

TextileCenter
A national center for fiber art

ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2017

*Honoring textile traditions, promoting excellence and innovation,
and inspiring widespread participation in fiber art.*

*"We are so fortunate to have the Textile Center right here in the
Twin Cities. It's a wonderful resource for anyone interested in fiber."*

—Denise Ostrom, fiber artist, 2017

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

You never know what wonderful artistic and creative surprises are in store at Textile Center. While we both have pursued varied fiber art interests in recent years, we discovered a common appreciation for rug hooking; thanks to a weekend class on Maya rug hooking led by our guest teaching artists from Guatemala in July 2016: Yolanda Calgua Morales and her sister Yessika Calgua Morales. We learned how to create vibrant Maya designs, and to hook rugs using knit materials. Today, we are both continuing rug hooking adventures, comparing notes and sharing inspiration along the way.

Textile Center is a place for creativity, inspiration, and community, and we're pleased to report that we ended our 2017 fiscal year on March 31 with expanded community engagement and growing participation in our programs, especially our fiber art classes for adults and youth, our exhibitions, and our retail artisan shop. We owe our success to all of you; our fiber artists and enthusiasts, our staff and teaching artists, our board of directors, our volunteers, and our donors. Many of you serve our mission in multiple roles, and we thank you for your support.

We've made significant progress during this first year of our five-year strategic plan, as reflected in this Annual Report. Our board and staff has been committed to focusing on the five strategic goals that are setting the direction for our future: 1) Lead the field 2) Promote artistic excellence 3) Deepen connections with core constituents 4) Expand and diversify participation and 5) Secure and invest resources well to sustain Textile Center for future generations.

We are also pleased to have our National Artist Advisory Council to help advise on our artistic future, and in March we convened this amazing group of fiber artists – Mary Giles, Carolyn Halliday, Pat Hickman, Tracy Krumm, and Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi – at Textile Center for “Fiber Art: Creating Ties That Bind.”

Front cover: *Distelfunk*, Misty Cole, *Commemorating His Purple Reign: A Textural Tribute to Prince*

Right: *Fragments detail*, Maggie Thompson, *On Borrowed Time: Postponing the Inevitable*

TEXTILE CENTER FACTS & FIGURES
15,749 visitors to the building





If you walk outside our front door, you can see construction going on across University Avenue. We are in the heart of the Towerside Innovation District, a joint initiative of Minneapolis and Saint Paul that is creating change through an integrated-district approach to community and economic development. Textile Center is pleased to be an arts leader in this effort.

On the financial front, Textile Center ended fiscal year 2017 with a surplus. The past three years have brought stability and growth to our operations. We have increased our education revenue by 72 percent (from \$82,758 in fiscal year 2015 to \$142,518 in fiscal year 2017), special events income by 51 percent (from \$60,781 to \$91,955), and our retail shop revenue by 22 percent (from \$135,327 to \$165,519).

In all, earned and contributed revenue has increased by 28 percent in the past three fiscal years, from \$664,112 to \$848,042, while keeping the rise in expenses at just 11 percent, from \$761,124 to \$846,024.

This success is ours to share, and we hope to see you soon at your Textile Center. We invite you to let it be your own source for inspiration, as we hope you will join us in coming together for creativity and community.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher
President, Board of Directors

Karl Reichert
Executive Director

"I came to Textile Center to see the Prince quilt exhibit but was blown away by the entire experience. The place was buzzing with multiple classes going on, and everyone was so nice. It's a gem of a place. 5 stars!"

—Valerie Kij Longfellow, 2017, via Facebook

EXHIBITION PROGRAM

EXHIBITION PROGRAM FACTS & FIGURES

- 24 exhibitions
- 274 artists exhibiting in galleries
- 117 artists exhibiting in the Shop

"I thoroughly enjoyed visiting your center. Your staff is incredibly fantastic. The Prince quilt exhibit was fascinating. I loved the diversity of artists from around the country, and enjoyed reading their artists' statements about what inspired them to make their particular quilt."

—Jennifer, 2017, via Facebook

Joan Mondale Gallery

Inside Out Outside In: Domestic Commitments

Sandra Menefee Taylor,
March 10 – April 30, 2016

Insisting that materials have a voice of their own, Taylor uses common matter like salt, flour, and soil that refer to the body, food, and domesticity to reconsider timeless images drawn from lace patterns and ancient tapestries.

On Borrowed Time: Postponing the Inevitable

Maggie Thompson, May 12 – June 25, 2016

As an Ojibwe woman of mixed heritage, Thompson works to bridge cultures and traditions gathered from firsthand experiences. Exploring her experience of losing a parent, *On Borrowed Time* utilized textiles as a way to contain memory, reflect, and tell difficult stories. The medium of fiber helps Thompson to rebuild a textured past and learn the history of her people through making.

The Power of Maya Women's Artistry

Maya Women's Rug Hooking Cooperative of Guatemala / Cooperative de Alfombras de Mujeres Maya en Guatemala,
July 7 – August 27, 2016

Vibrant contemporary works by six textile artists of the Cooperative, a program that encourages Maya women to produce innovative textiles combining the art of rug hooking with design elements and colors inspired by motifs from traditional, hand-woven Maya clothing.

Observe • Record • Relate: Jerome Fiber Artists Project Grant Exhibition

Marcia Haffmans, Sarah Nassif, Alex Newby, Maggie Thompson

September 8 – October 22, 2016

Jerome Grants expand opportunities for emerging artists to step forward in their artistic careers. The culminating exhibition featured mixed media with handwritten historic script; a community-engaged textile installation; weaving, off-loom construction and screen printing surface designs that investigate mass consumption; and the concept of cultural appropriation explored via contemporary garments inspired by Ojibwe- and Plains Indian-style bead work.

Holiday Gallery Shop

Featured Artist: Robbin Firth,
November 1 – December 24, 2016

A special selection of artist Robbin Firth's felted and hand-dyed silk and fine wool fiber apparel featured among the handcrafted work of 100+ artists.

A Common Thread 2017

Textile Center members,

January 12 – February 25, 2017

Showcasing the exceptional work of 135

Textile Center members, in an exhibition of an extraordinary breadth of technique, materials, and inspired ideas.

Commemorating His Purple Reign: A Textural Tribute to Prince

March 9 – April 29, 2017

Marking the first anniversary of the death of one of Minnesota's most famous sons, this exhibit, juried and curated by Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi of Textile Center's National Artist Advisory Council, featured the work of 24 quilters from around the nation, including members of The Women of Color Quilters Network.

Community Gallery

Breaking the Surface: Creating Digital Fiber Art

Wen Redmond, March 10 – April 30, 2016

Red

Scandinavian Weavers of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, May 12 – June 25, 2016

Naturally: A Natural Dye Invitational

July 7 – August 27, 2016

A Family Affair: Paper and Textile Work

Julie Sirek, September 8 – October 22, 2016

An Indigo Swatch Book

Mary Hark, March 9 – May 13, 2017

Studio Gallery

Dancing My Way Home

Tressa Sularz, March 10 – May 7, 2016

Haiku Two Ways

Sandra Brick, Michael Paul Amram,
May 12 – June 25, 2016

Natural Dye: Experiments and Realizations

Catharine Ellis, July 7 – August 27, 2016

Meet Your Maker: Artwork of Target's Product Design & Development Team

September 8 – October 22, 2016

StevenBe and Friends: Rockin' the Knit World

November 1 – December 24, 2016

National Ties: Contemporary Textiles of the National Artist Advisory Council

March 9 – April 22, 2017

Library Gallery

Joy & Tears in the Apron Strings

Yvonne Cory, May 12 – June 25, 2016

And Let Sounds Contribute Toward Me: Textiles Inspired by Walt Whitman Poems

November 1 – December 24, 2016

Timely Stitches

The Lakes & Prairies Smockers,
March 9 – May 13, 2017

Polymer Pizazz

Polymer Clay Guild of Minnesota,
March 9 – June 24, 2017

Guild Wall

Created to showcase the work of our affiliated guilds

Weavers Guild of Minnesota, March – May 2017

Offsite Exhibitions

Selections from A Common Thread 2016

Minnesota State Fair, Creative Activities
Building, August 25 – September 5, 2016

Exhibiting Artists

Dianne Aisenbrey	Nancy Condon	Melba Granlund	Rene Kraus
Amelia Allen	Nicoleta Cornea	Michelle Greenhouse	Pat Kroth
Fred Amram	Gini Corrick	Janette Gross	Tracy Krumm
Michael Paul Amram	Yvonne Cory	Janet Grove	Kristi Kuder
Margaret Anderson	Maria Cremer	Karen Gubitz	Candy Kuehn
Kelliher	Ramona Cristina	Marcia Haffmans	Robbie LaFleur
Karin Anderson	Tumax Tzunun	Leslie Hall	Bev Langerud
Maahs	Carolyn Crump	Carolyn Halliday	Judy Larson
Susan Antell	Edith Ann Dalleska	Carole Hallman	Michele Lasker
Gwendolyn Aquil-	Susan Day	Charlotte Halve	Connie LaTendresse
Brooks	Katie DeCosse	Norma Hanlon	Xan Laurence
Kim Baird	Mary Ellen Dercks	Donna Hanson	Erin Lavelle
Peggy Baldwin	Marjorie Diggs	Roxanne Hardy	Susan Leschke
Sue Banning	Freeman	Mary Hark	Mary Logue
Jane Bassuk	Stacie Dolin	Doreen Hartzell	Lisa Louie
Lisa-Ann Bauch	Emily Donovan	Julie Hassler	Norrie MacIlraith
Carol Beck	Marcella Edmund	Susan Hensel	Nancy Mambi
Steven Berg	Carol Egan	Sylvia Hernandez	Jean Manrique
Sonya Berlovitz	Catharine Ellis	Pat Hickman	Kelly Marshall
Traudi Bestler	Nancy Ellison	Maribeth Hite	Kristan Martin
Beki Biesterfelt	Glendy Emiliana	Kristin Hoelscher-	Carol Mashuga
Paula Biever	Muj Mendoza de	Schacker	Wynne Mattila
Lila Boehland	Barreno	Mary Holland	Doroth Mayer
Sandra Bot Miller	Grace Enebo	Darius	Dr. Carolyn
Karen Bovard	Karen Engelbretson	Homayounpour	Mazloomi
Debbie Boyles	Maria Estela Az	Breta Hovel	Layl McDill
Sandra Brick	Tamayac	Tina Hughes	Rebecca McEntee
Earamichia Brown	Kala Exworthy	Peggy Hunter	Cyndi Kaye Meier
Lucy Brusic	Marjorie Fedyszyn	Charlotte Hunter	Leena Mela Reiker
Katherine Buenger	Ife Felix	Deb Hutchinson	Sandra Menefee
Dorothy Burge	Margaret Fetterhoff	Susan J. Sperr	Taylor
Viola Burley Leak	Suzanne Filbin	Laurie Jacobi	Olivia Miller
Laura Burlis	Robbin Firth	Anita Jain	Pauline Mitchell
Bonnie Buzza	Michael Fleming	Minna Jain	Marilyn Moore
Mary Ellen	Denise Flynn	Marliss Jensen	Bartola Morales Tol
Calderwood	Kristin France	Ed Johnetta Miller	Marilyn Morrison
Zoila Calgua Morales	L'Merchie Frazier	Patty Johnson	Mary Mortenson
Veronna Capone	Caroline Fylpaa	Julie Johnson	Susan Moss
Anna Carlson	Lisa Galbraith Heyl	Carol Johnson	Jan Mostrom
Julie Carson	Sandra Gandara	Judy Kaatz	Margaret Mousley
Claire Caughey Most	Mia Garcia	Megan Kamrath	Kiely
Emily Chesick	Ann Gerold Stibal	Ann Kastl	Sarah Nassif
Ora Clay	Terry Giacomini	Frances Kelliher	Melissa Nellis
Barbara Cobb	Mary Giles	Joan Kloiber	Ellen Nelson
Doris Coghill	Jennifer Gin	Karin Knudsen	Alex Newby
Misty Cole	Jan Gjerde	Corwyn Knutson	Natalie Northrup
Marion Coleman	Carolyn Golberg	Linda Kollofski	Chaiki O'Brian

Dina O'Sullivan
 Barbara Otto
 Jody Ouradnik
 Kristine Paul
 Bob Payton
 Doris Petrie
 Madeleine Philpott
 Keith Pierce
 Mimie Pollard
 Trina Porte
 Nancy Potek
 Ann Poulson
 Mary Pow
 Ella Ramsey
 Wen Redmond
 Karl Reichert
 Jacquelyn Rice
 Glen Riddle
 Heather RJ Fletcher
 Patty Salo Down
 Clara Schreiber

Jennifer Schultz
 Karen Searle
 Yolanda Sebastiana
 Calgua de Sucunu
 Wendi Seminari
 Latifah Shakir
 Betsy Shannon
 Amy Shebeck
 Wanda Shelton
 Denise Sheridan
 Erin Sim
 Katherine Simon
 Frank
 Claire Simonson
 Julie Sirek
 Tom Skogström
 Mary Skoy
 Rebecca Smith
 Eva Snitkin
 Linda Snouffer
 Ann Somers

Karen Sorensen
 Roberta Sorensen
 Rebecca Speakes
 Erica Spitzer
 Rasmussen
 Susan Stein
 Sarah Stengle
 Ruth Stephens
 Rosella Stow
 Tressa Sularz
 Selena Sullivan
 Bonnie Swierzbini
 Mayumi Takahashi
 Walter Tambor
 Maggie Thompson
 Heather Tinkham
 Dawn Tomlinson
 Lisa Torvik
 Natasha Toth
 Jane Tracy
 Judy Ulrich

Rebecca Utecht
 Andrea Vargo
 Jane Veitenheimer
 Phillis Waggoner
 Robin Wallace
 Barbara Wanamaker
 Brenetta Ward
 Melinda Wareham
 Bonnie Wedge
 Beth Wegener
 Beth Weldon
 Beatrice Westerberg
 Marsha Wiest-Hines
 Trish Williams
 Sarah Wray
 Peggy Wright
 Shoshana Zakem
 Wendie Zekowski
 Paula Zenick

Maggie Thompson's Opening Artist Talk for *On Borrowed Time: Postponing the Inevitable*. Photo: Betsy Preston.



TEXTILE CENTER SHOP

SHOP FACTS & FIGURES

- Shop artists: **117+**
- Payments to artists: **\$79,170 (Shop) + \$16,865 (galleries) = \$96,035**

"I am honored to have my artwork in the Textile Center Shop. It's such a collaborative experience!"

—Penny Norman, Shop Artist

For years, Penny sold coasters made out of recycled sweaters in the Shop. Textile Center's experienced staff suggested Penny expand the creation of her fiber art with an eye toward marketing to an entirely new audience. Since Penny began making these new coasters, her sales have doubled, and she is now the highest-grossing Shop artist. Her repertoire includes beautiful necklaces, trivets, bowls, and more!

Our Shop showcases handcrafted art created by local, regional, national, and international fiber artists. This program gives artists an avenue to sell their work, and Nancy Gross, who serves as our shop director, provides mentorship related to trends, pricing, packaging, marketing, and sourcing materials. Shop artists receive 50% of consigned sales; member artists receive 60%.

Handmade woven items and more in the 2016 Holiday Gallery Shop



2016 Holiday Gallery Shop Featured

Artist: **Robbin Firth**

Meet the Maker Artist Demos and Trunk Show Events

Steven Berg/StevenBe • yarn & knit apparel
Katherine Buenger • Sami bracelets
Coolibar • sun-protective apparel
Karen Engelbretson • needle felted birds
Robbin Firth • felted & eco printed apparel
Laurie Jacobi/Designs in Wool
Emily Kisa • Turkish crocheted jewelry

Candy Kuehn • hats
Martha McQuade & Dan Clark/
MAD • scarves & apparel
Robyne Robinson/ROX • exotic jewelry
Annabella Sardelis/Indigo & Snow • indigo
apparel & home
Mary Beth Stevens & Nancy Stevens Randall/
Scarving Artists • nuno felted scarves
Katherine Tilton • apparel
Jane Veitenheimer/La Ma • handspun yarn,
reverse dyed apparel

Shop Artists

Rose Allen	Jen Gin	Jean Manrique	Judy Saye-Willis
Brenda Andrewson	Carolyn Golberg	Kelly Marshall	Diane Schill
Azure Attoe	Carol Gordon	Kristan Martin	Jenny Schu
Aviva Aviel	Michelle Greenhouse	Faye Matson	Dorothy Schutte
Nancy Benson	Rebecca Grothe	Layl McDill	Karen Searle
Beki Biesterfelt	Leslie Hall	Martha McQuade	Rebecca Speakes
Christy Binoniemi	Carole Hallman	Kathy Miller	Julie Steller
Nancy Bohn	Karen Heddens	Lori Monson	Mary Beth Stevens
Lee Bradford	Karin Henningson	Mary Mortenson	Bill Sumner
Sandra Brick	Susan Hensel	Margaret Mousley	Linda Sumner
Eve Brown	Maribeth Hite	Kieltly	Maggie Thompson
Katherine Buenger	Kristin Hoelscher-	Lisa Murray	Lena Thynell
Ann Burian	Schacker	Diane Muse	Katherine Tilton
Brenna Busse	Sara Hoffland	Linda Nelson Bryan	Evelyn Torkelson
Louise Cardinal	Mary Holland	Joan Neudecker	Natasha Toth
Patricia Carter	Carol Holmblad	Alex Newby	Jane Veitenheimer
Sierra Cole	Farida Hughes	Penny Norman	Natalija Walbridge
Rose Corrick	Laurie Jacobi	Mary Norsted	Rebecca Warpeha
Gini Corrick	Janet Jacobson	Chiaki O'Brien	Sherri West
Julie Crabtree	Kathy Jerde	Lauren Oland	Jenny Wilder
Katie DeCosse	Carol Johnson	Grace Pass	Michelle Williams
Marjorie Durko	Micah Kinder	Kristin Pesola	Beth Wilson
Puryear	Jamie Kirkell	Leonor Pisano	Peggy Wright
Catharine Ellis	Emily Kisa	Ann Poulson	Wendie Zekowski
Elsa Jo Ellison	Karin Knudsen	Mary Pow	Plus additional artists
Karen Engelbretson	Candy Kuehn	Becka Rahn	from Multicolores,
Heidi Ferguson	Susan Leschke	Ella Ramsey	Maya Women's Rug
Suzanne Filbin	Libby London	Wendy Richardson	Hooking Cooperative,
Robbin Firth	Katy Long	Robyne Robinson	Guatemala; and
Marlene Gage	Donna Lystrom	Valerie Root	Somali elders from the
Debra Gangelhoff	Kathryn Anne Mack	Alyce Santoro	Somali Museum of
Joy Gerard	Nancy Mambi	Annabella Sardelis	Minnesota

TEXTILE CENTER PAT O'CONNOR LIBRARY

LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

- **30,473** items in the collection (up 12% from the previous year)
- **3,730** items checked out by **4,466** visitors to the Library
- **26** volunteers donated **1,204** hours of time to help staff the Library

With one of the largest circulating textile-related collections open to the public, the Textile Center Pat O'Connor Library honors textile traditions, promotes innovation, and is a source of inspiration, serving learners throughout the region.

Collections included in the Library

In addition to Textile Center's own holdings, the Library comprises the collections of 17 guilds: American Sewing Guild; Crochet Twin Cities; Ladyslipper NeedleArts Society; Lakes & Prairies Smockers; Machine Knitters Guild of Minnesota; Midwest Machine Knitters' Collaborative; Minnesota Contemporary Quilters; Minnesota Basket Weavers' Guild; Minnesota Quilters Inc.; Minnesota State Button Society; Minneapolis Modern Quilt

Guild; Polymer Clay Guild of Minnesota; St. Paul Needleworkers; South Minneapolis Quilters; Upper Midwest Bead Society; and Weavers Guild of Minnesota.

Library Lecture Series

This ongoing series highlights textile-related writing with presentations by authors of fiber art books and other related publications.

Yvonne Cory, heirloom apron collector and presenter of *Joys & Tears in the Apron Strings*, June 8, 2016

Becka Rahn, author of *I See Art Every Day*, October 13, 2016

"I'm a historian of 17th- and 18th-century Britain; I'm on leave this year and a fellow at the University of Michigan Institute for Advanced Study. I was delighted to research in the Textile Center Library, for my work has taken me into the history of cloth, especially woolens, in 17th- and 18th-century Europe."

—Sean Silver, independent scholar

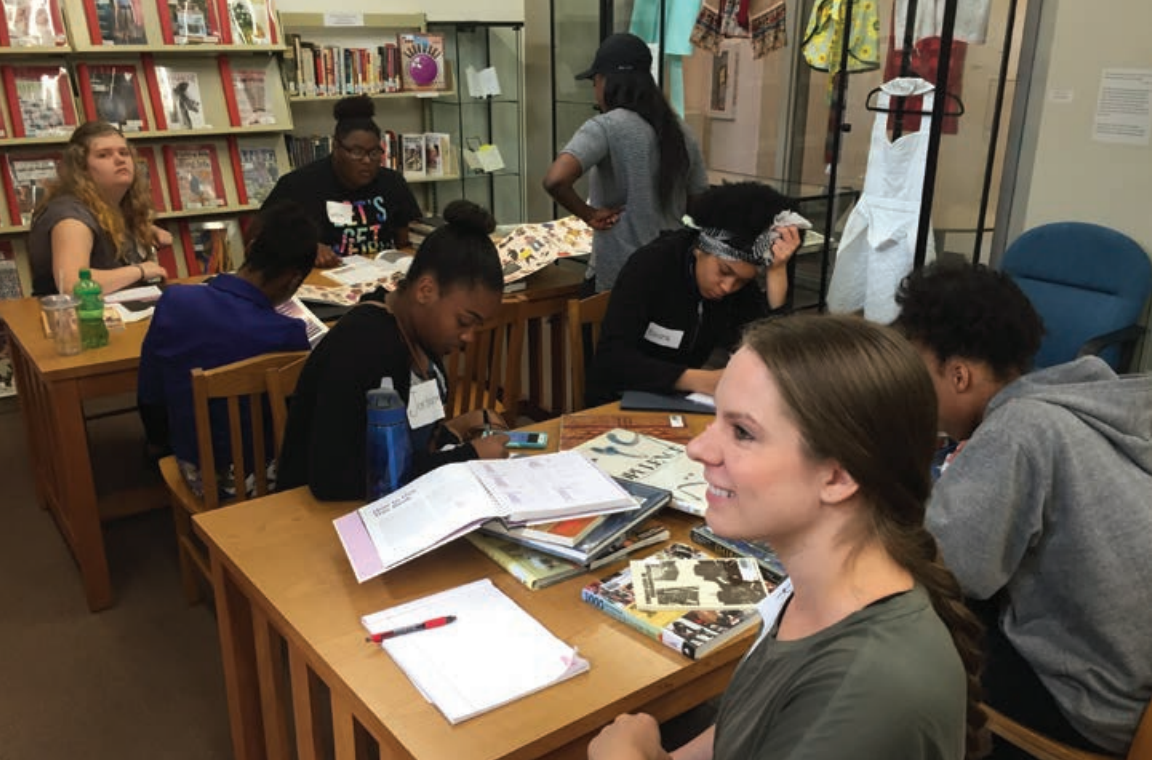
TOURS

This past year, Textile Center launched a program of member excursions and successfully brought three groups to notable fiber-related sites around the region:

Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa (52 participating)

Faribault Woolen Mill and Sutton Ridge Farm (51 participating)

Twin Cities Fiber Art Excursion to **Weisman Art Museum** and **Minnesota History Center**, as part of the "Fiber Art: Ties that Bind" series (39 participating)



Textile Center was proud to partner with Target's Product Design + Development team, the University of Minnesota, and North High School in providing a 9-week long Minneapolis Step-Up experience for young fashion designers & fiber artists. The students researched color theory and shibori dye techniques in the Library, planned their project, and then learned to dye themselves in the Dye Lab.



EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

EDUCATION PROGRAM FACTS & FIGURES

ADULT EDUCATION

- **1,161** students participated in **133** onsite classes, lectures and workshops
- **865** students in offsite education programs
- **39** total teaching artists

"Everyone involved has gone to the next level with natural dyes."

—Student in Color from Plants: A Natural Dye Workshop with Michel Garcia

"The instructors' art and stories are life-changing."

—Student in the Maya Rug Hooking Workshop



Thousands of fiber art enthusiasts, beginners, master practitioners, and artists advanced their technical and creative skills, took artistic risks, and explored new avenues of work through Textile Center's education programs: classes, workshops, camps, seminars, lectures, demonstrations, and other activities both onsite and around the region.

Member of Target's Product Design & Development Team
shibori dyeing

"I just want to say 'thank you.' My daughter was in Knitting and Upcycled Fashion Summer Camps, and just loved it. Her Nonna is so excited that she will be knitting, and has indicated that she is going to teach her some of our family patterns. I appreciated the professionalism of the teachers, and how much you all taught the kids. We will be back next summer for sure!"

—Michele P., Summer Camp mother

YOUTH EDUCATION

1,563 students participated in Textile Center's youth education program:

- **521** in the Field Trip program
- **495** in 40 meetings of the Youth Fiber Art Guild (60% increase in participation)
- **347** in free library programs throughout the state
- **200** in 34 different hands-on Summer Camps



PCYC Youth Fiber Art Guild meeting; Sticky Stencils kit

Textile Center Fiber Art Demonstration and Lecture Sites

American Craft Council St. Paul Show
 American Swedish Institute
 Art at St. Kate's
 Art Educators Minnesota Conference
 Family Fiber Festival, Textile Center
 Lake Region Arts Council Artist Resource Fair,
 Fergus Falls
 Minneapolis Institute of Arts
 Minnesota Field Trip Fall Expo
 Minnesota Field Trip Expo Summer Resource Fair
 Prospect Park Summer Celebration
 Twin Cities Public Television – TPT Takeover

Guest Teaching Artists

Alissa Allen
 Anastasia Azure
 Yessika Calgua Morales
 Yolanda Calgua Morales
 Michel Garcia
 Patricia Hickman
 Jamie Kirkell
 Carolyn Mazloomi
 Midwest Machine Knitters Collaborative:
 Dee Kupka, Jane Niemi, Maria Ann Youngs
 Rupa Trivedi – Adiv Pure Nature,
 Mumbai, India

Core Teaching Artists

Susan Antell
 Maddy Bartsch
 Christy Binoniemi
 Sandra Brick
 Laura Burliss
 Karen Engelbretson
 Marjorie Fedyszyn
 Robbin Firth
 Jen Gin
 Leslie Granbeck
 Melba Granlund
 Carolyn Halliday
 Mary Holland
 Karin Knudsen
 Tracy Krumm
 Kristin Lawson
 Susan Leschke
 Karen Morris
 Sarah Nassif
 Lauren Oland
 Steve Pauling
 Ann Poulson
 Becka Rahn
 Kayd Roy
 Annabella Sardelis
 Karen Searle
 Susan Stein

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Fiber Art Guild™

October 2016 - May, 2017

495 total youth participated

4 after-school program sites held 40 meetings

8 projects were created by each student
from 8 different fiber art-making kits

Our Youth Fiber Art Guild brings monthly multicultural fiber art-making experiences to 4th- and 5th-graders in 4 sites that serve low-income families in Minneapolis and St. Paul, at no cost to our program partners. We empower youth to explore their creativity and culture through information, tools, materials, and the support they need to learn and use their hands to create interesting fiber art objects.

After School-Time Locations

- Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC)
- Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
- Neighborhood House
- Eastside Neighborhood Services Luxton Learners

Support generously provided by

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World's Largest Textile Garage Sale

April 7 – 9, 2016

The 16th annual Garage Sale was bigger than ever this year, with 2,273 shoppers, volunteers, and donors participating in the three-day, zero-waste event held in partnership with the University of Minnesota's ReUse Program. Individuals and businesses donated mountains of materials and specialty textile equipment, providing an affordable way for artists, students, makers, and groups creating textiles for charity to purchase materials. A model of recycling, all items for sale were contributed from the community for reuse by the community, with nearly \$68,000 benefiting Textile Center programming. Surplus materials are donated to schools and other nonprofit organizations. The desire to donate and purchase materials is year-round, so we programmed the first Garage Sale Pop Up, held at Textile Center on October 14-15, 2016.

*"I like sewing. It's fun and
it's relaxing. It's just like art!"*

—Waylan, Youth Fiber Art Guild member, age 11

Right: Luxton Learners Youth Fiber Art Guild meeting; Kumihimo kit

Below: Textile Center Summer Camp 2016, Modern Rag Doll







Michel Garcia, Natural Indigo Vat workshop

Jerome Fiber Artist Project Grants

December 2016 – October 2017

This program, funded by the Jerome Foundation, advances the careers of emerging fiber artists, providing awards of \$5,000 to four artists each year to pursue fiber art projects and to hold a culminating exhibition.

Fellows

Elizabeth Garvey

Julie Hassler

Kristin Hoelscher-Schacker

Catherine Missaghi



Margaret Miller Artist-in-Residence: Michel Garcia

July 11 – 16, 2016

“My expectations were far exceeded. This was an extraordinary opportunity to learn from one of the world experts at Textile Center.”

—Student in Michel Garcia’s workshop

France-based Michel Garcia, the world-renowned botanist, chemist, dyer, and naturalist, traveled to Textile Center as the first Margaret Miller Artist-in-Residence. He led a five-day workshop covering a variety of natural dyes, mordants, and fibers, as well as plant preservation, extracts, and record keeping; a one-day workshop on starting and maintaining a natural indigo vat which included experimenting with a paste resist method; and a lecture—a personal account of his exciting adventures around the globe working as a botanist and chemist. Garcia told stories about his research, discoveries, and the various people/groups he worked with. 124 total people participated in the weeklong program.

Fiber Art: Creating Ties that Bind / National Artist Advisory Council

March 8-12, 2017

What is the future for fiber art? How can Textile Center strengthen its role as a national center for fiber art? Textile Center and its new National Artist Advisory Council presented a convening of fiber artists and enthusiasts in the Twin Cities to address such questions and build our fiber art community. This series of events, workshops, and activities was designed to spark conversation, inspiration, and learning and included a Town Hall conversation, Fiber Art Excursion to Weisman Art Museum and Minnesota History Center, a lecture on African-American quilt history, and a variety of opportunities for fiber artists to engage with each other.

The festive week also marked the first time the members of Textile Center's new National Artist Advisory Council came together in the Twin Cities. The series gave patrons the opportunity to get to know these extraordinary artistic leaders, and helped inform the council's work as advocates and advisors to Textile Center, especially related to advancing its exhibitions, education programs, fellowships, and services to support working fiber artists.

Lecture by Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi: "Building a Legacy: African-American Quilt History," co-presented by Minnesota Quilters at its headquarters, Recovery Church. Part of *Fiber Art: Creating Ties that Bind*, March 11, 2017.

Textile Center National Artist Advisory Council

Carolyn Halliday (Chair)

Mary Giles

Pat Hickman

Tracy Krumm

Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi

Family Fiber Festival

March 18, 2017

More than 100 participants discovered different textile arts from around the world. Together with their families they created: Japanese kumihimo braiding, the same braids that samurai warriors made to bind their armor together; wet felted balls, an ancient process of using loose sheep wool and turning it into felt balls; and Somali plied bracelets, guided by Somali elders using a step from the kebed weaving process, and creating plied rope with colorful pieces of yarn using their feet!

Presented in partnership with the
Somali Museum of Minnesota

Supported by a grant from the
Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund



PROGRAM PARTNERS

American Craft Council
American Swedish Institute
Anoka County Library System - Centennial/
Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Crooked
Lake, Rum River libraries
Art Educators 2016 Minnesota Conference
Artists' Circle
Aveda
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Greater
Twin Cities
Children's Minnesota Hospital, St. Paul
Columbia Heights Public School - Mini
Adventures
Dakota County Library System - Burnhaven,
Galaxie, Heritage Library Lakeville, Pleasant
Hill, South St. Paul, Wescott, Wentworth
libraries
Eastside Neighborhood Services - Luxton
Learners
Girl Scout Troop 51047
Hallie Q. Brown Community Center Inc.
Harambee Elementary
Highpoint Center for Printmaking
Hennepin County Library System –
Brookdale, Hopkins, Maple Grove,
Roosevelt, Southdale, St. Louis Park, Walker,
Washburn

Highland Park Library, St. Paul
Hmong American Partnership
Independent Filmmaker Project MN
Khazana
Longfellow Alternative School
Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Midwest Machine Knitters Collaborative
Minnesota Center for Book Arts
Minnesota Field Trip Expo
Minnesota State Fair
Mounds Park Academy
Neighborhood House
Northern Clay Center
Plymouth Christian Youth Center - Out-of-
School Time Program
Prospect Park 2020
Prospect Park Association
Shalom Home
Somali Museum of Minnesota
St. Louis Park Schools
University of Minnesota ReUse Program
Visitation School
Washington County Library System –
Hardwood Creek, Oakdale, Stafford, Valley
Library, Wildwood libraries
Weavers Guild of Minnesota

Natural dye class with Aveda professionals



FINANCIAL REPORT

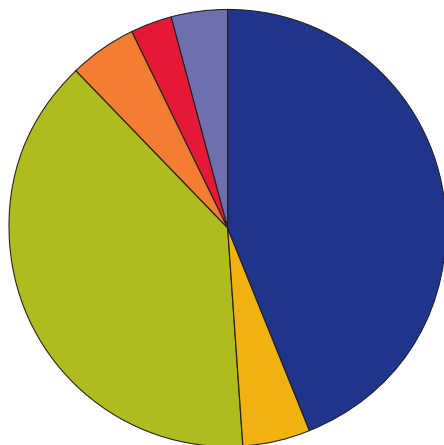
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Income

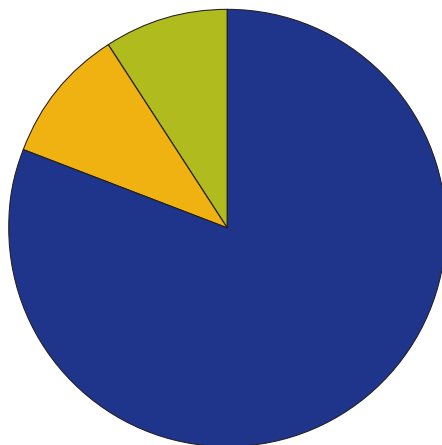
Grants & Donations	\$455,693
Memberships	\$46,538
Education/Programs	\$400,810
Rentals	\$48,903
Events	\$34,073
Interest	\$44,271
Total Income	\$1,030,288

Expenses

Program Related Expenses	\$785,565
Management	\$93,160
Fundraising	\$90,857
Total Expenses	\$969,582
Net Income	\$60,706



- Grants & Donations - 44%
- Memberships - 5%
- Education/Programs - 39%
- Rentals - 5%
- Events - 3%
- Interest - 4%



- Program Related Expenses - 81%
- Management - 10%
- Fundraising - 9%

BALANCE SHEET

April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Assets

Mondale Gallery Endowment	\$300,151
Reserves	\$160,182
Building/Fixed Assets	\$1,074,240
Other Assets	\$346,236
Total Assets	\$1,880,809

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities	\$117,935
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,287,786
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$292,363
Permanently Restricted Assets	\$182,725
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,880,809

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With this support, we are able to provide programs that benefit a variety of audiences, including artists, organizations, youth, enthusiasts, practitioners, neighbors, and national entities. Our programs make an impact far and wide because of the engagement of so many people.

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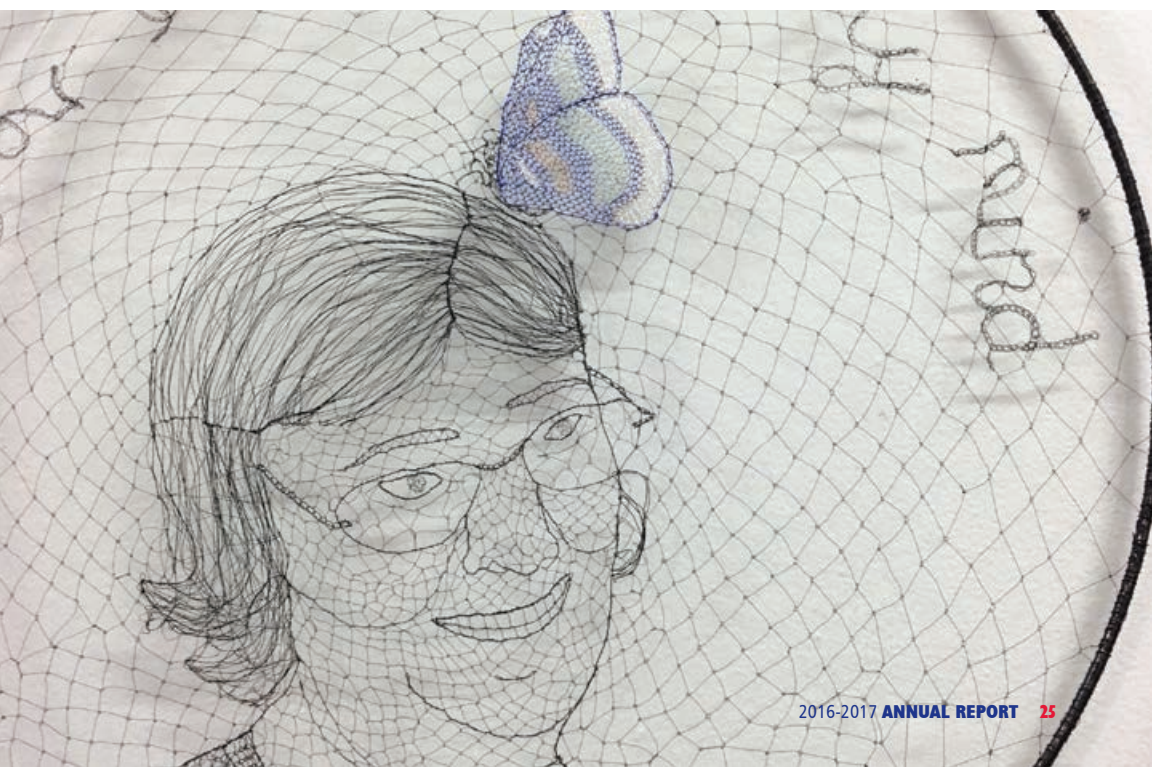
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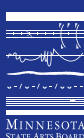
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