



ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2018 - MARCH 31, 2019

Textile Center's mission is to honor textile traditions, promote excellence and innovation, and inspire widespread participation in fiber art.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Textile Center is admired by fiber artists and enthusiasts from around the country, and often we're asked by visitors: "How did such a special place like this come to fruition?" The comment that often follows is: "I wish there was a place like this back home!"

We don't take Textile Center for granted. Before our founding in 1994, guilds had operated in isolation, with limited opportunities to exhibit and sell art, work with specialized equipment, or pursue training. It took tenacious founders to create a bold vision and to rally the guilds and fiber artists around a common cause.

We're proud to welcome more than 20,000 visitors each year! We embrace all forms of fiber art, including stitching, quilting, knitting, weaving, sewing, dyeing, felting, beading, wearable art, sculpture, installation, performance, social practice, multimedia, and so much more.

We are grateful to the support we receive from our 30 affiliated guilds, and more than 1,000 individual members. It takes a village for an arts organization like ours to thrive, and we have an impressive community of support.

And this vision has been carried forward for 24 years, with thousands of people providing stewardship through their time, talent, and treasure.

As we reflect on fiscal year 2019, which ended March 31, we can celebrate many successes:

- A record-breaking World's Largest Textiles Garage Sale that was just a few hundred dollars shy of hitting a record of \$100,000 in gross sales.
- The launch of Interlace, a series of 8-week workshops designed for adults 55+. Textile Center was selected as one of 15 regional nonprofits to be part of of Aroha Philanthropies' innovative Seeding Vitality Arts Minnesota initiative for older adults. During this year we In presented six workshops focused on embroidery, rug hooking, surface design, felting, and surface design, and through them we witnessed how learning, making, and sharing brought joy, connection, improved health and well-being to all who participated.



Photo by Barbara LaValleur

- Our robust education program that served more than 3,000 people during the fiscal year, and our national teaching artist program that featured eight artists from across the nation. This includes Susan Brandeis, Tom Lundberg, and Susan Moss, who taught and exhibited their work during our "Summer of Stitch, Stitch, Stitch."
- A tour to Guatemala in partnership with the nonprofit Multicolores, traveling around the mountains near Antigua, visiting Maya women artists known for their weaving, basket weaving, rug hooking, natural dyeing, and embroidery.

On the financial front, we're pleased to have ended fiscal year 2019 with a surplus of \$41,937. We have seen substantial growth in Textile Center's programs. Our revenue have grown from \$760,443 in fiscal year 2015 to \$1,113,064 in 2019, and we were particularly to see our donations from individuals increased from \$77,841 in 2015 to \$146,398 in 2019.

All this is possible thanks to our talented staff and dedicated board of directors. We are grateful to our staff leaders: Director of Administration Nancy Gross, Director for Artistic Advancement Tracy Krumm, and Director of Finance Jayne Usery.

In fiscal year 2019, we said farewell to two wonderful staff members: Jenny Jones who served as our Director of Communications and Annual Fund, and Melisa Wahlstrom, our Education Manager.

And on our Board of Directors, we acknowledge the superb leadership provided by Margaret Anderson Kelliher, who served on our board for eight years, including four years on our Executive Committee as President Elect, President for two years, and Past President.

As you read this, Textile Center has been celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and we are entering into an exciting new era. We thank you for all your support of Textile Center, and we look forward to your engagement with us in the years to come!

— Ella Ramsey, President & Karl Reichert, Executive Director



Snoopy's Snazzy Sweater collaboration with Midwest Machine Knitters, Collaborative and Crochet Twin Cities, and Arts at MSP at MSP Airport (photo provided by Arts at MSP)



Visitors trying needle felting at Textile Center's booth at the American Craft Coucil Show in April 2018.

"Textile Center is my creative place. It's where I can come and meet people who understand when I talk about a particular technique, or when I get excited about being able to do something, and who will feed me their ideas. I'll go home filled with creative ideas. It's just an exciting place to be, as well as a welcoming place."

– Linda McShannock, Board Member



EXHIBITION PROGRAM

FACTS + FIGURES

- 33 exhibitions
- 305 exhibiting artists exhibiting in our four gallery spaces
- Sales to gallery artists: \$5,929

Textile Center exhibitions are supported in part by funds from the Joan Mondale Endowment.



Detail from 36 Lines, Rena Wood (Structured exhibition) Background artwork: White Thin Lines Box, Susie Taylor From our annual "A Common Thread" exhibit that includes and honors our members who wish to participate, to the blockbuster "Artists in The Kitchen" project, the year has featured an exciting breadth of work being done in the field. We were privileged to welcome nationally known artists, from Susan Brandeis to Tom Lundberg, whose ideas are manifest in their longstanding commitment the field.

- Tracy Krumm, Director for Artistic Advancement



JOAN MONDALE GALLERY

Artists in the Kitchen

March 21 – May 19, 2018

This exhibition showcased the work of 50 all-women artist/chef-restaurateur teams who joined forces in an innovative partnership, whereby chefs inspired the artists to produce new artworks.

Susan Brandeis: Lost Language June 4 – August 18, 2018

An exhibition of work inspired by Brandeis' travel and the natural world, interpreted through digital printmaking, manipulation and stitching on fabric.

Jiseon Lee Isbara: Displaced August 30 – October 20, 2018

The complexity of current cultural discourse is addressed in Jiseon Lee Isbara's work through fluid use of everyday textile materials and essential techniques.

Holiday Gallery Shop 2018 August 30 – October 20, 2018

A special selection of extraordinary hand-crafted felted wool sculptures by featured artist Elsa Jo Ellison were featured alongside the work of 100+ artists.

A Common Thread 2019: Annual Member Exhibition January 10 – March 2, 2019

This annual exhibition is a celebration of work honoring textile traditions and innovation, featuring a great array of fiber art created by Textile Center's members.

Structured

March 18 - May 16, 2019

In collaboration with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, this exhibition featured textile and ceramic artists, and challenged both maker and viewer in terms of how work is discussed, defined, considered, and categorized in contemporary art.

COMMUNITY GALLERY

Susan Moss, Improvisation: Restraint June 4 – August 18, 2018

Susie Taylor: Poetic Geometry August 30 – October 27, 2018

Wone Vang: Iconic March 18 — May 11, 2019

STUDIO GALLERY

Tom Lundberg, Life Lines June 4 – August 18, 2018

Cultural Cloth: Artisan Textiles from Around the World November 1 – December 24, 2018

LIBRARY GALLERY

Needlework Guild of MN May 1 – June 30, 2018

Interlace: Rug Hooking Class Exhibition May 31 – June 16, 2018

Interlace: Embroidery Class Exhibition June 20 – July 7, 2018

St. Paul Needleworkers July 1 – September 1, 2018

Sketchbooks: Stitch, Stitch, Stitch! July 9 – September 1, 2018

Textiles from the Estate of Gale M. Aanenson September 5 – October 27, 2018 Interlace: Felting & Interlace: Art to Wear Class Exhibitions November 5 – December 27, 2018

Alanna Stapleton: Outlooks March 18 — May 25, 2019

The Chartreuse Yarn Challenge March 18 — May 25, 2019

GUILD WALL

Minnesota Feltmakers Guild March 1 – April 30, 2018

Needlework Guild of Minnesota May 1 – June 30, 2018

St. Paul Needleworkers July 1 – Aug 30, 2018

Minnesota Contemporary Quilters Sept 1 – Oct 31, 2018

Minnesota State Button Society Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2018

Zumbro River Fiber Art Guild Jan 1 – Feb 28, 2019

Textile Center's 25th Anniversary March 1 – April 30, 2019

OFFSITE EXHIBITIONS

101 Bowls January 20 – April 8, 2018 American Swedish Institute Minneapolis, MN Commemorating His Purple Reign: A Textural Tribute to Prince March 15 – June 17, 2018 Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Art Cedarburg, WI

Selections from A Common Thread 2018 August 23 – September 3, 2018 Minnesota State Fair, Creative Activities Falcon Heights, MN

Textile Center Award for Excellence and Innovation August 23 – September 3, 2018 Minnesota State Fair, Fine Arts Building Falcon Heights, MN

pARTnership Visual Arts Showcase October 12, 2018 – December 31, 2018 Minnesota Arts Board Office Gallery St. Paul, MN

Selections from Commemorating His Purple Reign, A Textural Tribute to Prince October 12, 2018 – January 30, 2020 MSP Airport, Minneapolis, MN

Snoopy's Snazzy Sweater

Collaboration with Midwest Machine Knitters Collaborative and Crochet Twin Cities December 7, 2018 – January 4, 2019 and MSP Airport, Minneapolis, MN



EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Jeanne Aaron Karen Allen Rose Allen Gwendolyn Agui-Brooks Leah Babalola Jeanne Back Kim Baird Margaret Baldwin Terry Banovetz-Gerst **Beth Barron** Carolyn Barsness Lynn Bartley Maddy Bartsch Jane Bassuk **Flizabeth Baum** Carol Beck Astrid Bennett **Beki Biesterfelt** Jacqueline Bilek Nancy Birger Shae Bishop Pat Boehne Lisa Boone Lvnn Booth Marliss Borenz Jensen Viki Bosin Sandy Bot-Miller **Debra Boyles** Lee Bradford Susan Brandeis Rachel Breen Lisa Brenner Sandra Brick Jeremy Brooks Earamichia Brown Lucy Brusic Barbara Buchanan Dorothy I. Burge Viola Burley Leak

Laura Burlis Laurie Bushbaum Sally Bystrom Mary Ellen Calderwood Anna Calingaert Anna Carlson Jane Carlstrom Cassie Carroll Allison Carver Joan Carver Mary Chamberlain **Emily Chesick** Jennifer Chilstrom Ora Clay Catherine Clover Barbara Cobb Ann Coddington Misty M. Cole Marion Coleman Nancy Condon Yvonne Cory Carolyn Crump Elaine Cullen Jean Cur Karen Cvson Edith Dalleska **Jennifer** Davis Sharon Dav Susan Day Katie DeCosse Carol Delak Nancy Devine **Reynaldo** Diaz Marjorie Diggs Freeman Janet Dixon Stacie Dolin Gabrielle Duggan Lindsey Dyer Kit Eastman

Carol Egan Susan Eggenberger Jane Ellison Nancy Ellison Amanda Erb Laura Fricksen Terry Erredge Marjorie Fedyszyn Ife Felix Margaret (Peggy) Fetteroff **Robbin Firth** Katherine Frank L'Merchie Frazier Camill Gage Ellie Gagner **Diane Gamm** Elizabeth Garvey Nancy Gaschott Ann Gerold Stibal Janet Gjerde Ruthann Godollei Valerie Goolsby Sara Graffunder Leslie Granbeck Judy Grasamke Michelle Greenhouse Karen Gustafson Carmen Gutiérrez Bolger Marcia Haffmans Faith Hagenhofer Jean Hainlen Leslie Hall Carolyn Halliday Carole Hallman Merne Halweg Norma Hanlon **Roxanne Hardy** Jesse Harrod **Roxanne Hart** Doreen Hartzell Susan Hatch Chervl Hazen



Detail from *Donuts*, Jennifer Davis (*Artists in the Kitchen* exhibition).

Juli Henriksen Susan Hensel Sylvia Hernandez Karen Hesse Sophia Heymans Maribeth Hite Kristin Hoelscher-Schacker Kay Holm Jessica Huang Farida Hughes **Tina Hughes** Charlotte T Hunter Peggy Hunter Nancy Intermill Laurel Izard Janet Jacobson **Ruth Jacobson** Janice Jakielski **Ed Johnetta Miller** Andrea Johnson Debra Johnson

Janet Johnson Kaye Johnson Laurice Johnson Susan Kahle Jan Kamrath Jo Ann Kappel Caitlin Karolczak Gail Katz James Margaret Kelliher Patricia Kerlin Nancy Kilmer Karen Kinoshita Wendy Klager Joan Klobier Jenny Knavel Susan Koefod Linda Kollofski Anne Kramer Rene Kraus Tracy Krumm Phyllis Kudder Sullivan

Kristi Kuder Candy Kuehn Sarah Kusa Phillippa Lack **Roberta LaFleur** Ruth Lais Flizabeth Lanzatella Chris LaPlante Marsha Larson Peg LaSota Frin Lavelle Jiseon Lee Isbara **Renav Leone** Susan Leschke Ceci Lewis Rebecca Lieser Monica Little Mary Logue Mary Lonsky Tom Lundberg Norrie MacIlraith Heather MacKenzie Susanne Maeder Debra Maertens Zeeda Magnuson Karen Mallin Nancy Mambi Jean Manrique Lynne Marihart Kelly Marshall Carol Mashuga Jane Matson Michele Mayama **Doroth Mayer** Emily McBride Layl McDill Vatina McLaurin Jean McMahon Marilyn McMahon Cyndi Kaye Meier Gloria Misfeldt Cathy Missaghi

Annie Modesitt James Morehouse Shelly Mosman Susan Moss Sharon Mulhollam Marlena Myles Melissa Nellis Kathrvn Nerison Kelly Nezworski Chiaki O'Brien Dina O'Sullivan Kimber Olson Judy Osbon **Eve Parker** Teresa Paschke Anupama Pasricha Steve Pauling **Doris** Petrie Pat Philip Amanda Phillippi Susan Ploetz Joanna Poag Mimie Pollard Lela Popp Trina Porte Nancy Potek Ann Poulson Michael Radyk Ella Ramsev Katheryn Ranta Wen Redmond Catherine Reed Jess Reves Lindsay Rhyner Ann Ribbens Amy Rice **Tina Rice** Nora Rickey Susan Ritter Janet Rock Pat Rohr

Marilee Sagat Gino Sahagun **Kristine Samsel** Deanna Sanderson MaryEllen Sax Annette Schardin Laurie Schmid Clara Schreiber Carol Schweickhardt Suzanna Scott Karen Searle Latifah Shakir **Betsy Shannon** Wanda Shelton Denise M Sheridan Mariana Shulstad Sandy Siewert Mike Simpson Michele Smart Ann Somers Karen Sorensen

Bonnie Swierzbin Mayumi Takahashi Susie Taylor Kathy Tchida Gina Telcocci Maggi Thompson Kathleen Tice Dawn Tomlinson Jane Tracv Kristen Treuting Joy O. Ude Kathy Urberg Joni Van Bockel Wone Vang Monique Venne Kate Vinson Barbara Wanamaker Asia Ward Brenetta Ward Bea Westerberg **Casey Whittier**

"I derive great joy from visiting their beautifully curated exhibitions, which showcase the amazing skills of a variety of fiber artists."

- Ute Zahn, 2019

Dan Sorenson Rebecca Speakes Alanna Stapleton Susan Stein Sarah Stengle Ruth Stephens Helen Stoerzinger Joanne Stommes Tressa Sularz Selena A. Sullivan Trish Williams Rena Wood Peggy Wright Kathy Yerich Marie Zaczkowski Cree Zadra Wendie Zekowski



Viewer in the Joan Mondale Gallery during the A Common Thread 2019 exhibition opening.

EXHIBITION PROGRAM

TEXTILE CENTER SHOP

FACTS + FIGURES

- 116 Shop artists
- Payments to Shop artists: \$75,894

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 a percentage of consigned sales.



Shop intern Kaiqi Mai organizing merchandise in the Shop.

Textile Center Shop team exceeded the Shop's annual revenue goal for the fiscal year! Merchandise assortments supported programming via artisan textiles for the kitchen; sashiko, embroidery, and stitching supplies and tools, as well as two book launches: "Women Artisans of Morocco" by Susan Schaefer Davis, and "Rug Money" by Mary Anne Wise and Cheryl Conway-Daly.



The Studio Gallery showcased Cultural Cloth's artisan textile gifts from around the world. Our Saturday Meet the Maker Fest series connected shoppers and artists with trunk shows, demonstrations, "try it" opportunities and more during the holiday season.

- Nancy Gross, Director of Administration



Holiday Gallery Shop 2018 in the Joan Mondale Gallery.



Needle felted sculptures by our Holiday Gallery Shop 2018 featured artist, Elsa Jo Ellison.

MEET THE MAKER ARTIST DEMOS & TRUNK SHOW EVENTS

Maddy Bartsch • Natural dye information Rachel Boucher • Local fiber processor Stacy Dresow • Local fiber producer Karen Engelbretson • Needle felting Robbin Firth • Wet felting Michelle Greenhouse • Boro stitching Mary Holland • Cricut cutter machine Carol Holmblad • Wet felting Carol Johnson • Weaving Nancy Mambi • Cricut cutter machine Faye Matson • Machine Embroidery Lisa Murray • Spinning Lauren Oland • SAORI Weaving Peggy Pearson • Local fiber producer Katherine Pincus • Weaving Alejandra Sanchez • Spinning - local fibers Tom Skogstrum • Weaving Bill & Linda Sumner • Needle Felting Carole Wurst • Machine knitting Wendie Zekowski • Sashiko Stitching

SHOP ARTISTS

Cultural Cloth – Various Artists Goldfinch – Various Artists Multicolores – Various Artists Polymer Clay Guild of Minnesota -Various Artists Portal Distribution – Various Artists Brenda Andrewson Susan Antell Aviva Aviel Micah Bach Kinder Maya Beecham Nancy Benson Lavna Bentlev Beki Biesterfelt Christy Binoniemi Lila Boehland Nancy Bohn Rachel Boucher Lee Bradford Sandra Brick Eve Brown Katherine Buenger Brenna Busse Kim Carlson Patricia Carter Sierra Cole Angie Davis Katie DeCosse Anna Doherty Stacy Dresow Elsa Jo Ellison Karen Engelbretson Marjorie Fedyszyn Suzanne Filbin Robbin Firth Laura Foster Nicholson Karen Franzmeier Patricia Freiert Marlene Gaige

Debra Gangelhoff Joy Gerard Jen Gin Nataliva Glukhareva Carolyn Golberg Pat Gradv Andrea Grage Michelle Greenhouse Rebecca Grothe Leslie Hall Carole Hallman Roxanne Hardv Susan Hensel Maribeth Hite Marv Holland Carol Holmblad Farida Hughes Tina Hughes Carol Johnson Margaret Mousley Kielty Emily Kisa Christine Knapp Susan Leschke Marv Loque Libby London Kristine Luber Becky Lvon Donna Lystrom Nancy Mambi Kelly Marshall Fave Matson Lavl McDill Lori Monson Mary Mortenson Susan Moss Deborah Muenzer-Dov Lisa Murray Diane Muse Naomi Nelson

Linda Nelson Brvan Joan Neudecker Penny Norman Chiaki O'Brien **Rachel Obermoller** Lauren Oland Peagy Pearson Kristin Pesola Katharine Pincus Leonor Pisano Ann Poulson Marjorie Durko Puryear Becka Rahn Ella Ramsev Wendy Richardson Nina Martine Robinson Aleiandra Sanchez Alyce Santoro Susan Schaefer Judy Schneebeck Jenny Schu **Dorothy Schutte** Karen Searle Tom Skogstrom Rebecca Speakes Susan Stein Julie Steller Marv Beth Stevens Linda Sumner **Bill Sumner** Bonnie Swierzbin Mavumi Takahashi Wone Vang Youa Vang Susan Vroman Day Beth Wilson Norma Wolff Carole Wurst Wendie Zekowski



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ADULT EDUCATION

FACTS + FIGURES

• 1,276 participants in onsite classes, lectures and workshops



Photo from the 2018 "Interlace: Rug Hooking" class



This year, we raised the bar for fiber art education with the Guest Teaching Artist and Interlace programs, and celebrated the success of "The Summer of Stitch, Stitch, Stitch" with each artist teaching a master level class. The Art Speaks lecture series provided meaningful presentations on fiber art, including guest artist Jiseon Lee Isbara's moving presentation in conjunction with the American Craft Council.



- Tracy Krumm, Director for Artistic Advancement

"After taking this class, I feel excited, empowered, and I'm eagerly anticipating how this will 'cross-pollinate' with other skills and techniques." – Student from the "Stitching the Digital Print" class, 2018

ADULT WORKSHOP TEACHING ARTISTS

Dianne Aisenbrev Rose Allen Sandy Baron Maddy Bartsch Sandra Brick Laura Burlis Bonnie Buzza Pam Collins Katie DeCosse Nancy Eha Karen Engelbretson Robbin Firth Marlene Gaige Jamie Gjerdingen Leslie Granbeck Michelle Greenhouse Leslie Hall Carole Hallman

Jessica Huang Debbie Johnson Angela Kneale Karin Knudsen Candy Kuehn Madeline Weismann Susan Leschke Ceci Lewis Mary Logue Donna Mienk Michelle Oolev Steve Pauling Ella Ramsey Kathleen Richert Heather RJ Fletcher Annabella Sardelis Kim Scanlan Karen Searle

Mandi Smethells Alanna Stapleton Susan Stein Anne Stepan Tressa Sularz Karen Weiberg

GUEST TEACHING ARTISTS:

Lynda Maynard Barbara Schneider Susan Brandeis Tom Lundberg Kenneth King Susan Moss Susie Taylor Karen Morris

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

FACTS + FIGURES

 162 youth, and 676 adults participated in artmaking experiences through our library outreach program in 84 classes across the state



"Building a Neighborhood: Our Place in Prospect Park" community felting project, led by Sarah Nassif and sponsored by Prospect Park Co-Op Legacy Fund.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Anoka County Library System: Columbia Heights Library, Crooked Lake Library, Johnsville Library, Mississippi Library, North Central Library, Northtown Library, Rum River Library, St. Francis Library – Rum River North County Park Carver County Library System: Chanhassen Library, Victoria Library

Dakota County Library System: Dakota Lodge – Thompson County Park, Farmington Library, Inver Glen Library, Lebanon Hills Visitor Center, Pleasant Hill Library, Wentworth Library,

Wescott Library

Division of Indian Work

East Side Neighborhood Services – Luxton Learners FilmNorth

Hallie Q. Brown

- Hennepin County Library System: Augsburg
- Park Library, Champlin Library, Columbia Heights Library, Eden Prairie Library, Franklin Library, Maple Grove Library, Minnetonka Library, Penn Lake Library, Saint Louis Park Library, Southdale Library, St. Louis Park Library Highpoint Center for Printmaking Minnesota Center for Book Arts Northern Clay Center Plymouth Christian Youth Center – Out-of-School Time Program Stillwater Parks and Recreation Target University of Minnesota Washington County Library System: Hardwood Creek Library, Lake Elmo Library, Park Grove Library,
- Library, Lake Elmo Library, Park Grove Library, Wildwood Library
- Watonwan County Library System: Madelia Library, St. James Library



Textile Center booth at Art at St. Kates, with guild member volunteers, demos, and artwork on view.

DEMOS, ACTIVITIES & LECTURES

American Craft Council - Craft Show Art at St. Kate's Artists in the Kitchen, Artist/Chef panel at Textile Center Prospect Park Harvest Social Building a Neighborhood Together: Our Place in Prospect Park Luxton Park – Community Concert and Celebration The M-MMAA Grand Re-Opening Prospect Park Alliance -Harvest Festival Rug Money, Panel & Book Expo at Textile Center Springboard for the Arts Susan Schaefer Davis, Author Talk at Textile Center



YOUTH EDUCATION

FACTS + FIGURES

- 622 youth participated in our Field Trip program (323 offsite, 299 students onsite)
- 32 students created artwork in our onsite Birthday Party program
- Students had 154 different fiber art experiences in 25 hands-on textile Summer Camps
- 4 sites hosted 42 monthly meetings of the Youth Fiber Art Guild for after-school groups
- 10 Minneapolis StepUp students participated in an internship program at Textile Center in collaboration with Target and the University of Minnesota

"She loves fairy camp (Trolls, Fairies, and Gnomes), and making treasures with clay was a hit! She plays with her fairy house a ton! She also enjoyed the project with yarn, and enjoyed telling others about her experiences at the camp."

– Summer Camp Parent, 2018

"This was a spectacular year for Youth Education at Textile Center! We kicked off the fiscal year with 25 camps for youth ages 6 – 16, including new classes on sustainable garment making, graphic arts, and weaving. Moving into fall, Textile Center celebrated its fourth year of the Youth Fiber Arts Guild[™], which brings fiber art projects to youth at four locations in Minneapolis and St. Paul



In addition, we hosted numerous field trips with 14 organizations all over the Twin Cities!"

- Scarlett Larson, Youth Education Associate



Youth Fiber Art Guild[™] students learning Kumihimo.

YOUTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Fiber Art Guild[™] October 2018 – May 2019

Our Youth Fiber Art Guild brings monthly multicultural fiber-art-making experiences to elementary-age students who have limited access to art. Our partner sites are located in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the program is no cost to our program partners and students. With instructor support, youth are empowered to explore their creativity and different cultures while making hands-on projects.

FY19 Youth Guild Sites:

- Plymouth Christian Youth Center
- Hallie Q. Brown
- Division of Indian Work
- Luxton Learners

Support generously provided by:

Rosemary and David Family Foundation

YOUTH TEACHING ARTISTS

Maddie Bartsch Sandra Brick Laura Burlis Zoja Chmielarczyk Marjorie Fedyszyn Marlene Gaige Jaime Gerdingen Elizabeth Harrington Nancy Hicks Dyann Judy Ceci Lewis Sarah Nassif Chiaki O'Brien Lauren Oland Jen Schultz Maggie Thompson Wendie Zekowski

Summer Camps June – August 2018

In the summer of 2018, we offered 24 textile camps for young students, ages 6–16, with a passion for the arts. Campers learn skills including weaving on a loom, caring for silkworms and dyeing their own fabric, sewing a garment, and even learn about the fashion industry by taking a trip to a Twin Cities design studio.



Student with his felted critter in the Summer Camp "Kawaii Explosion."



Student with instructor Sarah Nassif in the Summer Camp "Advanced Teen Fashion"

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Student's response to the fill-in-the-blank statement, "I love the Youth Fiber Art Guild because..."



TEXTILE CENTER PAT O'CONNOR LIBRARY

FACTS + FIGURES

- 31,015 items in the collection as of March 31, 2019
- 4,271 visitors to the Library
- 2,991 items checked out
- 18 volunteers donated 435 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 inspires learners throughout the region. Textile Center Library has been busy! I've met several impressive visitors, including ones from Santa Fe, Cote D'Lvoire, Africa, Texas, Oregon, Virginia, Ohio, Saskatchewan Canada, Florida, Fort Worth, Sweden, Seattle, Durango, Nebraska, Potomac, and New York.

I give the Textile Center tour for as many people as I can when I see them in the hall looking confused at this new place they are exploring! I answer dozens of questions daily, ranging from fabric dyeing,



embroidery, caring for vintage fabric items, "What is this?" art work, "Can you find something on 'this subject'" questions, and more. I'm happy to others learn more about the vast and ever-fascinating world of fiber art.

– Nancy Mambi, Librarian

Collections included in the Library:

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 Weaver's 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.



The library and volunteers during the Garage Sale Pop Up with a plethora of fiber art books.

TEXTILE TOURS



"All along, fiber art was meant to be contagious." – Lynda Davis, 2018 Guatemala Tour Traveler Rug hooking has had a profound artistic and economic impact for Maya women in Guatemala, and in November 2018 we met a group of talented rug hookers in their homes as well as at the office of Multicolores, the nonprofit rug-hooking collective that put together our Textile Center tour.



During our Guatemala tour, we visited Rosemery (left), who welcomed us to her home, leading a ceremony, presentation

and reception with her colleagues that was among the highlights of a tour that introduced us to so many talented Mayan artists – among them weavers, stitchers, natural dyers – in the mountains of Guatemala.

We are looking forward to more international textile tours in the next fiscal year, including trips to Japan, Morocco, and India!

- Karl Reichert, Executive Director

Textile Arts Tour of Guatemala: Oct 29 - Nov 8, 2018

Alongside Textile Center's Executive Director Karl Reichert, 14 tour participants joined an 11-day tour of Guatemala. Guatemala is a country steeped in textile traditions. The Maya people have a rich history of weaving and other crafts handed down through the generations. Our group visited the highlands, meeting artisans with a focus on textiles, and learning about the Maya culture and the Maya peoples' lives while visiting their homes and communities. The tour was co-presented with Multicolores, a Guatemalan nonprofit that supports talented and motivated women artisans through craft development, education and cultural exchange, led by Jody Slocum.

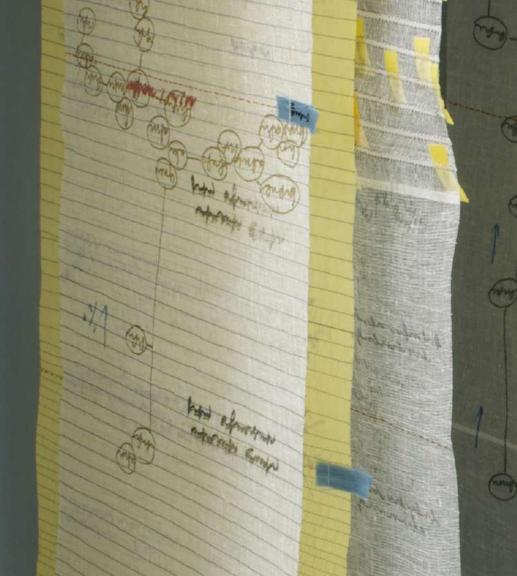
North Star Farm Tour Special Weekend Preview – September 28, 2018

Forty four Textile Center member participants experienced four of the North Star Farm Tour locations. Day excursion participants were treated to a "progressive meal" made of farm produced ingredients. Along with the opportunity to learn more about the fibers and products produced at each farm, tour members were introduced to heritage sheep breeds, yak, cattle and more.

Detail from *Interation* by Jiseon Lee Isbara, featured in her exhibition *Displaced.*

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FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019

INCOME

Grants & Donations	:
Memberships	:
Education/Programs	:
Rentals	:
Events	:
Interest Dividends	
Total Income	1

EXPENSES

Donations	\$512,111	Program Related	\$882,595
hips	\$47,157	Management	\$110,691
n/Programs	\$484,790	Fundraising	\$98,237
	\$50,978	Total Expenses	\$1,091,523
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ome	\$1,133,460	Net Income	\$41,937

BALANCE SHEET

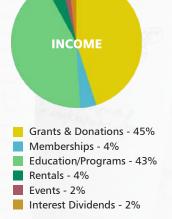
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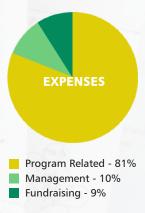
ASSETS

\$2,175,920
\$409,061
\$1,410,507
\$25,901
\$330,451

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,175,920
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$483,712
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,220,927
Long-Term Debt	\$308,517
Liabilities	\$162,764





FINANCIALS

SUPPORT & CONTRIBUTIONS

With the support of our members, donors, volunteers, and friends, we are able to provide fiber art 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 they engage so many individuals

VOLUNTEERS

Textile Center would not exist without the generosity, commitment, and talent of our volunteers. These individuals share their time and talent each year in our library, our natural dye garden – *A Garden to Dye For*, and help with fiber arts demos at events across the region, such as the American Craft Council show, the North Star Farm Tour and Art at St Kate's. They prepare kits for youth programs, they help with gallery installations and Summer Camps. The largest group of volunteers participate in our World's Largest Textile Garage Sale each April, and the Garage Sale Pop Up in October.

In FY19, 575 volunteers gave more than 3,593 hours of their time and talent to support Textile Center. Thank you, volunteers!

Thank you to all of our amazing members, donors, volunteers, and friends who shared in supporting Textile Center's work to honor textile traditions, promote excellence and innovation, and inspire widespread participation in fiber art. We couldn't do it without you!



- Sharon Mulhollam, Community Engagement Associate



FY19 Volunteers of the Year: Debbie and Dave Johnson

After moving to the Twin Cities from Duluth several years ago, Debbie was introduced to Textile Center through her membership with the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild, and she then became a member of Textile Center.

After Debbie's first volunteer shift, her husband Dave, newly retired, became curious about Textile Center, and soon began volunteering as well. They have volunteered with kit prep for our Youth

Fiber Art Guild, working in our *A Garden to Dye For*, and helping out with other youth programs, both individually and as a couple. Dave currently spends time each week as a Library volunteer, working on an online reference project with Librarian Nancy Mambi.

In addition to volunteering at Textile Center, you may also spot Debbie up in the Shop, as we recently welcomed her to our Shop team. Debbie also teaches basket weaving workshops for Textile Center and is currently president of the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild.

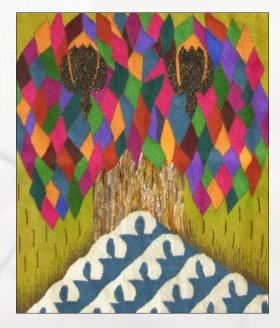
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Named for the Greek goddess Athena, the patron of craft and weaving and an international symbol of wisdom and the arts, The Athena Society educates, encourages, and recognizes planned gifts to Textile Center. The Society's inaugural event was held on February 23, 2018, when we recognized the generosity of Lila Nelson, whose planned gift was a boon to Textile Center.

The Athena Society gifts will sustain Textile Center's excellence and ensure quality fiber art programs for future generations. Anyone who expresses intent to make a planned gift to Textile Center becomes a member of The Athena Society.



Tapestry (left) by Lila Nelson (1922 – 2015).

Through her tapestries, Lila developed her own distinctive style of visual poetry, colored by her love of nature, mythology, and political beliefs. Her work was deeply rooted in traditional Nordic weaving and imagery. A supporter of Textile Center from its inception, Lila left a planned gift to Textile Center that has helped support major program expansion in the years following her death. "For each of us, Textile Center has enriched our lives, our appreciation and growth in the fiber arts, and led to many new friendships. Through our own planned giving, we are helping to sustain Textile Center's mission well into the future."

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