

Snippets

Mark Your Calendar

Looking for a bright spot on these cold wintry days? Come out to these SOFAAR events:

- **February 8 - Saturday Snips, 1-4 p.m.** Digby Baptist Church, 2 Mount Street in Digby. The church is on the corner of Mount & Montague with a parking lot on the Mount Street side. The entry, through a side entrance by the parking lot, is accessible to all. Bring a project, visit with your fellow members and share creative ideas.
- **March 14 - Annual General Meeting/Fibre Sale and Swap/Saturday Snips, 1-4 p.m.** St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 340 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal. (See page 2 for details)

Past Snips

January 11 Saturday Snips at St. Alphonsus Church Hall in Bridgetown

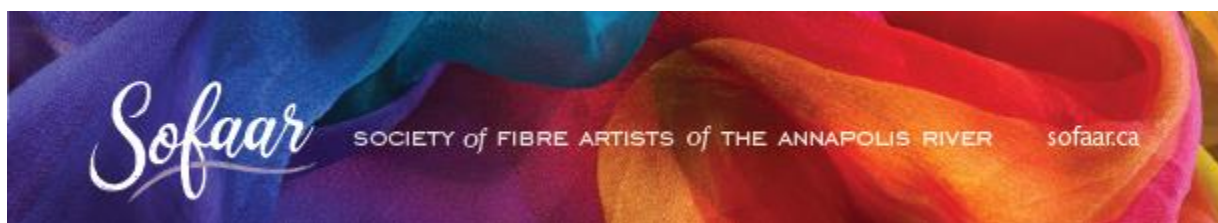
Winter is a great time for working on fibre projects!



December 14, 2019 Saturday Snips & Christmas Social at St. George & St. Andrew United Church in Annapolis Royal

Members enjoyed a lovely holiday mix of good food, good conversation and inspiring projects





Getting Started

Originally planned for January 19, *Getting Started* (Phase II of SOFAAR's *Concepts to Completion* program series), was held at Paradise Community Hall on January 26, 2020. Twenty-eight participants came out to hear artist Karen Walker talk about the creative process including research, planning, composition, understanding tonality and how to create perspective.

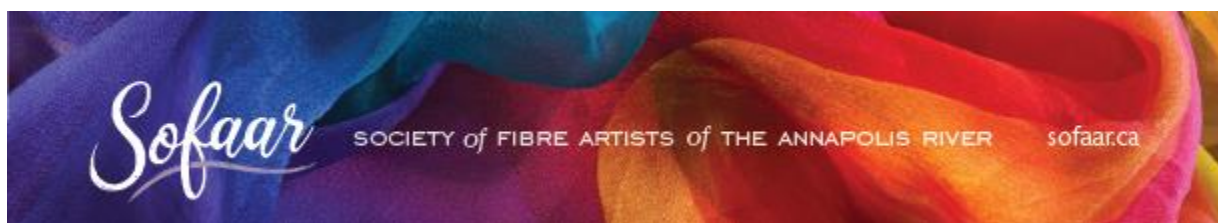


Annual General Meeting and Fibre Sale & Swap

Our Annual General Meeting and Fibre Swap and Sale is quickly approaching. On March 14th at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall in Annapolis Royal, we will start off with our AGM at 1:00 and once complete (not before 1:30) we will open the Swap and Sale. SOFAAR is accepting donations from anyone downsizing their fibre stash. We will have up to three tables of fibre to give away to a good home. Any member who would like to sell, swap or giveaway project materials is welcome to do so. Please contact info@sofaar.ca to reserve your table. We have four spots and they will be allocated on a 'first come, first allocate' basis. This is always a popular event and we look forward to seeing you. (The snow day alternative will be the following Saturday, March 21st.)

Fibre Arts Equipment at Annapolis Royal Innovation Lab

SOFAAR members are invited to use the fibre arts equipment at the Annapolis Royal Innovation Lab at the Annapolis Royal Library on Ritchie Street. You must be a member of the library (membership is free). Charlotte Janes, Systems and Collections Access Coordinator, can train you in the use of the equipment and sign you off as proficient, at which time you will be issued a card. Charlotte will be in the library from 1 to 4 on January 13 and 27, February 10, and March 2, 16 and 30 and will be happy to show you the equipment.



2020 SOFAAR Members' Exhibition Call for Entry and Guidelines:

SOFAAR Presents Our Architectural Heritage

All members of SOFAAR are invited to participate in the annual members' exhibition at the Chapel Gallery at ARTsPLACE in Annapolis Royal from June 14 to August 2, 2020.

The theme of this year's exhibition is *Our Architectural Heritage*. We're defining a heritage home or other architectural structure as one that is at least 100 years old, more or less.

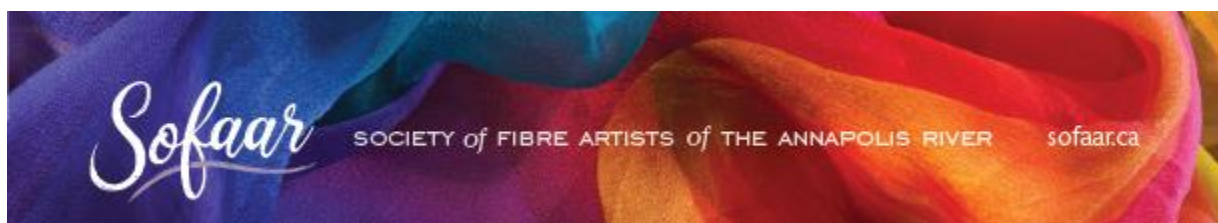
We originally launched this exhibition with the theme of *Heritage Homes* but we have expanded the parameters to include our wider architectural heritage. In addition to houses members may also consider old barns, churches, schools, RR stations, bridges, etc. as inspiration for their entry.

You can use an image of a building from any time period, from when it was built until the present day. You may opt to create a realistic image of the home or use an abstract interpretation. You can present a view of the entire house or pick one feature (an interesting window or door, perhaps) or a collage of different features. Any fibre medium or combination is permissible, so you have lots of creative possibilities.



There are approximately 2600 heritage homes in Annapolis County to choose from. See [Old Homes of Annapolis County](#) for information and photos.

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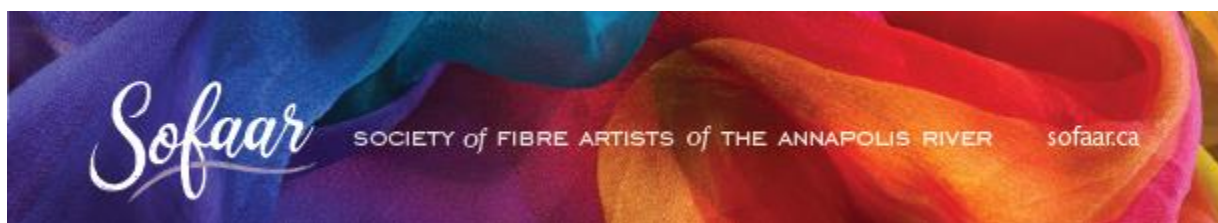


Annual Exhibition Call for Entry - continued

Here are some things to keep in mind when you are preparing for the exhibition:

- You are invited to submit one or two pieces of your choice. Entries will not be juried.
- Each entry may not exceed 150" in perimeter. The Chapel Gallery is a small and intimate space.
- We ask that you include a full digital image of your work for each entry. This helps us plan the layout for the gallery before installation.
- Email your photos to info@sofaar.ca with the following information for each entry by the deadline for receipt of entries, Thursday, June 4, 2020.
 - **Title of the piece**
 - **Size, height X width**
 - **Materials used**
 - **Is the piece for sale? If so, what is the price?**
 - **Please include an artist's statement with your submission. The statement is simply one or two sentences explaining what inspired you to create the piece.**
 - **Does SOFAAR have permission to use your photos to promote the exhibition?**
- Each piece must be clearly labelled on the back with the artist's name and the title of the work.
- Work to be hung must be ready for hanging, including a hanging rod, if applicable, and any special hardware if a simple nail will not suffice. If your work requires a special display, please provide it.
- Work may be for sale but the piece must remain in the exhibition until the closing date. ARTsPLACE will handle all sales and will take a 25% fee.

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Annual Exhibition Call for Entry - continued

- Although every care will be taken of the submitted work, the responsibility for loss and damage whilst in exhibition cannot be accepted by SOFAAR or ARCAC. We strongly advise that each artist obtain commercial insurance to cover their work on exhibit.
- We ask that you deliver your work to the ARTsPLACE, 396 St. George St., Annapolis Royal, Tuesday, June 9, from 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00. If this is not possible, contact us at info@sofaar.ca to make alternate arrangements.
- We ask that you collect your work at ARTsPLACE, August 4, 2020, from 10:00 - 12:00. If this is not possible, contact us at info@sofaar.ca to make alternate arrangements.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 4, 2020 - Deadline for receipt of entries

June 9, 2020 Work delivery dates (10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00)

ARTsPLACE, Annapolis Royal

June 14, 2020 - Exhibition opens; opening reception 1:00 - 3:00

August 2, 2020 - Exhibition closes

August 4, 2020 Collect your work from gallery (10:00-12:00)

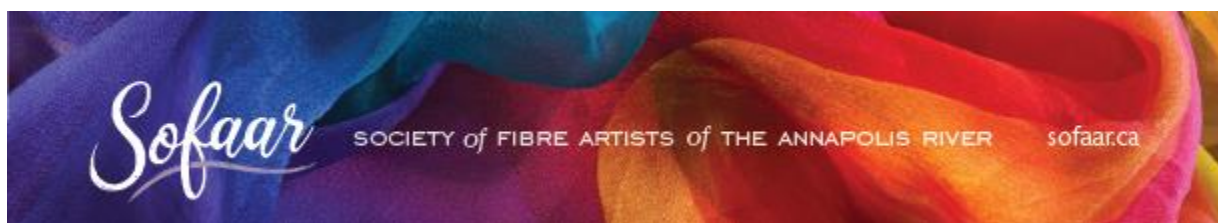
Exhibition guidelines will be posted on the "exhibits" page of SOFAAR's website, sofaar.ca, for future reference

Celestial Eye Candy

Ann Young passed along the link to this fabulous website featuring work by [Margaret Naxon](#). Thanks, Ann!



Milky Way Starry Night by Margaret Naxon



Member News

We're always happy to receive news and articles from our busy SOFAAR members. Keep reading to find out what some of your fellow members have been up to, and consider sending us your news for the next edition of *Snippets*. Submission deadlines are shown on the calendar at the end of this newsletter.



WEDNESDAYS

by artists Diane Clapp and Penny Berens
insight into the ideas, techniques, and materials of
two friends over twelve years of weekly play dates

Sissiboo Coffee Roaster Presents:

BEAR RIVER: Jan 15 - Feb 28 (890 Clementsvalle Rd)

Artists' Opening Saturday Jan. 18, 1 - 4 PM

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL: Feb 29 - April 15 (at St. George St.)

Penny Berens and Diane Clapp have an exhibition - *Wednesdays* - at Sissiboo Coffee in Bear River which will run through February 28. The work in this exhibition reflects ideas and techniques generated over 12 years of weekly "play dates". Sketch books and sample books are included so that you can see the progression from idea to finished work. The exhibition will move to Sissiboo in Annapolis Royal from February 29 through April 15.

Frances Taylor attended the November 9 *Snips* at Moose River Rug Hooking Studio. At that time she was working on a wall hanging that represents the lighthouse of Black Rock that was there until the mid 1960's. She sent along a photo of the completed project.



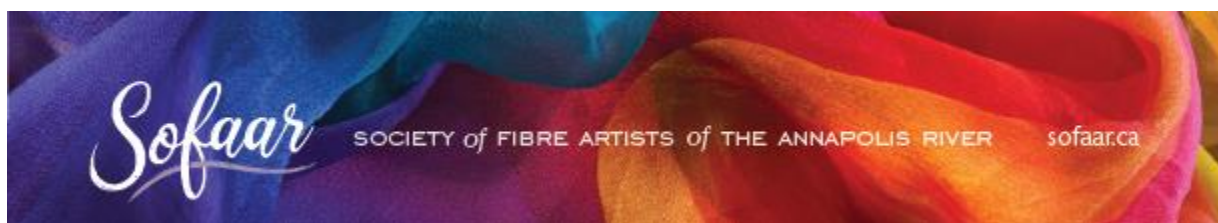
Marilyn Preus

Several SOFAAR members had work in the *Becoming the Ocean* exhibition at the Oakdene Community Centre in Bear River (Nov. 28 - Dec 1). Thanks to Tammy Sanford-Hutchinson for sending the photos.

Tammy Sanford-Hutchinson



Ken Flett



Support Our Local Fibre Producers

The 2nd annual 100 MILE FOOD & FIBRE FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2020 from 10 am until 4 pm at the Northville Farm Heritage Center. Rain date (significant rainfall) is Sunday, September 13th. This celebration of local foods and fibres is hosted by the Annapolis Valley Farmland Trust, Northville Farm Heritage Centre and Kings County Federation of Agriculture and will serve as a fund raiser and to promote awareness for these organizations.

The Northville Farm Heritage Center is located just north of Centreville on the corner of Steadman and Thorpe Roads in a thriving rural agricultural area. The center is a living museum which features traditional farm machinery and tools and presents agricultural events throughout the year such as horse ploughing, ox pulls, scythe competitions and more.

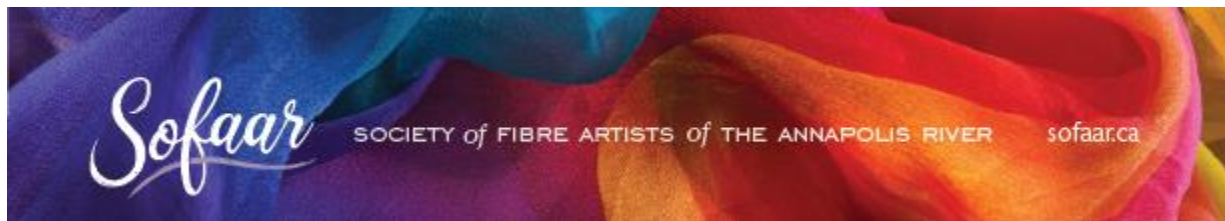
In addition to a large array of food, drink and fibre artisan vendors on site, plans for the 100 MILE FOOD & FIBRE FESTIVAL include live music, free hayrides, sheep dog competition, sheep shearing demonstrations, free hay rides, weavers, hookers, spinners, felters and knitters interacting with visitors and a variety of fibre animals on site for viewing.

Fibre Artisan Vendors are being sought to take part in this event. Such vendors may offer for sale items that are created entirely from natural sources such as sheep, alpaca, llama or flax fibres. As this event is a celebration of local products, items for sale should be created using as much locally sourced fibres as possible. "Local" implies that fibres used come from farms within the Maritimes. If you are interested in participating as a vendor contact Marilyn Cameron, the event organizer for Annapolis Valley Farmland Trust at maricameron0@gmail.com or 902-538-1141 for an application form and additional details.



This is an opportunity to view and support the production of local fibres. SOFAAR members, please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12th, 2020.

Submitted by Cheryl den Hartog on behalf of Marilyn Cameron and SOFAAR member Donna Vernest



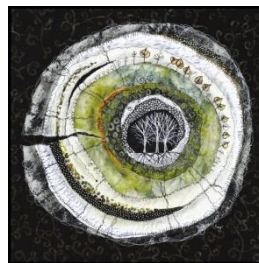
Inspiration for Winter Days

Exciting things are happening in the world of fibre arts. The following sources are sure to provide inspiration:

- Coulter Fussell creates interesting contemporary art quilts. You can find lots of images by Googling her name.



- The School of Stitched Textiles has a great article about Lorraine Roy and her work. Check it out at [Lorraine Roy](#).



- Check out [Antique Lace](#) for some real eye candy.



- These fabric butterfly and moth sculptures by [Yumi Okita](#) are amazing!





Remember to check the SOFAAR website, www.sofaar.ca, frequently for up-to-date information on all SOFAAR activities. Please like us on Facebook, and please refer to the calendar on the following pages for upcoming events.

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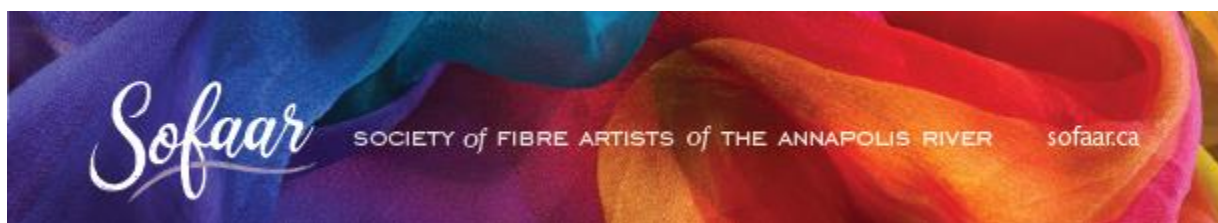
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Wools on the Corner


23 Queen Street, Bridgetown
10% discount on regularly priced merchandise



The SOFAAR events for the next two months are listed below. **Please mark your calendars.** Details will be posted on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FibreSOFAAR/> and on the web site <http://www.sofaar.ca/> for your reference.

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SOFAAR's February 2020	
Feb 8	Saturday Snips – 1 – 4 Digby Baptist Church, 2 Mount St, Digby

 **March**

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SOFAAR's March 2020	
Mar 10	Snippets Contribution Deadline For March Issue
Mar 14	Annual General Meeting, Fibre Sale and Swap and, Saturday Snips – 1 – 4 St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal