



Call for Textile and Fiber Artists

The **Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum** will present our annual fundraising event, **FiberFest**, on Saturday, **February 24, 2018**. FiberFest is a one-day sale event of unique fabrics, yarns, textiles, embellishments, and tools for the quilt and fiber artist. Both established and newly-emerging textile and fiber artists will benefit from gaining public exposure to their textiles and fiber-related products. At the same time, your participation will support our vital mission and help to secure the future of our organization.

We provide the space, advertising, door prizes, cashier services, and volunteers to assist with the event. You provide your professionally packaged, unique product: hand-dyed, uniquely processed, vintage, or imported textiles, unusual buttons and embellishments, project kits, raw materials for crafting, wearable art, etc., and be present to sell and talk about your items or creative process with the customers until event closes. *While finished products and wearable art are welcome, we will give priority to textiles and fiber art materials.*

How it works:

- There is no booth fee or up-front costs to you! We are accepting applications now through January 13, 2018, or until all slots are full. The earlier we fill our slots, the better our marketing can be!
- As artists are accepted, information about them and their product or creative process will be publicized on our website. We will also provide bookmarks and posters to our artists to publicize the event, as well as distribute these at key locations throughout the area. We then begin an intense advertising campaign the beginning of January via the internet, print advertising throughout Western Washington and British Columbia, as well as in-person group presentations.
- Setup will be Friday, February 23 between 2-7pm, with the event being held on Saturday, February 24 from 10am-4pm. We provide tables/chairs and backdrop drapes; you provide any booth "décor" and your product, with all sales processed through a consolidated cashier's station.
- Within 5 business days following the event, a reconciliation report of sales is sent to artists for verification. When both you and the Museum agree that the sales accounting is correct, you will receive a check within one week for 65% of the total, with the remaining 35% going towards supporting the Museum. We work hard to bring as many buyers to the event as possible.

Note: it came to our attention last year that artists driving from a distance had a hardship with coming up for setup on Friday and returning for the sale on Saturday. We are obtaining accommodations available for Friday night in people's homes for anyone that would find this helpful. We hope this will help retain many of our wonderful artists!

We will be returning to last year's popular location, the La Conner Middle School multi-purpose room. This beautiful venue provides lots of space and lighting, generous restrooms, a small food concession, artist demonstrations, and easily available parking!

For more information and application, **email** FiberFest@laconnerquilts.org, **call** the Museum at 360-466-4288 or Karen Eckardt, FiberFest Committee Chair, 360-770-5346. You can also find more information on our **website** at www.qfamuseum.org/FiberFest.html.

