

Fine Art of Fiber 2026

November 6-8, 2026

Exhibit Rules and Requirements

ENTRY DEADLINE – Photos, Forms and Checks must be Received by ***Saturday, September 12, 2026.***

Entry & Acceptance Criteria

- ❖ Only current members of IQI, NSNG, or WGNS are eligible for submission. Members may submit more than one piece. Exhibit space, however, is limited and only one item per member is guaranteed acceptance.

Please read carefully – aspects of the Entry Process have changed for 2026!!!

1. Complete your Entry Form(s) online at Fineartoffiber.org
If you have multiple entries, each needs to be submitted on a separate form. In other words, if you have 3 entries, you will complete the online form, in its entirety, 3 times.
2. You will receive a separate email confirmation for each entry you submit, with a PDF copy of your entry attached. The confirmation may take several hours to arrive.

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 entry! Please contact Lori Grupp at lorigrupp@gmail.com or via text at 312 316 6632.

3. You will need to print a copy of each PDF and mail/hand deliver them, along with photos of your entries and **one check** for the total cost of your entry to:

Chris Deering
Fine Art of Fiber
7120 W Niles Ave
Niles, IL 60714

Include a check in the amount of \$10 for each Individual piece you submit and \$5 for each Group Project. (e.g., 3 Individual entries and 1 Group Project = One check for \$35.00.

Checks should be payable to Fine Art of Fiber. Checks are non-refundable.

Photos should be printed on 4" x 6" Photo quality paper. **Indicate the top of each photo.**

Chris Deering must receive all forms, photos and checks by Saturday, September 12, 2026.

- ❖ Entrants must have created most of the work on the item, and entries may not have been shown at any previous Fine Art of Fiber Show.

1. **Hanging work must have a rod pocket that stops at least 4" from each edge of the piece and is at least 2.5" wide. On small pieces, consider putting a single 4" opening at the center of the piece. Framed pieces should have a wire.** Please consult the guide "How to Prepare your Submission to Hang on a Wall in the Exhibit" under Member Forms on the Fine Art of Fiber website.
2. **Maximum length is 112 inches. Maximum weight is 15 pounds** unless you are available to hang your piece on Thursday, November 5. **If we are unable to safely hang your work, it will not be displayed.**
3. ***Before check-in, all items must have a completed pin-to-entry form attached. Items that are for sale must also have an exhibit sales tag.***
The ID number used on the tag and form will be assigned and e-mailed to you with your acceptance. Also, please be sure that the price you write on the tag and the original entry form are identical. If there is a conflict, we will charge the lowest price. We will be unable to exhibit or sell anything that does not conform to these requirements.
4. Accepted entrants are **required to volunteer for a minimum of 2.5 hours in the show area. Entrants who have pieces accepted for sale will be required to work an additional 2.5 hour shift.** These are exclusively Exhibit obligations and are in addition to any volunteer responsibilities in the Boutique. Additional volunteer shifts are encouraged.
5. Accepted pieces must be delivered to the Botanic Garden Regenstein Center the morning of **Thursday, November 5 by 11 a.m.** Be sure all your paperwork is complete before approaching the check in table. Items may be retrieved **after 5:45 pm, Sunday, November 8. Nothing will be released prior to 5:45.**

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 exhibitors who are disruptive or do not follow the rules.

If you have any questions, contact:

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