



**SPRINGFIELD FIBER ARTISTS**  
**LOCATION: THE LIBRARY CENTER**  
**4653 S. CAMPBELL AVE. SPRINGFIELD, MO**  
**MEETING DATE: APRIL 15, 2026, AT 6:30 p.m. IN ROOM B**

Hello Fiber Artists,

It was great seeing everyone in March. We had 19 regular members in attendance, 4 visitors, and our guest speaker, Doris Doucette, who shared her wonderful story as a fiber artist.

April will bring us several important activities, so you might want to make a list of what you need for our April meeting:

- A. It's time to pay our dues for the year 2026-2027. Our Treasurer, Barbara V., will be collecting dues in April or May. Please make your check payable to "Springfield Fiber Artists." The dues are \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for family membership, where members are residing at the same address. You may also pay in cash.
- B. SFA will be demonstrating individual fiber arts at the Gray Campbell Farmstead Fiber Festival on May 9, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Participants who wish to participate may arrive at 9:00 a.m. to set up their displays. A sign-up sheet will be available for members to sign if they plan to attend and what items are needed for their displays (number of tables, or half table, chairs, etc.). If you have a Springfield Business License, you may sell your fiber items.
- C. SFA members will be voting on a new slate of officers for the 2026-2027 year. They will start their terms beginning in May, but our new year will start in September. This will give the outgoing officers time to spend with the new officers, as they learn their duties for the coming year. The slate of officers are: President Debra Kohloff, Vice President: Karen Adams, Treasurer: Mardell Bontrager, Secretary: Pat Walden
- D. A free pass to the Walnut Street Arts Festival has been provided to SFA by the Springfield Regional Arts Council. Maybe you will be the lucky winner!

**SFA PROGRAM FOR APRIL: "NEW LEARN & NEW SHOW"**

This will be a roundtable interactive program with questions, thoughts, experiences, and hopefully, some answers to encourage yourself and the group as you travel your fiber journey. It will also be a great time to hear about what fiber art or craft you would like to learn in the future. We have so many talented (make that multi-talented) members, and this will give everyone a chance to participate. We are asking that you bring the following:

1. A fiber article that you have done using your favorite fiber (i.e. knit, crochet, spinning, weaving, quilting, etc.). This can be something old that you did long ago or new.
2. Any fiber article that you have made that you learned from a SFA program or workshop.
3. A fiber article that you consider a failure for you (finished or unfinished).
4. Your thoughts and advice to others about #3 above.
5. Your thoughts about what you would like to learn going forward in your fiber life.
6. Don't forget to bring something for "Show and Tell" too. It can be part of the program.

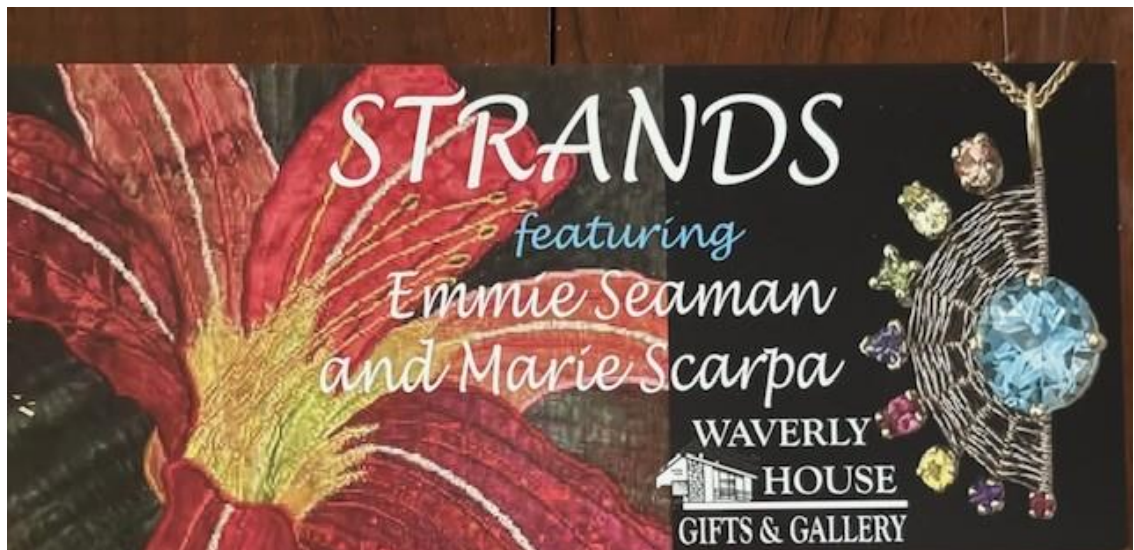
## SFA ADVANCED KUMIHIMO SUMMER WORKSHOP



HOT OFF THE PRESS: SFA summer workshop “ADVANCED KUMIHIMO” will take place on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Southside Senior Citizen Center. There will be a sign-up sheet in April and May for those wishing to attend. The workshop fee will be announced at the April meeting. Karen A. and Michelle K. will be our instructors, and they will be presenting an introductory “Beginner Kumihimo” during the program session in the May SFA Meeting. The photo above is what your advanced workshop efforts will create. Karen and Michelle will have several colors for you to choose from.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

SFA’s own, Emmie Seaman will be one of two featured fiber artists at Waverly House Gallery during April 3-25, 2026. The opening reception will be held April 3, 2026, in the evening as part of Springfield’s Art Walk the first Friday of each Month. Emmie’s exhibition is titled “STRANDS,” and features non-traditional fabrics, dye and surface designs. We hope each of you has a chance to visit Emmie’s exhibit.



## AREA EVENTS

### VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

#### MISSOURI MASTER GARDENERS CONFERENCE 2026

JUNE 4-7, 2026

OASIS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

PHONE 417-874-2963 – WEB: [info@mgreene.org](mailto:info@mgreene.org)

### PICKWICK STREET FESTIVAL

Date: June 6, 2026, at Pickwick and Cherry Streets, Springfield, MO

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fee: 13 & older is \$5.00 and 12 & under is free.

### SRAC SENIOR ART EXHIBIT

The “Senior Art Exhibit” will take place at the Juanita K. Hammonds Hall on the 4th and 5th floor through the month of April.

### MT. VERNON REGIONAL “NOT SO SQUARE ARTS FESTIVAL”

425 East Mt. Vernon Blvd, Mt. Vernon, MO

Date: April 25 - Admission is free

Website: [mtvernonregionalarts.org](http://mtvernonregionalarts.org)

### WALKING SPINNING WHEEL FOR SALE

Jolynn Thornton is selling her walking spinning wheel and asking \$80. If you are interested, you may reach Jolynn at 417-830-7619.



We hope to see each of you at our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Many Thanks,

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Vice President: Dardi Smith 417-840-7558

Treasurer: Barbara Vicente 610-212-7364

Secretary: Pat Walden 417-840-0747