

***The Forum* Newsletter**

The Forum is published four times a year and is distributed to members and Friends. It contains information about Fiber Forum jurying; calls for entries to exhibitions; news about Fiber Forum programs, retreats, and activities of members and Friends. A list of officers and their contact information is given in every issue.

Newsletters are sent by email. Members and Friends are responsible for promptly notifying the Fiber Forum Treasurer/ Membership Coordinator of changes in their email address to assure timely receipt of the newsletter.

Fiber Forum Meetings

Fiber Forum has two on-line general business meetings each year with informal meetings during the Retreat and at the EGA National Seminar. The Fiber Forum Board consists of three elected officers and five appointed committee chairs.

Fiber Forum Friends

EGA members interested in learning more about Fiber Forum are invited to join Fiber Forum Friends. You will receive ***The Forum*** newsletter by email, an invitation to all meetings and Open Studios plus preferential registration for Fiber Forum retreats. **Friends must renew annually for \$10.** Membership runs concurrent with EGA dues (June 1 to May 31) and is not prorated.



The Fiber Forum Pin

The Fiber Forum pin, designed in 2008 by former chairman Canby Robertson, incorporates a needle and a thimble depicting the EGA logo.

Join Fiber Forum Friends

Pay though this link:

<https://egausa.org/product/fiber-forum-membership/> Friends-Scroll down to Friends of Fiber Forum \$10

OR

Please complete this form and mail to:

Fiber Forum Treasurer

c/o Embroiderers' Guild of America
1205 E. Washington St. #117
Louisville, KY 40206

☐ **Friend**

Name _____

Email _____

EGA Member # _____

Chapter _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

I would like to pay by (choose one):

___ check or money order for \$ _____ enclosed
(make check or money order payable to EGA)

OR

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**The Fiber Forum
of the
Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.**

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What is EGA Fiber Forum?

Fiber Forum was organized in 1992 to advance embroidery as an art form through the exhibition of original works of exceptional merit. The group provides education and support to active and emerging fiber artists within the membership of EGA and participates in EGA's annual Education Exhibit held at seminar. Many members enter the triennial EGA National Exhibit, *Through the Needle's Eye*, and participate in regional fiber art exhibits.

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"Can't See the Forest" Carol Lynn Stratton

The Annual Jurying Process- Required to become a member of Fiber Forum

Works by applicants and renewing members are juried each year by independent jurors on the basis of both aesthetic achievement and technical skills, resulting in a score for each piece. Each piece is judged on its own merits. An acceptable score means one is eligible to join or remain in Fiber Forum. Calls for submissions appear in *Needle Arts*, the magazine of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. and in the Fiber Forum newsletter. Forms are posted on the Fiber Forum page of the EGA website.

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The annual jurying process has a deadline of March 15th. Up to two pieces can be submitted a year using forms on the EGA website. Original, non-teaching pieces are submitted with two digital photos and an artist statement. The images must be titled with the name of the piece and labeled as the 'full' or 'detail' view. Members must re-jury at least every three years. The entry fee per piece is \$30. **Upon acceptance, the membership fee is \$60 for three years or \$25 annually.**

Exhibitions

Visit the Fiber Forum web page to see the gallery of artwork by FF members.

Fiber Forum Juried Works on the Fiber Forum web page is a fascinating slide show of exhibition level work from the past seven years. Members create original work in many techniques including counted thread, canvas work, needle weaving, collage, mixed media, bead work, quilting and surface embroidery by hand and by machine.

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More work in full color by Fiber Forum members can be seen in *The Forum*, our quarterly newsletter that keeps all members informed about Fiber Forum activities. Many of the beautiful embroidered borders on the EGA website are by Fiber Forum members. Photos and articles about Fiber Forum Retreats and Jurying are frequently featured in *The Needle Arts* quarterly magazine sent to all EGA members.

"New Zealand South Island" Anita Penn

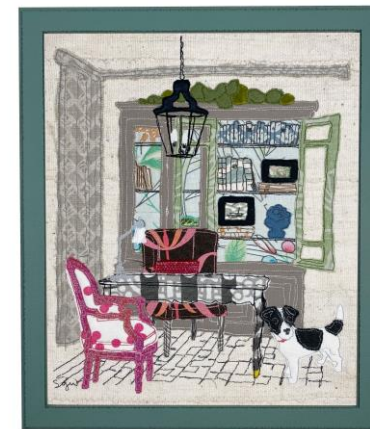


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Detail

"Room with Etageres" Sarah Wiley



Fiber Forum Retreats

Each year, Fiber Forum offers a Retreat in an artistically appealing location with an artist instructor chosen by members. The registration process gives preference to members, then Friends of Fiber Forum, then to EGA members and others.

The Retreat content varies from learning stitch techniques, surface design, color or composition to promoting personal development in one's art.

Some of the workshop presenters from past years include: Jean Draper, Barbara Lee Smith, Carol Soderlund, Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn, Carol Shinn, Susan Brandeis and many more.

Programs

During the year, the Fiber Forum Education Chair organizes Zoom lectures by fiber artists such as Kat Diuguid, Christina Erickson and Pat Goaley. Open Studio Zoom sessions are for sharing work, visiting studios or discussing matters of interest to fiber artists. These programs allow all members and Friends to participate no matter where they live.