



# NEWS from MIDWEST FIBER ARTS TRAILS

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Weekend Event

### **Cedarburg Spur Fiber Arts Trail Hosts Annual Weekend**

CEDARBURG, WI (Feb. 6, 2018) – Cedarburg Spur Fiber Arts Trail members are pleased to announce their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiber Arts Weekend in the Cedarburg-Grafton-Thiensville area of eastern Wisconsin. Seven award-winning fiber artists, a national top 10 quilt shop, a Milwaukee news-poll favorite art gallery and the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts (WMOQA) will offer a variety of activities including exhibits, workshops, studio tours, artist demos, woolen mill tours, and make & take opportunities during this two day tribute to fiber arts.

The 15 members of the Cedarburg Spur Fiber Arts Trail will host their annual studio tour weekend on March 16 – 17, 2018. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“The textile artists and businesses featured on this unique art trail are a part of the new tradition of makers that is fueling the resurgence of textile arts,” said Jennifer Wilder, founder and owner of Midwest Fiber Arts Trails, who developed the fiber arts trail concept in the Midwest. “Joining together, the trail members have formed a vibrant and diverse gathering place that fosters creativity and innovation.”

Along the 13-stop, self-guided tour, the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Art in Cedarburg welcomes visitors into their Barn Gallery to view the upcoming exhibit, *Commemorating His Purple Reign: A Textural Tribute to Prince*. The exhibit opens on March 15, 2018. Admission to WMOQA is free during the Trail event.

WMOQA is sponsoring several workshops taught by Trail members. They are, “The Peaceful Art of Embroidery” taught by Linda Sweek, “Improv Whole Cloth Hand Quilting” taught by Heidi Parkes, “Fun with Tunisian Crochet” taught by Sheryl Thies, “Alchemy in the Microwave” taught by Mary Mendla and “Bead Embroidery” taught by Jamie Lyn Kara.

Tours are available at the Cedarburg Woolen Carding Mill whose carding machines have produced wool batts since beginning operation prior to the Civil War. Housed in historic Hamilton’s 125-year old schoolhouse, visitors can explore Ye Olde Schoolhouse Quilt Shop and view rug hooking demonstrations by Cream City Rug Hooking Guild member Joyce Krueger. Other shops on the trail include the Grafton Yarn Store and My Material Matters Quilt Shop in Thiensville. My Material Matters is hosting quilt artist Pat Bishop for a day-long workshop called “Abstraction Distraction.”

Artists will welcome visitors into their studios at the Grafton Arts Mill, River Studio at Grafton Arts Mill, Cooperage Studio in the Log Cabin in Cedarburg and Mary Mendla Fine Art and Apparel Design in Thiensville. Gina Studelska is teaching “I’m a Little Rusty: Rust Dyeing” class at her studio in the Grafton Arts Mill on Friday, March 16. Heidi Parkes will have a Pop-Up Quilt Studio at The Pink Llama Gallery in Cedarburg on Friday, March 16.

Visitors can reflect on their Fiber Arts Trail experiences and make their own embroidered bead at Linda Sweek’s Pop-Up Embroidery Studio at Grafton Arts Mill on Saturday. The Pink Llama Gallery and Laura Weber Basketry are co-hosting a drop-in maker station called “Choose Your Sticks Wisely” from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. There is a small materials fee to make either project.

Cedarburg Spur Trail Fiber Arts Trail members include: Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Art, Cooperage Studio in the Log Cabin, Cedarburg Woolen Mill and Shops, The Pink Llama Art Gallery, Laura Weber Basketry, Ye Olde Schoolhouse Quilt Shop, My Material Matters Quilt Shop, Grafton Arts Mill, Gina

Studelska Fiber and Mixed Media Art, Mary Mendla Fine Art and Apparel Design, Ilze Heider Leather Design, Heidi Parkes, Linda Sweek Textile Designs, Jamie Lyn Kara Textile Art and Grafton Yarn Store. Additional tour, printable PDF map, activities by location and workshop registration is available at <https://midwestfiberartstrails.org/cedarburg-spur/spur-weekend-2018/>

The Cedarburg Spur Fiber Arts Trail is a part of Midwest Fiber Arts Trails, founded by Minneapolis-based publisher Jennifer Wilder, who writes about Midwest fiber artists. The mission of the Midwest Fiber Arts Trails is to honor the rich textile heritage and celebrate and promote the work of contemporary fiber artists in the Midwest.

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Note to Editor: JPEG photo files of images people might find on the Cedarburg Spur Fiber Arts Trail are attached.