

FINE ART OF FIBER

The Fine Art of Fiber is an annual multi-guild exhibition and sales event held the first Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in November at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The show opens at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, with weekend hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All areas of the show are set up beginning on Wednesday morning, with the exhibit hung Thursday morning and early afternoon. Participating guilds include IQI, North Suburban NeedleArts Guld, and Weaver's Guild of the North Shore. The primary function of guild chairs is to serve as part of the FAOF steering committee which oversees all preparations of the show as well as interfaces with CBG event personnel. Responsibilities are divided among the various show chairs.

Steering committee meetings are held at CBG several times throughout the year and review and update previous shows as well as manage needs for the upcoming show including PR/media communications (i.e., maintaining show mailing list, ordering postcards and posters, providing CBG with information regarding trade magazines, etc.), develop lecture program schedule for the show, maintain and update website data regarding entry forms for the various needs of the show, select and lay out exhibit entries, and act as principal troubleshooters during the show. Chairs also work with various standing sub-committee volunteers including Silent Auction, Volunteer, IQI/NSNG Show Treasurer, Raffle Quilt, and Education.

In addition, IQI chairs prepare and submit newsletter articles on FAOF to the Oakleaf Editor, attend IQI Board meetings, and make necessary announcements at guild meetings.

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