

## MEDIA RELEASE

### ATLANTIC SPINNERS AND HANDWEAVERS – CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS OF FIBRE ARTS

### GULD EXHIBITION AT NOVA SCOTIA ARCHIVES

HALIFAX, NS (November 3-29, 2022)

The Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers guild (ASH) will launch their member exhibition, “Celebrating 50+ years of Fibre Arts” November 3 at 11:30am in the Chase Gallery at the Nova Scotia Archives, 6061 University Avenue, Halifax.

This gallery showing of handwoven and handspun articles features 127 works by 40+ participating members. The theme “Celebrating 50+ years of Fibre Arts” was a challenge to members to create works within thirteen categories of spinning and handweaving using personal inspirations and designs to celebrate. A full range of pieces from superbly crafted everyday household items to whimsical fibre skeins and wall hangings will be on display.

Along with awards within each of the thirteen categories, the Mary E Black Award of Excellence in Weaving and the Joan Throne Award of Excellence in Spinning will be presented to two exhibitors who showcase exemplary skill in these given fields. Visitors also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite piece. The People’s Choice Award will be presented at the end of the exhibit.

The show includes educational displays and member challenges to celebrate ASH’s 50<sup>th</sup> “Gold” Anniversary, plus a tea towel exchange and a wool breeders spinning challenge.

Throughout the month of November, members will be on hand at the gallery demonstrating spinning and weaving skills. Visitors are encouraged to view the exhibition works and speak with members about these ancient yet still vibrant textile arts. The exhibit will be open November 3 - 29 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday through Friday and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.

The Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers Guild, established in 1970, is a non-profit, member-based organization that carries on these traditional skills through education and participation. For further information, find us at [www.ashguild.ca](http://www.ashguild.ca), or email at [info@ashguild.ca](mailto:info@ashguild.ca) or [promotions@ashguild.ca](mailto:promotions@ashguild.ca).

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