

April 20-23, 2017

fiber forum 2017

FALL 2015

A note from Ray

Fall is a time for reminiscing, Winter a time for planning and Spring a time for doing. Summer? Well we each wonder where it went and why so quickly. The April Conference of 2015 filled our heads and hearts with lots of ideas, renewed friendships and good memories that will hopefully inspire and last until we can gather again at Arrowmont in the Spring of 2017.

Spring of 2017? Why that's tomorrow! At least it is in the minds and hearts of Fiber Forum's active and dedicated Board of Directors and Planning Committees. If you listen carefully, you will hear the creative wheels and purring engines of anticipation roaring into action. At the helm is your current Chair, Kristen Nicholas, Kim Wall, registrar, Ruth Howe, workshops, Suzi Gough, past Conference Chair and me, Ray Pierotti, former member of the Board of SEFAA and volunteer Chair for Fiber Forum 2017. I was

also lucky to be one of 2015's workshop instructors, enjoying a return to a place that fully occupied my life during 1976-78 when I was the Director of Arrowmont, a beehive of legendary creative inspiration.

For those of you who have the burning desire to serve, offer constructive ideas or just want to "strut your stuff" on the boards of 2017, we'd welcome your input and volunteer help.

Though we've not set an overall theme we keep thinking about 'historical with a new twist', a number of traditional techniques along with some new directions. For those who would like to try their hand at several related techniques, we're toying with the idea of a workshop called "Potpourri" (multiple fiber processes over the span of 3 days). Excited? Come, get on board. And do reserve the dates on your calendar of April 20-23, 2017. Ray Pierotti

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SFFA 2017 Instructor and Key Note Speaker

Jon Eric Riis <http://www.jonericrois-studio.com>

Considered by many to be the nation's leading contemporary tapestry artist, Jon Eric Riis has perhaps more than any other artist taken the ancient craft of hand-woven tapestry to the level of important contemporary fine art.

Jon Eric Riis creates extraordinary works of woven silk and metallic thread with textured undulating surfaces of hand-stitched pearls, coral and glass beads.

Call for Instructors

Planning is underway for Fiber Forum 2017 to be held April 20 – 23, 2017 at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We are looking for workshop instructors and are hopeful that our members have someone in mind. Our goal is to offer a diverse, interesting, and well-balanced slate of workshops that include both new techniques and basic instruction so that all Fiber Forum participants will find workshops that intrigue and challenge them.

Is that You—or do you know someone who would like to share their knowledge and skills with Fiber Forum attendees.

Contact Ruth Howe at sffa2017@gmail.com for an application.

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