

Fine Art of Fiber Fashion Show

Friday, November 6, 2026

11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

Fashion Show Rules and Requirements

ENTRY DEADLINE – Fashion Show Application MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 31, 2026

We will let you know which pieces have been accepted by September 17th.

Entry & Acceptance Criteria

- Only current members of IQI, NSNG, or WGNS are eligible for submission. Members may submit up to three pieces per show. Depending on the overall number of submissions, the number of items accepted for each artist may be limited. However, each artist will be allowed a minimum of one entry.
- Entries may not have been shown at any previous Fine Art of Fiber Fashion Show.
- All entries must be for sale at their respective guild's boutique or marketplace.
- Fabric care/Cleaning instructions must be provided for each entry.
- You will receive **75%** of your sales, the Botanic Garden will receive 10% and your guild(s) will receive 15%.
- Each entry must be large enough to visibly display well on the model/runway.

Application Process

- All artists who wish to have an entry in the Fashion Show must complete and submit the Fashion Show Application online at Fineartoffiber.org by AUGUST 31, 2026.
- Failure to submit information by the August 31 deadline may result in work not getting accepted into the show.
- You will receive an email confirmation for your application submission, with a PDF copy of your entry attached. Email confirmations may go to your Spam folder – please check it!
If more than 24 hours have passed since you submitted an entry and you have not received confirmation, DO NOT resubmit the application. Please contact Lori Grupp at lorigrupp@gmail.com or text to 312 316 6632.
- **IQI and NSNG** Artists who wish to participate **ONLY** in the Fashion Show (not the Exhibition nor with a space/table in the Boutique) only need to complete the Fashion Show Application.
- Fashion Show applicants from **IQI and NSNG** who wish to have a space/table in the Boutique must **ALSO** submit an online Boutique application by September 2, 2026.
- All Fashion Show applicants from **WGNS** must **ALSO** submit a 2026 Intent to Participate form by August 31, 2026.
- These forms are available on the Fine Art of Fiber member forms site.

Submission Options

Since there are now two Fashion Shows on Friday, at 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM, there are two options for your participation:

1. Standard Participation: Artists may submit up to three (3) pieces for the 11:00 AM show. These garments will also be included in the 12:30 PM show and will be available for sale immediately following the second show.

2. Optional Replacement Submission: If you wish to showcase a broader range of work, you may submit up to three (3) additional replacement garments for the 12:30 PM show.

- Garments from the 11:00 AM show will be available for sale in the boutique immediately afterward.
- Replacement garments for the 12:30 PM show will be available for sale upon completion of that show.

COMPLETE DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRICING, TAGGING AND DESCRIBING YOUR PIECES WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPTEMBER ALONG WITH YOUR ACCEPTANCE.

Models

- Artists are responsible for modeling themselves or providing models for each of their submitted pieces. Models are required to wear plain black outfits during the Fashion Show.

Item Delivery, Day of Show and Pickup Details

- Accepted pieces must be delivered to the Chicago Botanic Garden Regenstein Center on **Thursday, November 5** between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Check in on Fashion Show Day, **Friday, November 6**, is at 9:00 a.m. at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Regenstein Center, Pullman Room. Walk through and dressing will take place at that time. The first Fashion Show will start at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Further details for Fashion Show Day schedule will follow in September.
- Unsold items may be retrieved after 5:00 p.m. on **Sunday, November 8**, from the Boutique or the Weavers' Marketplace.

Please note: The Chicago Botanic Garden is a family-oriented venue, not an art gallery. Please self-police your entries. The Garden and the FAOF committee maintain the right to reject inappropriate work and deny future participation to entrants who are disruptive or do not follow the rules.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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