

Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners - MAWS

It's all about connection.

MAWS is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote and encourage fiber arts throughout the state of Montana and to help fiber artists forge links to their peers.

THE organization promotes interest in the fiber arts, including weaving, spinning, felting, basketry and associated fiber arts. The primary vehicle for this is the MAWS conference held every two years in a different city in Montana. At this conference members have the opportunity to study with top-quality instructors from all over, to participate in a number of different shows, to meet people from throughout the state who share the same passion for fiber arts, and to shop with vendors who provide everything you could possibly want in the way of fiber, books and equipment.

MAWS strives to foster communication between individuals and groups engaged in handcrafted fiber arts. To further this goal, MAWS now has an active website. Even if you don't have a computer, MAWS keeps you in touch through its quarterly newsletter.

MAWS approves grants to guilds who wish to sponsor a workshop and are willing to open it to anyone in the state. These workshops allow you to gain skills in specific areas under the direction of excellent instructors over a short, intense period of time.

IN short, membership in MAWS is the best way to improve your craft and meet others doing the same. In a state where people are so spread apart, MAWS brings you together.

MEMBERSHIP privileges include the biannual conference, MAWS web site and newsletter, free advertising in the newsletter if you have a fiber related business or want to sell or buy equipment, and access to great workshops.

THE fee is only \$8 a year. You can join through your local guild or as an individual. Send your check to:

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