pitch during this year of inspiration, planning, and transition. We co-sponsored an international fiber art conference of epic proportions; we started a journey that will grow Textile Center into a new space; and we began the process to say goodbye to our founding director and find a new executive director.

"Confluence," an international fiber art conference co-sponsored with Surface Design Association, drew together hundreds of fiber artists from around the world to participate in an extraordinary learning event and artistic exchange. Our region was saturated with fiber art as Textile Center and scores of galleries and museums presented inspiring fiber art exhibitions in conjunction with the conference.

Light rail construction began outside our front door and we have been working closely with the Prospect Park neighborhood association and many others to envision an arts and living community that will grow near the new Prospect Park Light Rail Station. James Dayton Design created an inspiring concept for how Textile Center can expand and serve as a flagship within this dynamic urban village. Our next few years will be dedicated to transforming this exciting plan into reality.

Finally, we concluded the year preparing to say goodbye to our founding director, Margaret Miller. Margaret announced her retirement effective July 1, 2012. She is moving on to new adventures — spending a year in Sri Lanka and then literally exploring the wide world of textiles. Margaret wove together the fiber art guilds and artists that form Textile Center's core membership. She articulated an artistic vision that has engaged and inspired thousands of individuals. She built an infrastructure and financial base that gives Textile Center a strong foundation. Margaret's enthusiasm, creativity, and drive made the dream of Textile Center come to life. I join a grateful community in expressing my deep appreciation and best wishes to Margaret.

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Ruth Stephens President, Board of Directors



Opposite: Looking Beyond by Nancy Mambi from A Common Thread. **Above:** Detail of Bacchanalia by Karin Weiss from A Common Thread. **Below:** Detail of Sixteen Days in Rajasthan by Wendie Zekowski from A Common Thread.



EXHIBITIONS

Joan Mondale Gallery

Retread Threads: Fiber Art from Recycled Materials. The transformation of everyday materials into innovative works of art was showcased in this group exhibition juried by Lynda Erwin Andrus.

Atmospheric Measures. Clare Verstegen's screen-printed, felted works evoked the visual patterns of climate, weather and air movement to the parallel forces of emotion.

Transformation. Jane Kenyon's machine embroidery showed the confluence of shape and pattern that takes place when perspective changes from near to far.

I Am A Link: Pictorial Rugs by Dorothy Sauber (1947-2008). A selection of hooked rugs, created during the late 1970's and early 1980's, offered vivid depictions of everyday life in which Sauber saw herself and her art as a link. **Spaces Between**. New works were showcased by recipients of the 2010/2011 Jerome Fiber Artists Project Grant Program: Brenda Brousseau, Kristina Fjellman, Annie Larson, and Kim Mathews.

Holiday Show & Sale. One-of-a-kind fiber art by more than 170 artists was featured in this annual holiday exhibition and sale.

A Common Thread. Diverse in materials and textile techniques, this annual exhibition featured work by 74 Textile Center members.

Constructions in Concert: Works by Joyce Melander-Dayton. This internationally acclaimed artist from Santa Fe with Minnesota roots combined weaving, sewing, embroidery, beadwork, paint and more to create exquisite large scale constructions.

Community Gallery

- Charlene & Robert Burningham, Hallmarks
- Minnesota Knitters Guild, Shawls
- Textile Center & Surface Design Association members, Watershed, juried by Pokey Bolton
- Artist's Circle, **Up North**
- Textile Center Youth Programs, Better Than Recess
- Polymer Clay Guild, Wearables from the Oven
- Marlene Meyer, Fiber Art Baskets

Pat O'Connor Library Gallery

- Lady Slipper NeedleArts Society, Crochet Works
- Jean Susan Hawton, MN State Fair Fiber Art Award Winner
- Upper Midwest Bead Society, Beadworks
- Diane Fitzgerald, Beadworks
- Monica Ferris, Hats

Touring Exhibitions

Land by Hand, supported by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, showcased excellence and innovation in fiber art by 15 Minnesota artists working in media ranging from tapestry to batik to silk-fusion sculptural works. The artists explored the theme of land through content, material and technique. **Land by Hand** was curated by Kimber Olson and traveled to art centers in Bemidji, New York Mills, Mankato and Lanesboro.

Focus on Fibers, featuring diverse fiber art works, concluded its multi-year tour at the Anderson Center in Red Wing, Minnesota. Textile Center also presented its annual exhibition of member work at the Minnesota State Fair.

Textile Center Shop, specializing in

extraordinary fiber art created by member artists, is the only retail store of its kind in the region. The Shop presented and sold fiber art work by 175 artists and generated \$85,000 in payments to artists.

Just the Numbers — Exhibitions

26 exhibitions 625 exhibiting artists 186,000 exhibition audiences \$151,145 art sales

Exhibitions at Textile Center's facility and on the road featured exceptional work by fiber artists from the region and around the world, showcasing both mastery in technique and innovations in fiber art.

Below & Opposite: Merge and Flow, Surface Design Association member exhibition at 2011 International Surface Design Conference.



EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Hundreds of individuals advanced their technical and creative skills, took artistic risks, and explored new avenues of creative work through participation in Textile Center's classes and workshops. This included the introduction of classes held offsite at the American Craft Council and redional libraries. The next generation of fiber artists was nurtured through residencies in schools and outreach services across the region.

Jacquard generously sponsored need-based scholarships to students participating in Textile Center dye and surface design classes.

Textile Center partnered with Surface Design Associate to present "Confluence," an international fiber art conference in Minneapolis. More than 460 people from 12 countries attended conference presentations by internationally renowned artists. Rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm at the high energy DIY event on the University of Minnesota campus. Other conference highlights included a runway show of one-of-a kind garments and 35 fiber art exhibitions in galleries and museums across the region, including Textile Center.

Confluence 2011 International Surface Design Conference Exhibition Artists

Beth Barron Nancy MacKenzie Sonja Berlovitz Bernadette Mahfood Sandra Brick Avigail Manneberg Charlene Burningham Kelly Marshall Kimber Olson Jiyoung Chung Morgan Clifford Dina O'Sullivan Randy Darwall Barb Otto Teresa Paschke Nancy Eha India Flint Christine Pradel-Lien Mary Edna Fraser Carol Premack Ruth Mordy Friedlander Jason Pollen Linda Gass Erica Spitzer Rasmussen Ann Hall Richards Leah Golberstein Karen Searle Marv Giles Carolyn Halliday Sandra Self Him Harding Barbara Lee Smith Vernal Borgren Swift Mimi Holmes Sandy Swirnoff Gail Katz-James Carolyn Kallenborn Marria Thompson Kristi Kuder Clare Verstegen Candy Kuehn Lee Ann Mordy Wilson Jane Kenyon Deborah Wolk

Surface Design Association members meet and greet, first day of 2011 International Surface Design Conference.



SDA Members' Show Textile Center Members' Show MCAD Student and Alumni Show SDA Students' Show Paritosh Collection U of M Student and Facility Show MN Historical Society Underwear Collection Pomegranate Guild Collection

Presenters

Jack Becker, Minnesota Lanny Bergner, Washington Anna Carlson, Minnesota Natalie Chanin, Alabama Jiyoung Chung, Korea Morgan Clifford, Minnesota Jodi Colella, Massachusetts Iane Dunnewold, Texas Catherine Ellis, North Carolina Dawn Zero Erickson, Minnesota India Flint, Australia Mary Edna Fraser, South Carolina Stephen Fraser, North Carolina Chad Alice Hagen, North Carolina Pat Hickman, New York Leesa Hubbell, New York Wendy Huhn, Oregon Giovanna Imperia, Texas Marliss Jensen, Minnesota Vicki Jensen, Massachusetts Chungie Lee, Korea Faythe Lavine, Wisconsin Laura Nicholson, Illinois Elin Noble, Massachusetts Sharron Parker, North Carolina Becka Rahn, Minnesota Wen Redmond, New Hampshire Jennifer Reis, Kentucky Barbara Lee Smith, Washington Jo Stealey, Missouri Marie Wisniowski, Australia Bahakti Ziek, Vermont

The Jerome Fiber Artists Project Grant program continued to advance the careers of emerging fiber artists, providing awards of \$4,500 to four artists to pursue fiber art projects. Feed the Fibers field trips provided an immersive service to schools and youth groups that struggle to afford cultural field trips. Textile Center broadened its public reach through a partnership with Hennepin County Library and conducted capacity-filled fiber art workshops in branch libraries. In addition, thousands of people were introduced to fiber art through demonstrations and presentations conducted at public festivals, fairs and conferences across the region.

2011/2012 Jerome Fiber Artist Project Grant Recipients

Gay Kemmis Mary Mortenson Lisa Loudon Kimber Olson

Instructors

Susan Antell Candy Kuehn Sara Langworthy Christy Binoniemi Sandra Brick Jill Lynn Marlene Meyer Debra Caserotti Lynn Cooper Ella Ramsey Ien Cuff Andy Rahn Linda Davis Kim Oedekoven Eryn Dewey-Carter Erica Spitzer Rasmussen Kit Eastman Susan Stein Pat Grady Carol Strand Karen Wallach Janet Groenert Elizabeth Harrington PJ Wollum Lauren Koehne

Program Partners

American Craft Council Banyan School Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota College of Visual Arts Corpus Christi Home Educators Dakota County Libraries Earle Brown School YMCA Afterschool Program Girl Scout Troops Green Central Park School Hennepin County Libraries Highpoint Center for Printmaking IFP Independent Film Projects International Spanish Language Immersion School Jacquard Kaleidoscope Charter School Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts Lincoln High School L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion School Maple Grove Arts Council Minneapolis Kids Minneapolis Museum Meet Up Group Minnesota Center for Book Arts Minnesota West Community & Technical College Northern Clay Center Our Lady of Grace School Pratt School Saint Peters Catholic School SPPS Eagles Program Sheridan YMCA Beacons Program Sibley East High School Southside Family Charter School Sobriety High School - Arona and Alliance Academies Spoonflower.com Surface Design Association Weavers Guild of Minnesota Woodland Middle School YouthCare

Outreach Presentation Partners

Art Educators of MN State Conference American Craft Council Show Craftstravaganza Knit & Crochet Show Minnesota State Fair

Just the Numbers — International Fiber Art Conference

41 workshops, lectures and demonstrations
35 fiber art exhibitions
42 fashion show artists
51 artists at Unraveled DIY Festival
458 conference registrants
12 countries represented
212 volunteers

Just the Numbers — Education

91 adult classes/workshops
1 international conference
24 youth summer camps
15 Feed the Fibers field trips
1,200 adult class/conference participants
1,700 youth program/field trip participants
+ thousands at public events



TEXTILE CENTER PAT O'CONNOR LIBRARY

With the largest circulating fiber art collection in the country, the library remains a hot spot for artists and students to conduct research and seek inspiration. This collection literally comes to life with the Author Lunch Series, featuring presentations by authors of newly published fiber art books and artists featured in new publications.

Author Lunch Series Presenters

Sophie Collier Monica Ferris Renay Leone Mary Logue Karen Lohn Marie Treanor Kristal Wick

Just the Numbers — Library

23,534 volumes 4, 962 patrons 3,517 visitors 3,162 items checked out 5,412 donated books, magazines & patterns 1,067 donated volunteer hours



Opposite: Textile Center Shop featuring jewelry by Robyn Robinson. **Above:** Detail of *Primordial Felt* by Majorie Fedyszyn from A Common Thread. **Below:** *The Spirit* by Dorothy Sauber from I Am A Link.



RECOGNITION

Textile Center and our fiber art community thrive because of the participation and support of many people. We are deeply grateful to the dedicated volunteers who keep our programs, operations and events running smooth as silk. This year's volunteer hours were valued at \$143,268. Frankly, this amount barely captures the value volunteers bring to Textile Center.

Textile Center is honored to recognize individuals for their lifetime achievement in fiber art with a **Spun Gold Award**. Recipients during 2011/2012 were Diane Fitzgerald and Susan Stein. We extend a special thank you to Debi and Ray Lipkin, Paul O'Connor and Textile Center's board of directors for providing matching challenge gifts during Textile Center's annual fund campaign. These gifts inspired many others to step up and generously support Textile Center. More than \$87,400 was contributed to this year's annual fund, making this our best campaign ever.

Leadership Circle members, contributing annual gifts of \$500 and more, are stewards assuring Textile Center's stability and future. We thank Cave Paper and Campbell-Logan Bindery for generously hosting a Leadership Circle member tour of their facilities. Members also attended exclusive exhibition previews.

Thank you to all members, donors, volunteers, and friends who shared in supporting Textile Center's mission and work.

2011/2012 Leadership Circle Members

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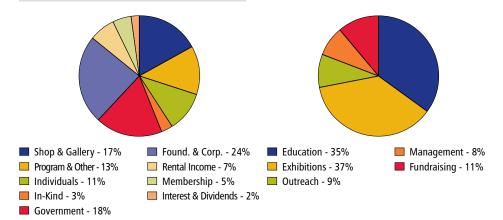
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FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

Income		Expenses	
Foundations & Corporations	226,485	Exhibitions	308,960
Government	175,130	Education	290,083
Individuals	107,741	Outreach	76,402
In-Kind	24,318	Management	67,164
Membership	50,484	Fundraising	89,097
Program & Other	127,461		
Shop & Gallery	168,661		
Rental Income	64,882		
Interest & Dividends	19,621		
Total Income	964,783	Total Expenses	831,706
Net Income	133,077		



BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2012

Assets

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Mondale Gallery Endowment	239,462	Accounts Paya
Operating Cash Reserve	293,753	Other Liabilitie
Building Reserve	142,152	Unrestricted N
Building/Fixed Assets	1,346,739	Temporarily R
Accounts Receivable	219,900	Permanently F
Other Assets	10,687	
Total Assets	2,252,693	Total Liabiliti

Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts Payable	22,896
Other Liabilities	18,777
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,775,102
Temporarily Restricted Assets	256,593
Permanently Restricted Assets	179,325
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	2,252,693

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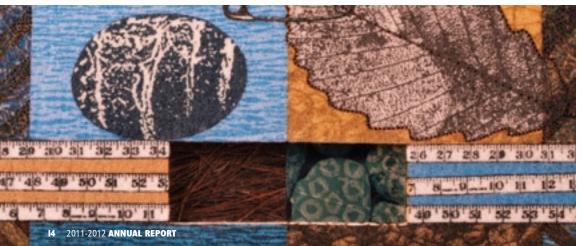
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Detail of Safety Measures by Clare Verstegen from Atmospheric Measures



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Lynn Cooper leads a Feed the Fibers field trip.

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