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Textile Center



A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

When I became president of Textile Center's Board of Directors or April 1 of last year, it was the week after we furloughed all but four employees, and 10 days after everything closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was overwhelming. I remember thinking: "How can we possibly manage?" Well ... like everyone else, we took a lot of deep breaths and coped.

We moved forward with unity, and our top priorities being ensuring the health and safety of the staff, board, teachers and students, volunteers, and patrons; supporting our dedicated staff who are the lifeblood of our organization; and maintaining the health and viability of the organization through stewardship of financial resources, effective communication with our Textile Center family, and instilling a spirit of optimism and hope.

Our staff, board, and volunteers all deserve stars in their crowns. For example, Finance Director Jayne Usery earned a star for two successful applications to the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program providing us with much needed cash flow. Another star goes to Director of Administration Nancy Gross who promptly canceled our World's Largest Textile Garage Sale and created the Garage Sale Occasional Shop – a spectacular alternative. Many of you brought in goods and volunteered to sort, price, and cashier at those events, earning your own star. Nancy and staff also launched a new and ever-expanding online retail store that April – another star for her and the team.

Tracy Krumm, Director for Artistic Advancement, and our talented staff earned stars by pivoting our education and outreach programming to digital formats and marketing them effectively - no small feat. During all this they also produced exceptional exhibitions that became ever more widely viewed virtually.

Executive Director Karl Reichert deserves two stars, one for leading us through a time when the pandemic forced us to change direction and focus almost daily. His imagination and vision, working with Carolyn L. Mazloomi to create the guilt exhibits of We Are the Story in partnership with Women of Color Quilters Network, put us on the national and international scene. It was a tour de force, and Tracy Krumm and staff did a magnificent job exhibiting the guilts during the year.

Our Board of Directors was equally star-worthy throughout the year, helping us fundraise, with the Garage Sale Occasional Shop, and with our fantastic Fiber Art from A to Z art auction, not to mention providing support, encouragement, and participation all year.

Stars go, too, to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for its work in researching and drafting the Declaration of Anti-Racism and Commitment to Inclusion, which was adopted by our Board and organization in November.

All of you have stepped up in so many ways during this difficult year, and have continued to maintain involvement, interest, ideas, and support, and you are appreciated beyond words. It was certainly a memorable year for me, so I thank you all. You did the hard work, and I was the beneficiary.

Mariana Shulstad, Textile Center Board President (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)



FY21 Board President Mariana Shulstad weaving at home during Textile Center's closure due to COVID-19.

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There will be stories to tell when we look back at the COVID-19 pandemic and reminisce about how Textile Center made it through a very challenging 2021 fiscal year. I predict that the stories will focus on resilience, especially how our fiber art community rallied around our organization and made what at first seemed to be impossible ... possible.

Our Staff and Board of Directors worked tirelessly throughout the year, adapting to every twist and turn the pandemic presented. We transitioned programming to digital formats, engaging with our constituents online, and when we reopened our doors by appointment on July 7, 2020, we did so with the mantra "safety first" – adopting policies and procedures that included masks and social distancing.

Average of 200 monthly visitors by appointment (after re-opening on July 9, 2021).

And on top of the pandemic, our community endured the tragic murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, with social unrest to follow. In response, Textile Center joined forces with curator Carolyn L. Mazloomi and Women of Color Quilters Network and friends to produce We Are the Story, a series of exhibitions and online events that responded to racism and police brutality in America.

During this challenging year, we are grateful to all of you who stepped up and gave so generously to Textile Center. We had an extraordinary year of giving, raising \$208,900 from individual donors. Our institutional funders – including the McKnight Foundation, Butler Family Foundation, Jerome Foundation, the Rosemary and David Good Family Foundation, River Road Foundation, and Target Foundation all responded in helpful ways, such as providing funding earlier than scheduled, extending deadlines, and allowing directed gifts to be applied to general operating.



Textile Center community members share photos in their homemade masks in Spring of 2020.

And the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program provided Textile Center with two loans totaling \$208,600 – providing the cash flow we needed to replace the steep drop in earned revenue we experienced because of the pandemic's impact on programming.

Volunteers stepped forward to help us transition our World's Largest Textile Garage Sale to the Garage Sale Occasional Shop, allowing us to carry forward the tradition in a scaled-back version of our big sale event. We earned a net income of \$53,710.

We also produced our first-ever online auction, Fiber Art from A to Z, that was led by co-chairs Mary Ann Schmidt and Meg Schmidt Duncan. It was the centerpiece for a special week of community engagement we presented during the last week of February, titled Fiber Art for All.

This festive week was chaired by Karen Weiberg. Our auction raised \$28,000, and a third of that was paid in commissions to artists. We also received \$6,240 from our generous Fiber Art for All sponsors.

During the pandemic year, we managed the completion of our first year of the McKnight Fellowships for Fiber Artists program, which culminated with exhibitions by Eun-Kyung Suh and Liz Miller, our two inaugural McKnight Fiber Artist Fellows. All of our exhibitions for the year were also presented virtually on our website and moving forward all exhibitions will have a digital component.



While the Textile Center Library was closed to the public, members were able to check out books through curbside pickup thanks to our online reservation system and catalog. Our collection continued to grow during the year with the addition of the Janet Meany Collection – an impressive set of 231 loom manuals and instruction books collected over the years by Janet Meany, a Duluth-based textile artist and teacher who co-authored the Rag Rug Handbook in 1988 with Paula Pfaff, one of Textile Center's founders. The collection is currently being digitized by our Volunteer of the Year Martha Willett, and when completed will be available to weavers from around the world.

As bleak as the year looked on the financial front when the fiscal year began, we made it through a year that will certainly go down in history as one of the most challenging. Textile Center was able to end the year with an operating loss that was less than depreciation, just -\$48,268. Thanks to the strength of our investments, we booked a total net income of \$40,112.

All this was made possible thanks to our staff directors for their **COVID-19 closures.** outstanding leadership: Director of Administration Nancy Gross, Director for Artistic Advancement Tracy Krumm, and Finance Director Jayne Usery, and we couldn't have done it without the exceptional work of our team: Communications Associate Mia Finnamore, Librarian Nancy Mambi, Community Engagement Coordinator Madie Ley, Exhibition and Education Coordinator Raye Cordes, our Shop Inventory Specialist Sarah Rusch, and our Shop Associates Katie DeCosse, Debbie Johnson, and Sarah Peterson.

And as I close this update, I must also thank Mariana Shulstad for her extraordinary leadership as our Board President. An executive director could not ask for a better partner during a pandemic year, doing everything she could to rally our community around Textile Center's mission, and always encouraging the importance of taking deep breaths when the going was tough. I hope you will all join me in thanking Mariana, our dedicated Board of Directors, and our tireless staff for getting us through an extraordinary year.

- Karl Reichert, Executive Director

Textile Center staff members at one of many virtual staff meetings via Zoom in FY21.

More than 78,000 virtual visitors viewed our website and participated in virtual programming developed during



BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT



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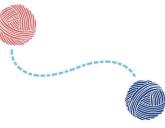
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This will help prevent potential spread of COVID-19.

WEAR YOUR MASK!



Masks are required to keep people safe.

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Please use sanitizer when you come inside.

Appointments last 45 min, and staff will be sanitizing the last 15 min of every hour to prepare for the next visitors.

THANKS FOR **VISITING!**



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DECLARATION OF ANTI-RACISM AND COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

In order to eliminate barriers that prevent anyone from appreciating and contributing to the textile arts in their own unique and valuable way, the Textile Center's Board of Directors and Staff stand united with all racialized, marginalized, and underrepresented individuals. We affirm our identity as an organization that welcomes all in terms of race, gender, ethnicity, age, cognitive style, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, physical ability and political or religious ideology. Not only are we committed to speaking-out, but also to holding ourselves accountable to adjusting our own actions whenever we encounter racism, discrimination, or oppression.

Textile Center's mission is to:

- Honor textile traditions
- Promote excellence and innovation
- Inspire widespread participation in fiber art

We commit to ensure we are providing an environment where everyone is accepted, valued and respected, while fostering a strong sense of belonging for all individuals.



Black Lives Matter, Sylvia Hernández (Sacred Invocations exhibition)

FY21 will be a year remembered for COVID-19 safety protocols.



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EXHIBITIONS



Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality exhibition / Photo by Rik Sferra



The World is Watching, Mary-Ellen Latino (Art Cloth Network: Full Circle exhibition)

In FY21 came the launch of virtual exhibitions (in additional to in-person exhibitions by appointment) and virtual Art Speaks discussions, beginning with PRIDE and Art Cloth Network: Full Circle, and continuing through the year to include the McKnight Fellowship for Fiber Artists events and exhibition, and the complete activities of We Are the Story.

In addition to providing an option for those who wish to stay distancing during the pandemic, our virtual exhibits and artists talks allowed for guests nationwide to enjoy and engage with our exhibitions and artists.

22 exhibitions 175 exhibiting artists **18 Art Speaks discussions**

JOAN MONDALE GALLERY

PRIDE

July 7 – September 7, 2020

PRIDE was first exhibition in our history in tribute and support of 10 nationally known textile artists in the LGBTQ+ community in a showcase of their contributions to contemporary fiber art.

Gone but Never Forgotten: **Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality***

September 15 - December 24, 2020

This juried exhibition showcased 26 guilts honoring those whose lives were violently ended due to police negligence and brutality, and critiqued the targeting and criminalization of Black bodies throughout history. This exhibition was curated by Carolyn L. Mazloomi.

McKnight Fiber Art Fellows: Liz Miller & Eun-Kyung Suh

January 12 – March 13, 2021

Textile Center was pleased to present the work of our two inaugural McKnight Fiber Artist Fellows. Funding for this program is provided by the McKnight Foundation. Textile Center is honored to be a McKnight Artist Fellowships program partner.

Racism: In the Face of Hate We Resist*

March 26 – June 12, 2021

A part of the We Are the Story Initiative, this international juried exhibition shares the stories of resistance and fortitude that have been integral to the survival of Black people in America. This exhibition was curated by Carolyn L. Mazloomi.

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

MARY GILES GALLERY

Roots of Our Labor / Jerome Fiber Artist Project Grantee Exhibition

July 7 – October 10, 2020

Holiday Gallery Shop November 5 – December 24, 2020

COMMUNITY GALLERY

Full Circle: Art Cloth Network July 7 – September 21, 2020

I Wish I Knew How it Feels to be Free / Quilts by Dorothy Burge*

September 29 - December 24, 2020

Sacred Invocations / Quilts by Sylvia Hernández*

January 12 – March 13, 2021

LIBRARY GALLERY

MSS (Midwest Special Services) Textile Showcase

July 7 – October 10, 2020

INTERLACE Class Exhibitions: Creating a Reliquary & Sashiko – Adventures in Stitching

January 12 – March 13, 2021

^{*} These exhibitions were a part of the We Are the Story initiative, presented in collaboration with Women of Color Quilters Network. Learn more at textilecentermn.org/wearethestory.

GUILD WALL

Crochet Twin Cities November 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020

2020 Spun Gold Awards January 14 – June 30, 2020

Wearable Arts Midwest July 1 – August 31, 2020

Weavers Guild of Minnesota September 19 – December 30, 2020

Minneapolis Modern Quilt Guild January 4 – February 27, 2021

OFFSITE

Selections from Commemorating His Purple Reign: A Textural Tribute to Prince

October 12, 2018 – January 31, 2020 MSP Display Concourse E8

Ties that Bind

February 1, 2020 – January 21, 2021 MSP Display Concourse E8

Freedom Rising: I Am the Story Quilts by L'Merchie Frazier*

January 28 – September 19, 2021 Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia)

We Who Believe in Freedom*

September 10 – November 1, 2020 American Swedish Institute

We Are the Story: The Protest Series / Quilts by Penny Mateer*

October 15, 2020 – March 14, 2021

Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality (26 works)*

February 1 – April 1, 2021 Lanesboro Arts

ART SPEAKS DISCUSSIONS

Art Speaks: PRIDE, Queer Language in Iconography July 23, 2020

Art Speaks: Art Cloth Network, Full Circle, Part 1 July 30, 2020

Art Speaks: Roots of Our Labor, 2019 – 2020 Jerome Fiber Artist Project Grantees

August 6, 2020

Art Speaks: PRIDE, Queer Figures and Portraiture August 13, 2020

Art Speaks: Art Cloth Network: Full Circle, Part 2 August 20, 2020

Art Speaks: Making a Difference, Rug Hooking Artists in Guatemala** February 22, 2021

Art Speaks: Emerging Artist Alonzo Pantoja Studio Visit** February 22, 2021

Art Speaks: Catching Up with Jonah Larson, 12-year-old Crochet Prodigy** February 22, 2021



Art Speaks: A Conversation with Auction Artist Laura Foster Nicholson** February 22, 2021

Art Speaks: A Conversation with Auction Donor Stitch Buffalo** February 22, 2021

Art Speaks: Yurt 2020 Artist Talk with Linda Johnson-Morke** February 23, 2021

Art Speaks: What's a Yarn-Bombed Snowblower?** February 23, 2021

Art Speaks: Artisans, Textiles, and Travels in Morocco discussion with Dr. Susan Schaefer Davis** February 24, 2021

Art Speaks: A Conversation with Auction Artist Nancy Johnson** February 25, 2021



Photo of Art Speaks: Art Cloth Network: Full Circle Zoom conversation, Part

Art Speaks: A Conversation with Brooklyn Tweed** February 25, 2021

Art Speaks: Vionnet to BOG Coats, Designing Low Waste, Beautiful and Comfortable Garments discussion with Ella Ramsey** February 26, 2021

Art Speaks: The Story of MHD Couture, a Conversation with Maggie Dayton** February 26, 2021

Art Speaks: Emerging Artist Maxine Britt on Gender Neutral Fashion

March 17, 2021

** These Art Speaks discussions were a part of Textile Center's Fiber Art for All week. (Learn more on pages 25-26.)



Impermanence Practice Group, Erin Lavelle (Roots of our Labor exhibition) Photo by Rik Sferra

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Enee Abelman Bren Ahearn Allyson Allen Dianne D. Gates-Anderson Gwendolyn Aqui-Brooks Linda Asbury Lauren Austin Enee Belman Traudi Bestler Ellen M. Blalock Dawn Williams Boyd Earamachica Brown Sharon V. Buck Dorothy Burge Annie Chen Chris Chiros Tambra Chisholm Jane Christenson Lois Christianson Ora Clay Holly L. Cole Marion Coleman Merill Comeau

Donnette A. Cooper Sandra Cooper Cheryl M. Coulter Laura M. Croom Carolyn Crump Rebecca Cynamon-Murphy Karen Cyson Susan V. Day Erika Diamond Norma J. Dixon Eileen Doughty Jacqueline Dukes Kelly Dzioba Barbara Eady Deborah Fell Michelle Flamer Renee Fleuranges-Valdes Jeanette Floyd Zinda Foster L'Merchie Frazier Marjorie Diggs Freeman Lynette Gallon-Harrell Gloria Gammage Davis

Trey Gehring Mimi Goodwin Gwen Gordon Myrah Brown Green Edith Gross Maude Wallace Haeger Carolyn Halliday Marilyn Hamilton Jackson Ian Hanesworth Deborah A. Moore Harris Peggie Hartwell Angie Hawn Sylvia Hernández Dianne Koppisch Hricko Cheryl Willis Hudson Ingrid Humphrey Mike J. Barbara James Sandra Lee Johnson Christina E. Johnson Maureen O. Johnson Kira Keck Rose Keller Gloria Kellon Sharon Kerry-Harlan Liz Kettle Beverly Kirk Janessa Kitzrow Susan Brubaker Knapp Evelyn Oliver Knight Candy Kuehn Judy Langille Angela Lanier Carol Larson Mary-Ellen Latino Shari Lauren Zoe Lautz Erin Lavelle Joy Lavrencik Betty Leacraft Viola Burley Leak Rebecca Levi Sherri Lipman Russ Little Cynthia Lockhart Lisa Longacher Aubrey Longley-Cook Tomasita Louviere-Ligons Nancy Mambi Wynn Martin Regina Marzlin

Penny Mateer Barbara Matthews Ann Baldwin May Carolyn L. Mazloomi Ed Johnetta Miller Liz Miller Clara Nartey Jan Nelson Lila Nelson Laura Nisi Sandra Noble Bobbe Shapiro Nolan Marlene Seabrook O'Bryant Mary Ann Olme Isamar Payon Mary D. Pinckney Sharbreon Plummer Ellaree Pray Peggy Ramey Ella Ramsey Darci Read Glenda Richardson Michael Sylvan Robinson Lorraine Ross Susi Ryan Gwen Triay Samuels Lorrin Arrington Savage Gwen Schagrin Barbara Schneider Jill Slipper Scholtz Lucienne Spalding Schroepfer Marlene Seabrook Josh Selvig Barbara Sferra Latifah Shakir Carole Lyles Shaw Adria Sherman April Thomas Shipp Tiranke Sidime Jeanne Sisson Penny Sisto Mary Skoy Jill Slipper Scholtz Wrenn Slocum Ginny Smith Priscilla Smith Ruth Smith **Beverly Snow** Lauren Speer

Carole Gary Staples Jane Hill Stokes Eun-Kyung Suh Lisa Taglia O Jean Thomas Richmond Connie Tiegel Felicia Tinker Dawn Tomlinson Mary-Ellen Tyler Deanna Tyson

Melitta VanderBrooke Mary Vaneecke Pamela Villars Alice W. Linda Waddle Dixie L. Walker Brenetta Ward Kathy Weaver Deborah Weir Maggie Weiss



Tracy Westhoff Valerie White Gregory Wilkins Trish Williams Lynda Williamson Janice Willis Sauda A. Zahra Rhonda Zettlemeyer-Wirth

Hydrangea Heath, Aubrey Longley-Cook (PRIDE exhibition)

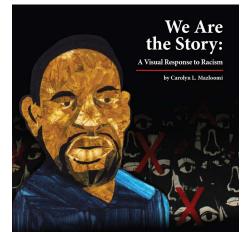
WE ARE THE STORY

September 10, 2020 – June 12, 2021

When Minneapolis became the epicenter of the nationwide protest movement against police brutality and racism in America following the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, **Textile Center** and **Women of Color Quilters Network (WCQN)** joined forces to create *We Are the Story*, a multi-venue initiative in the Twin Cities **curated by Carolyn L. Mazloomi**. Group and solo exhibitions build upon symbols of liberation, resistance, and empowerment, offering a visually compelling account of the experiences and struggles that comprise Black history in an honest and critical way.



Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality exhibition / Photo by Rik Sferra



We Are the Story: A Visual Response to Racism Book by Carolyn L. Mazloomi

This book by curator Carolyn L. Mazloomi documents the *We Are the Story initiative*, featuring photos of and artist statements about more than 100 quilts in two juried and four solo exhibitions.

Books are available for purchase online at: <u>textilecentermn.org/shop</u>

EXHIBITIONS

We Who Believe in Freedom / Quilts by WCQN members

Sept 10 – Nov 1, 2020 American Swedish Institute

Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality

Sept 15 – Dec 24, 2020 Textile Center Feb 13 – April 1, 2021 Lanesboro Arts

I Wish I Knew How it Feels to be Free / Quilts by Dorothy Burge

Sept 29 – Dec 24, 2020 Textile Center

We Are the Story: The Protest Series / Quilts by Penny Mateer

Oct 15 – May 16, 2021 Weisman Art Museum

Freedom Rising: I Am the Story / Quilts by L'Merchie Frazier

Jan 28 – Sept 19, 2021 Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia)

Sacred Invocations / Quilts by Sylvia Hernández

Jan 12 – March 13, 2021 Textile Center

Racism: In the Face of Hate We Resist

March 26 – June 12, 2021 Textile Center

We Are the Story: A Visual Response to Racism

July 2, 2021 – Sept 24, 2021 National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

EVENTS

We Are the Story Zoom Discussion

Sept 30, 2020 Hosted by Quilt Alliance

Let's Talk About Race: I Wish I Knew How it Feels to be Free – A Conversation with Carolyn L. Mazloomi and Dorothy Burge

Nov 17, 2020 Hosted by Textile Center

Conversation with curator Carolyn Mazloomi and artist Penny Mateer

Jan 27, 2021 Hosted by Weisman Art Museum

Let's Talk About Race: Sacred Invocations – A Conversation with Sylvia Hernández and Michelle Flamer

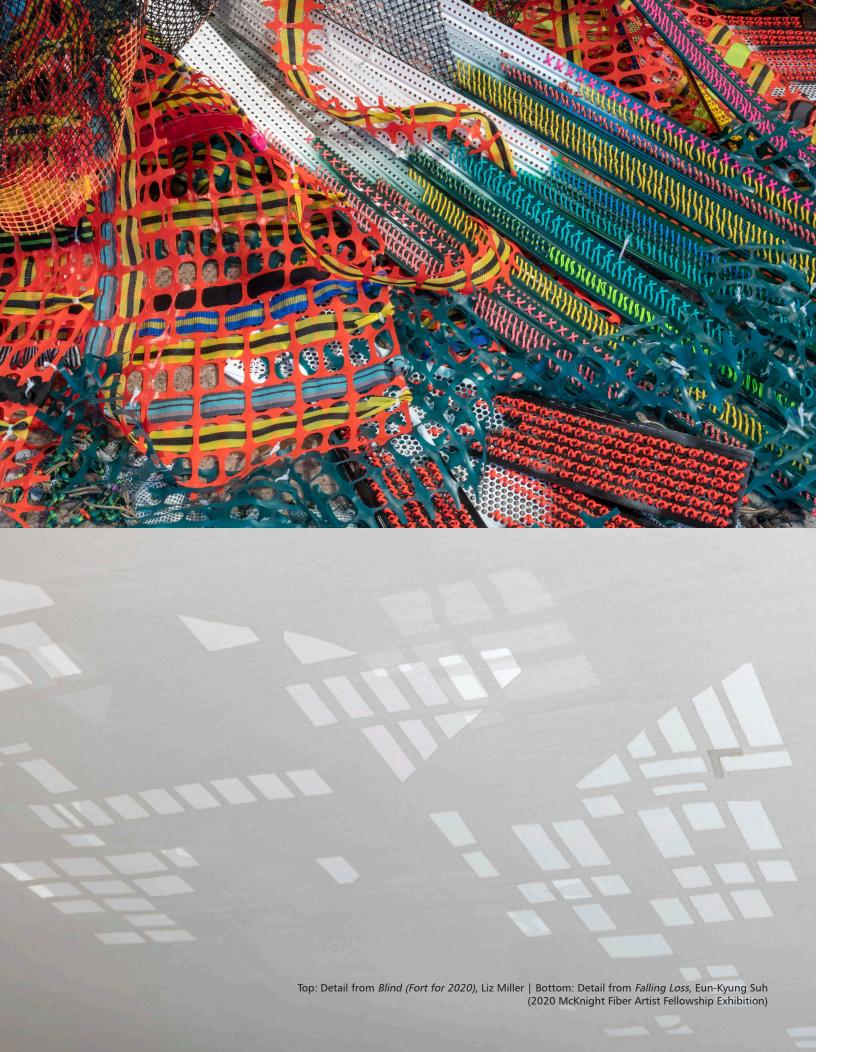
February 24, 2021 Hosted by Textile Center

Virtual Artist Talk: L'Merchie Frazier

April 28, 2021 Hosted by Minneapolis Institute of Art

We Are the Story: A Visual Response to Racism Culminating Event

May 20, 2021 Hosted by Textile Center



MCKNIGHT FELLOWSHIPS FOR FIBER ARTISTS

Designed to identify and support outstanding mid-career Minnesota **FELLOWSHIPS** artists, the McKnight Fellowships for Fiber Artists provide recipients with a \$25,000 unrestricted cash award. The fellows also receive public recognition, studio visits with critics from the field, an exhibition in the Joan Mondale Gallery at Textile Center, professional development support, participation in public discussions featuring fellows and critics, and access to Textile Center's resources, including a library of more than 32,000 books and periodicals and a state-of-the-art dye lab. The fellowships are funded by the McKnight Foundation and administered by Textile Center.

2020 Fellows | Fellowship Period: Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020





Liz Miller

Eun-Kyung Suh

McKnight Fiber Artist Discussion Series: Liz Miller and Eun-Kyung Suh in conversation with critic Glenn Adamson – February 26, 2021

2021 Fellows | Fellowship Period: Jan 1, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021





Sarah Kusa

Ka Oskar Ly

MCKNIGHT **ART** ST

Congrats to our inaugural McKnight Flber Artist Fellows for an incredible year! Their exhibition took place January 12 – March 13, 2021, and is available for viewing virtually on our website.

A special thanks to our esteemed critics for their support: Glenn Adamson, Jessica Hemmings, and Karen Patterson.

Liz Miller and Eun-Kyung Suh in conversation with critic Karen Patterson – March 8, 2021

Sarah Kusa creates sculpture and installations dealing with themes of human vulnerability and interconnection, with forms ranging from abstract bodies to 3-D drawings in space.

Ka Oskar Ly is a queer Hmoob (Hmong) French American artist and cultural producer using fashion, art, and culture to journey into identity and community.

SHOP

One of the "silver linings" of the pandemic during FY21 was that it propelled the launch of Textile Center's online shop in April 2020, with shipping and curbside pickup options.

Artist-made masks were early best-sellers, fulfilling a need, but also giving artists an opportunity to earn income during the "stay at home" mandate. Additional merchandise for sale includes artisan handmade items, fiber art supplies, tools, books, and more.

With a continually changing and expanding assortment and easy 24/7 access, the online shop will serve us well into the future.

86 Shop Artists Payments to artists: \$35,565



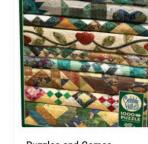
Shibori-dyed garments by Sherri Green



Response to Racism Book







Puzzles and Games







Kits

Textile Center Shop





Tools and Supplies



Clip of Textile Center's new online Shop

Shop Artists

Anna Doherty Brenda Andrewson Susan Antell Christy Binoniemi Lee Bradford Judy Bratt Sandra Brick Eve Brown Linda Nelson Bryan Katherine Buenger Brenna Busse Patricia Carter Sierra Cole Blanca Dahlin Angie Davis Alicia De La Cruz Lisa Dust Carin Ekstrand-Anderson Elsa Jo Ellison Karen Engelbretson Robbin Firth

Marlene Gaige Debra Gangelhoff Joy Gerard Andrea Grage Sherri Green Veronica Gregerson Rebecca Grothe Leslie Hall Roxanne Hardy Susan Hensel Sylvia Hernandez Maribeth Hite Sharon Tessman Hoiland Mary Holland Carol Holmblad Carol Johnson Debra Johnson Laurice Johnson Margaret Mousley Kielty Susan Koefod Julie Langensiepen Susan Leschke



Holiday Gallery Shop 2020

The 2020 Holiday Gallery Shop was dedicated to celebrating the richness of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) fiber artists from around the nation.

As part of its commitment to supporting BIPOC fiber artists, Textile Center issued a special national Call for Entry, and the result was a showcase of a broad array of fiber art techniques, including guilting, sewing, felting, Shibori dyeing, batik, sashiko, knitting, and beading.

Becky Lyon Shakuntala Maheshwari Nancy Mambi Kelly Marshall Faye Matson Lori Monson Richard Moody Mary Mortenson Lisa Murray Diane Muse Lara Neel Melissa Nellis Naomi Nelson Joan Neudecker Laura Foster Nicholson Penny Norman Chiaki O'Brien Rachel Obermoller Brenda Oseland Kristin Pesola Polymer Clay Guild

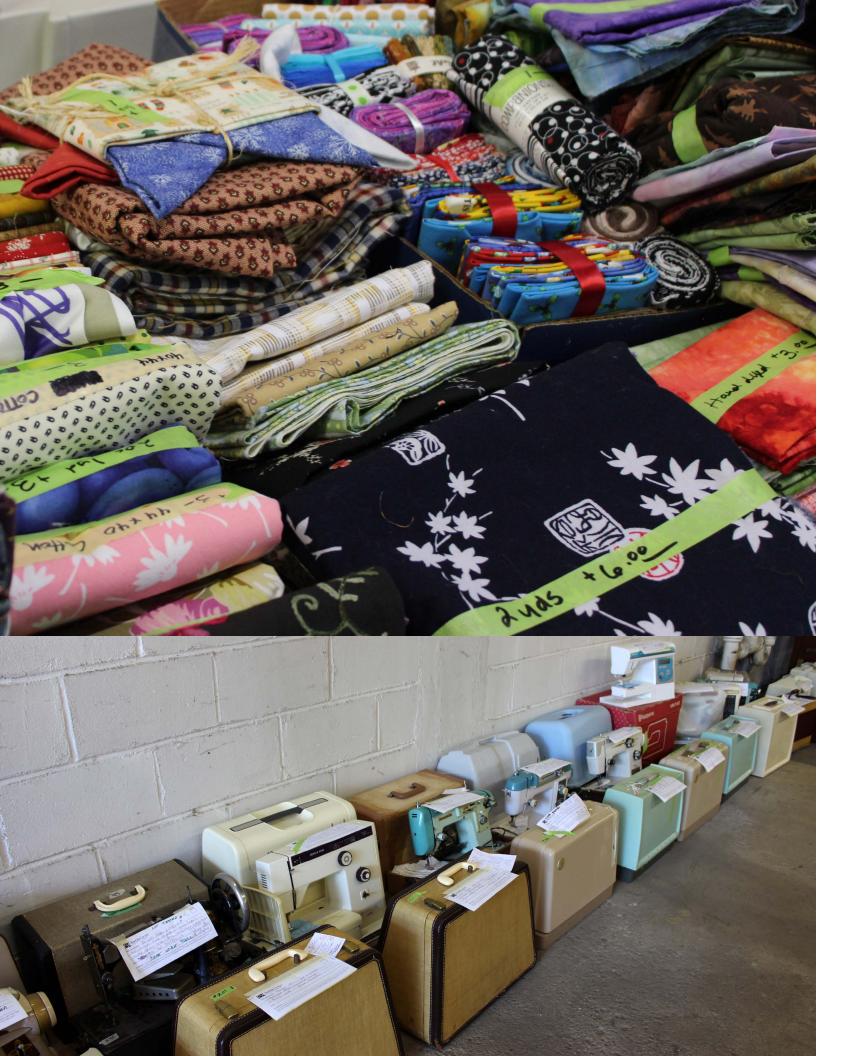
Ann Poulson Marjorie Durko Puryear Wendy Richardson Kathleen Richert Robyne Robinson Elena Rosenberg Elsa Sanchez Judy Schneebeck Clara Schreiber Dorothy Schutte Karen Searle Elly Setiadi Rebecca Speakes Julie Steller Stitch Buffalo Bill Sumner Linda Sumner Mayumi Takahashi Maggie Thompson Bonnie Wedge Beth Wilson

Holiday Gallery Shop 2020 merchandise



Ornaments by Veronica Gregerson







Garage Sale Occasional Shop

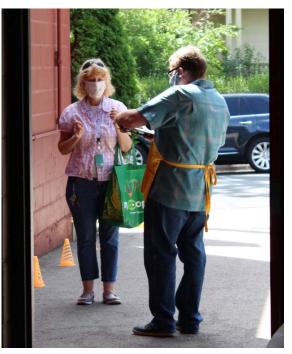
When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March of 2020, we were getting ready for our annual April World's Largest Textile Garage Sale at the University of Minnesota's ReUse Program Warehouse, which to our dismayhad to be cancelled, in order to keep everyone safe.

This sparked brainstorm sessions on how we could have a COVID-conscious, smaller-scale Garage Sale to continue bringing together artists, makers, and textile lovers, providing materials during a much-needed time of creating while social distancing, and to bring in funds to support Textile Center during the difficult time of the pandemic.

Cue, Garage Sale Occasional Shop! With donations by appointment, timed ticket entry, limited number of shoppers per hour, masks, sanitation, fresh air, and more, at a rented space down the road from Textile Center, we were able to bring back our beloved textile sales.

Number of shoppers (four sales, July - October): 842 Ticket Sales: \$7,826 Occasional Shop sales \$53,710

Shoppers at the Textile Center Garage Sale Occasional Shop



Executive Director Karl Reichert checks in guest at the Garage Sale Occasional Shop

EDUCATION

FY21 marked an exciting transition for educational programs at Textile Center, from in-person to digital, starting with our youth summer camps in July and August, 2020. Using our Outreach Classes and Youth Guild[™] kits as models, we developed 12 mini workshops for youth to support six weeks of digital Kit Camp[™]. Students learned with a friend or family member, from home or another remote location.

This paved the way for digital classes and classroom support for Adult Workshops, with a digital learning studio and digital classroom equipment put in place to support adult learners.

500 Adult Class participants 58 Kit Camp participants 36 Youth Guild participants 111 Outreach class participants Payments to Teaching Artists: \$15,323



Students create in Sandra Brick's Get Started: Suminagashi class



Alonzo Pantoja teaching Weaving as Collage class via Zoom



Kit Camp student works on beading project

Youth Program Highlights

- Kit Camp[™] provides a digital learning environment for youth
- the spring and winter

Adult Program Highlights

- learning, teaching artists, and fiber art aficionados with digital content that reaches new audiences
- for in-person classes during the pandemic
- their studio practices and stories, and share textile histories and technical information

Teaching Artists

Laura Berlage Sandra Brick Maxine Britt Catherine DeCosse Margaret Deppe Kaylyn Gerenz Leslie Granbeck Deborah Johnson Cecile Lewis James Morehouse Karen Morris Chiaki O'Brien Katya Oicherman Steve Pauling Ella Ramsey Kathleen Richert Karen Searle Katrina Ulrich Karen Weiberg Laura Wennstrom



Outreach Partners

American Swedish Institute Anoka County Libraries Division of Indian Work East Central Regional Library Hallie Q. Brown Community Center Luxton Learners - East Side Neighborhood Services Minneapolis Institute of Arts Plymouth Christian Youth Center Scott County Library - Shakopee Stillwater Public Library Washington County Library - Oakdale Weisman Art Museum

• Youth Fiber Art Guild[™] sites test digital workshops to broaden program reach and provide flexibility and access • Youth Fiber Art Guild[™] subscriptions support a record number of youth with fiber arts learning projects during

• Digital class formats for all adult classes including INTERLACE and library/outreach continue to support student • Social distancing and increased classroom space with technology support provides a safe learning environment

• Sliding scale classes, with free options, increase participation and provide stipends to working artists who share

Ceci Lewis teaches the INTERLACE: Creating a Religuary class via Zoom

Support for our Youth Fiber Art Guild[™] provided by:



Support for our INTERLACE classes provided by:



LIBRARY



Librarian Nancy Mambi

Because of the pandemic, Textile Center needed to stop and rethink our efforts, including how we could still provide access to Textile Center's extensive textile library of more than 32,000 items in a COVID-safe way.

By June 2020, Librarian Nancy Mambi and Communications Associate Mia Finnamore launched a form on Textile Center's website, where library patrons could reserve books online, and then pick them up and return them using our curbside pickup option. The online reservation system continues to be available for members, with curbside pickup and returns.

Collections 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.

Janet Meany Collection

What is the most effective way for the Textile Center Library make its Janet Meany Collection available to weavers around the world? The answer is to digitize this impressive set of 231 loom manuals and instruction books donated to us by the Duluth-based textile artist, teacher, and author Janet Meany.

Once the materials were delivered, Librarian Nancy Mambi recruited Martha Willett to assist with the scanning and organization of these materials. The result of many months of work is a growing digital PDF library of this collection.

For her outstanding work on the Janet Meany collection, Textile Center is pleased to name Martha Willet our Volunteer of the Year. A member of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota since 1976 and Textile Center since 2001, Martha is a retired special education teacher who dedicates many volunteer hours to special projects that also includes book preservation at the Minneapolis Central Library.

Janey Meany died on October 20, 2020, at the age of 89, and thanks to the Meany family, Textile Center has received \$7,250 in memorials to support this important collection. These gifts coupled with Martha's volunteer hours ensure that this collection will serve weavers in the years to come.

Martha volunteering in the library



Janet Meany weaving on a loom

Volunteer of the Year: Martha Willett

"Janet Meany's loom history materials are a vast challenge to organize," Martha says, "and it's an honor to prepare her vears of research for others to access."



Clockwise: Black Lives Matter, Sylvia Hernández; weaving...together, Anna Carlson; Ceci Lewis in Textile Center's A Garden to Dye For, Detail of One Thing Leads to Another, Mary Pow; Stitched sachet by Sandra Brick; Eddy, Alonzo Pantoja

Fiber Art for All: A week-long celebration of fiber art, with artist talks, classes & demos, and an auction of nearly 200 items!

During the last week of February 2021, Textile Center held its first ever *Fiber Art for All*, a festive week celebrating the world of fiber art with virtual activities chaired by Karen Weiberg and hosted by Textile Center's Board of Directors.

The centerpiece of Fiber Art for All was Fiber Art from A to Z, a juried auction featuring a wide range of fiber art, wearables, home goods, tools and supplies, making/learning experiences, and donated collectibles showcasing artists from around the nation. The auction raised funds to support Textile Center programs, as well as provide income for participating artists during this challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our auction raised \$28,000, and a third of that was paid in commissions to artists. We also received \$6,240 from our generous Fiber Art for All sponsors.

In addition to the auction, *Fiber Art for All* week showcased a variety of Textile Center online programs including two digital classes and 12 different artist talks, many of which were with participating auction artists.

"Textile Center has become my creative family," says Karen Weiberg, Fiber Art for All chair, "and it has inspired me to expand my skills as both an artist and an appreciator of fiber art. It is important that during this pandemic, we build an opportunity to support artists and Textile Center through an online auction."

A special thanks to our Fiber Art for All Committee for volunteering your time: Karen Weiberg / Fiber Art for All Chair; Mary Ann Schmidt & Meg Schmidt Duncan / Auction Co-Chairs; Mariana Shulstad / Textile Center Board President; Carol Mashuga, Ella Ramsey, and Lisa Steinmann / Committee Members.

Auction sales: \$28,000 (1/3 paid in comission to artists)

Sponsorship funds: \$6,240

Fiber Art from A to Z Auction

Auction Artists

Anthology Yarn Co. Chris Allen Rose Allen Kirsten Aune Jeannine Bakriges Astrid Hilger Bennett Mary Bero Jack Bordnick Sandy Bot-Miller Debbie Boyles Sandra Brick Mary Ellen Calderwood Camille Gage Cecelia Campchiaro Anna Carlson Jan R Carson Morgan Clifford Katharine Cobey Ann Coddington Yvonne Cory Cultural Cloth Susan Schaefer Davis Reynaldo Diaz Toni Easterson Mary Lou Egan Carin Ekstrand-Anderson Robbin Firth Jaren Flood Flaine Frankowski Emma Freeman Charles Gandy D. Carol Grim Paula Gron Sharon Grosh Carolyn Halliday Marilyn Hamilton Jackson Carol Hancuh Roxanne Hardy Susan Hensel Maribeth Hite Julie Hoover Tina Hughes Ann Johnson Nancy Johnson Patti Pease Johnson

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The juried Fiber Art from A to Z online auction provided a national showcase of fiber art, wearables, home goods, specialty tools and supplies, as well as virtual making/learning experiences or services hosted by artists.

Mary Pow Ellaree Pray Ella Ramsey Ingrid Restemayer Wendy Richardson Michael Roca Karen Rumpza Mary Ann Schmidt Meg Schmidt Duncan Judy Schneebeck Barbara Schneider Lucienne Schroepfer JoDee Schumer Karen Searle Linda Seebauer Hansen Sue Segal Pat Sernyk Betsy Shannon

Mariana Shulstad Barbara Sferra Rebecca Smith Ruth Stephens Stitch Buffalo Helen Stoerzinger Susan Strawn Phyllis Kudder Sullivan Lorri Talberg Rebecca Utecht Trish Williams Andrea Wong Peggy Wright Amina Yabis Rebecca Yaker Elizabeth Zimmermann



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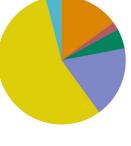


The Threat Continues - Bite Back, Zinda Foster (Racism: In the Face of Hate We Resist exhibition)

April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Income

Grants & Donations	\$560,740
Memberships	\$35,005
Education/Programs	\$177,032
Rentals	\$49,664
Events	\$21,790
Interest Dividends	\$152,276
Total Income	\$996,507



Grants & Donations - 56% Memberships - 4% Education/Programs - 18% Rentals - 5% Events - 2% Interest - 15%

BALANCE SHEET

April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

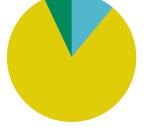
Assets

Total Assets	\$2,483,413
Other Assets	\$657,620
Building/Fixed Assets	\$1,379,829
Reserves	\$28,096
Mondale Gallery Endowment	\$417,869

Expenses

\$956,395
\$65,521
\$109,362
\$781,512

Net Income \$40,112



Program Related - 82% Management - 11% Fundraising - 7%

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities Long-Term Debt Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions Net Assets With Donor Restrictions **Total Liabilities & Net Assets**

\$99,359 \$499,957 \$1,183,632 \$700,465 \$2,483,413

SUPPORT

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.

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