

New Bedford Fiber Month 2017

Here's just some of what's happening!

Updates to this list will be posted on www.newbedfordart.org

March 1 – 31 The community is invited to be part of a public art project with New Bedford Art Museum ArtWorks! Come and weave on hula hoops in front of the Museum to create colorful weavings to brighten downtown New Bedford.

March 1 -19 *Excellence in Fibers*, an exhibition of selected works from Fiber Art Now's print exhibition at New Bedford Art Museum / ArtWorks!

March 1 – 19 *In Touch: the Expressive Magic of Judith James* on exhibit at New Bedford Art Museum/ ArtWorks!

March 1 *Once there were mills...* an exhibit of artifacts from the Wamsutta Mills. Acorn Management, Fiber Month sponsor, has preserved a number of artifacts of the textile industry in New Bedford that are on display at New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! Opens March 1st.

March 3 Communicating Through Art: Engaging People with Alzheimer's and Those Caring For Them Friday March 3, 2017 9am to 12 noon. A free program for families and health professionals providing care for someone with dementia. Join keynote speaker Michael James and panelists Dr. Anna Dempsey and Allison Cywin of UMass Dartmouth along with Dee Brenner of the I'm Still Here Foundation as they lead an exploration of the impact of the illness on the person with dementia and the people who care for them and the role art can play in their lives. Following the discussion, participants are invited to join us for a networking reception and to view an exhibition of Judith's work. Program begins at 9am at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street and continues at New Bedford Art Museum / ArtWorks! at 11am. Advance registration required online at www.newbedfordart.org or call 508-961-3072. Sponsored by Mass Humanities and Community Nurses.

March 4 CVPA workshop Nuno Felted Scarf Workshop with Anna Kristina Goransson 9AM-12PM Star Store Fibers Studio, College of Visual and Performing Arts, 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford. Combining silk gauze or cotton cheesecloth with merino wool, the students will wet felt gorgeous scarves that are lightweight and warm. You will design your own scarf and using soapy water and your arm muscles, felt your scarf. It's easy, fun, and you'll have a beautiful scarf to wear. Limit: 8 people Class Fee: \$40 Material fee: \$10

March 4 Lecture by Quilt Artist Michael James at 1pm. James reflects on his and his late wife Judith's side by side studio practice, how each informed the other's, and on how he used his own work to come to terms with her illness and death. Lecture at CVPA, 715 Purchase Street,

New Bedford; sponsored by New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!. Tickets available online at www.newbedfordart.org. Seating is limited, advance ticket purchase suggested.

March 4 Public Reception at 2pm for *In Touch: The Expressive Magic of Judith James*. The exhibition showcases James' prolific years leading up to her death. The exhibit not only houses seventeen of James' masterful fiber works but also objects, materials and personal collections from Judith James' studio. *In Touch* brings the work of the South Coast artist home and offers an intimate look into how well the artist applied her unique sensibility to everything she touched. New Bedford Art Museum / ArtWorks! 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

March 7 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM Southeastern Mass Fiber Roundtable: Please join us for a roundtable conversation designed to: gain a better understanding of the range of local fiber resources, explore the extent of local processing capabilities, examine opportunities to collaborate in expanding our local fiber market, identify barriers, needs, and key next steps. Joseph Abboud Manufacturing Corporation, 689 Belleville Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745. Register through www.semaponline.org.

March 8 CVPA reception 4 – 6 PM, Comments by the Artists 5 PM. *Women, Art and Fibers: Contemporary Responses to Abolition and the Journey North* Contemporary fiber arts influenced by or linked to the slave trade between New England and the South. The exhibition, guest curated by Laurie Carlson Steger and Dr. Memory Holloway is held in conjunction with International Women's Month and Fiber Arts Month March 8 - April 4, 2017 CVPA Campus Gallery, main campus of UMass Dartmouth at 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth.

March 9 AHA! All Sewn Up – New Bedford's free monthly art & culture celebration is all about fiber!

March 9 AHA! Opening Reception, 5-8. Gallery 65 on William presents Hanging by a Thread: Needle Work of Salley Mavor. On exhibit February 28 - April 1.

March 9 AHA! In celebration of Fibers Month in New Bedford, Alison Wells Fine Art Gallery will be showcasing an exhibit featuring the works of three Fiber Artists, Pricilla Carrion, Carissa Frazier and Diane Savona March 1- 25. Opening reception on Thursday March 9 AHA Night, 5:00pm-9:00pm. Opening hours Tues, Thurs & Friday 11-3 Wed & Sat 12-5

March 9 AHA! Opening reception 5-8pm Judith Klein Gallery presents an installation made from yarns and webbings by Laurie Carlson Steger and Judith Klein. Also hand painted jacket by Judith Klein and quilts by Sheila Oliveira. Judith Klein Art Gallery, 127 W. Rodney French Blvd., door 31, New Bedford

March 9 AHA! Opening reception at TL6 the Gallery featuring artist Jocelyn Souto. Jocelyn is a seamstress, she makes high quality hand bags, pillows, clothes, and custom costumes. She also teaches basic sewing classes for adults. We will have her work on display through the month of March.

March 9 AHA! Panel discussion with quilt artist Brooke Erin Goldstein and artist Pat Falco at 6pm at New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! 608 pleasant Street in conjunction with Goldstein's fiber installation Behind Open Doors.

March 23 and 30 6 to 9pm. Weaving on a rigid heddle loom. Workshop with Lisa Elliott at New Bedford Art Museum/ ArtWorks!. Visit www.newbedfordart.org to register.

March 25 1pm *Yarn* the movie will be screened at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center. New Bedford Art Museum /ArtWorks! brings this trending contemporary film about yarn to New Bedford. Free admission.