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Textile Center Fiber Art for All celebration brings together hundreds of makers and appreciators during a two-day celebration of art, connection, and community in Minneapolis

Fiber Art for All features an Open House, Makers Market, hands-on fiber art demonstrations, and the unveiling of a community fiber pollinator installation



(Minneapolis) — Textile Center created Fiber Art for All as an online festival in 2021— during the darkest days of the COVID pandemic — to support working artists and encourage creativity to uplift our spirits amid a cold Minnesota winter. Since, then, Fiber Art for All has grown into an exciting open house that draws hundreds of people to Textile Center to explore, create, shop, and engage with fiber art in all its forms.

This year Fiber Art for All is a free, two-day celebration, opening Friday, February 20, 2026, from 5:30 to 8 pm, and continuing on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm. The spirit of Fiber Art for All is bringing artists and appreciators together, celebrating the way in which fiber art creates ties that bind.

This year Fiber Art for All is especially relevant as we in the Twin Cities endure incredibly challenging times. Since the start of this new year, Textile Center has been opening its spaces for free drop-in mindful making sessions where folks can bring their handwork (their stitching, knitting, felting, etc.) to support one another through creativity. Art now is needed more than ever. “I needed this,” a member shared.

Art helps us process our emotions and connect with others. We are excited to offer a vibrant Fiber Art for All weekend of joy and creativity. This year’s theme is “Growing Community,” – inspired by our dye garden and the pollinators that help our gardens and Minnesota landscapes thrive, but also because the event brings so many new and familiar faces together for one festive weekend.

Both days, a Makers Market featuring 25 textile and fiber artists fills the auditorium with everything from cyanotype (sun)–printed and Suminagashi-dyed bags, Indigenous beaded earrings and wearables, upcycled art toys made from clothing, naturally dyed yarn, mini embroidered and crocheted veggie and food earrings, block-printed T-shirts and totes, colorful coiled wall art, quilted clothing and décor, and so much more. This market is our way to support working artists.

Visitors are invited to try free, hands-on demos with our Education Team and instructors, from making a block printed pollinator patch, adding to a communal needle felting and punch needle piece, learning how to make plarn (plastic yarn) from discarded plastic bags with artist Cool Trash, and add to a community “Scrapestry” – an eco-focused weaving using fabric scraps and yarn remnants from Textile Center’s new secondhand fiber art supplies shop, The Stashery.

A major highlight of the weekend is the grand unveiling of a public art installation, the *Fiber Pollinator Garden*, in Textile Center’s Community Room. More than 200 community members contributed a pollinator made from a variety of fiber art forms, including felting, sewing, fabric collage, embroidery, and more. These individual pieces are being added to large-scale floral backdrops to create a vibrant indoor garden, showing the magic of a collective art piece.

Adding to the festivities, the opening evening of the event, on Friday, February 20, from 5:30 – 8 pm, features music from DJ Jacques, a Minneapolis selector and textiles artist who, “Brings an eclectic sound to the people. It’s a bold improv of vinyls he calls “matilanamusiki” (Duala language of Cameroon). An organic mix of funk jams flowing through your body and soul, once the needle drops.”

On Saturday, [Misfit Coffee](#) will serve warm beverages from a pop-up cart.

“The community project is one of my favorite parts of Fiber Art for All each year,” says Textile Center’s Marketing + Communications Director Mia Finnermore. “There’s something really special about an art piece that so many people helped make happen. It’s shaped by our community and only happens because of our community. I’ve heard from participants over the years that contributing to our community projects helps them branch out and make something they wouldn’t normally create. It encourages them to use materials they already have in their stash and gives them an activity to do with friends and loved ones. This year’s donations are incredibly unique, with rug-hooked bumblebees, SAORI-woven and lace ladybugs, crocheted slugs and bugs, quilted bats, embroidered birds, and so much more.”

We invite all to join us at Textile Center for this special Open House — a day to inspire, create, support, and connect through the art of fiber.



Fiber Art for All Event Lineup



Makers Market

Friday, February 20, 5:30 – 8 pm and Saturday, February 21, 10 am – 4 pm

From cyanotype pouches by MintzMakes, beaded earrings by Waabooz Beading, block printed art by Mothfruit Press, colorful tassel earrings from You're the Party, to stitched photos by Kathryn Jahnke and punch needle art by Pinedo Studio, there's something for everyone at the Makers Market. Visitors can also bring their own non-stretch denim, linen, or canvas clothing to get a custom word or name chain-stitched on-site by vendor Funtown, creating a unique, personalized piece.



Hands-on Demos

Friday, February 20, 5:30 – 8 pm and Saturday, February 21, 10 am – 4 pm

Led by Textile Center staff and some of our Teaching Artists, visitors will have the opportunity to try several hands-on demos!

- Block Printing: Use a pre-cut pollinator and try block printing on a small square of fabric to take home (1 per person)! Use your square as a patch to embellish clothing or a tote bag!
- Needle Felting: Try your hand at needle felting! Add a shape, pollinator, or flower (or whatever calls to you) to our big, communal felting piece.
- Punch Needle: Make your mark on our punch needle canvas (the original tufting technique)!
- Plarn Making + Weaving: Join Emma of Cool Trash and learn how to make plarn (aka yarn from upcycled plastic bags)! Then use your plarn, or provided fabric scraps and yarn remnants from The Stashery, and add to our communal "Scrapestry" weaving!
- Community Quilting: Add a piece to a shared community quilt with *Quilts with Kadra*, a grassroots group founded by local Somali community member Kadra. With volunteer support from Textile Center community members, quilts are made and delivered directly into the hands of those who need them most.



Fiber Pollinator Garden Community Installation

On view February 20 – March 20, 2026

More than 200 fiber pollinators are being assembled into an installation at Textile Center in our Community Room. Our *Fiber Pollinator Garden* celebrates the many creative individuals sharing their unique voice and craft through knitting, weaving, sewing, quilting, felting, beading, crocheting, dyeing and more – in the form of a pollinator!



Textile Center Shop + The Stashery

Friday, February 20, 5:30 – 8 pm and Saturday, February 21, 10 am – 4 pm

Browse the Textile Center Shop, featuring fiber gifts from 100+ year-round artists! And, stop into The Stashery, Textile Center's new year-round secondhand fiber art supplies shop, and grab highly discounted fabric, yarn, and more.



Exhibitions

Friday, February 20, 5:30 – 8 pm and Saturday, February 21, 10 am – 4 pm

Our exhibitions are always free and open to the public. On view during the Open House:

- 2025 McKnight Fiber Artist Fellowship Exhibitions: *Alchemy*, Shannon Lucas Westrum, and *Holding, Patterns*, Christine Novotny
- *Handwork: Unbound*

(Pictured: *Pavlova* by HML, work by 2025 McKnight Fiber Artist Fellow Christine Novotny, and *Untitled II* by Kelly Pals)



Special Guests

DJ Jacques, Friday, February 20, 5:30 – 8 pm

Joining us Friday on opening night is DJ Jacques, a Minneapolis selector and textiles artist who brings an eclectic sound to the people. It's a bold improv of vinyls he calls "matilanamusiki" (Duala language of Cameroon).

Misfit Coffee, Saturday, February 21, 10 am – 4 pm

Serving up all the hot beverages and keeping us caffeinated is a pop-up coffee cart from staff-favorite Misfit Coffee! With a motto of being "Passionate about our craft. Connected with our customers. Making coffee and drinks you can't ignore," Misfit will join us all day on Saturday!

Fiber Art for All Sponsors



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Textile Center – A National Center for Fiber Art

Textile Center is unique as a national center for fiber art, with a mission to honor textile traditions, promote excellence and innovation, nurture appreciation, and inspire widespread participation in fiber arts. The Center's resources include exceptional fiber art exhibitions, an artisan shop, a secondhand supplies shop, the region's only accessible professional-grade dye lab, a natural dye plant garden, and one of the nation's largest circulating textile libraries open to the public. Textile Center produces more than 200 classes a year for all ages and skill levels through its youth, adult, and outreach programs. A dynamic hub of fiber activity for more than 30 years, Textile Center brings people together in community to learn, create, share, and be inspired by fiber art. For more information, visit: textilecentermn.org.

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