

The Living Treasure Award

A Tribute to Outstanding Fiber Artists Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners

The Montana Association of Weaver and Spinners' (MAWS) Living Treasure Award is designed to recognize and honor MAWS members who have made outstanding contributions in the field of fiber arts. The award is bestowed biennially on a fiber artist who has demonstrated excellence in craftsmanship, provided leadership or has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, or who has contributed to the betterment and development of the fiber arts at the local, state, regional or national level. It is these Montana "treasures" to whom we wish to pay tribute.

The Living Treasure Award recipient is selected solely by the Living Treasure Committee which consists of MAWS board members.

Rules for Nomination

1. Any current MAWS member is eligible for nomination.
2. Nominees must be nominated by current MAWS members.
3. The MAWS Living Treasure committee must receive at least *two separate nomination submissions* for a nominee to be considered.
4. Each nomination must include a detailed resume of the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to the field of fiber arts. Guidelines for submission follow.
5. Nominations must be received by March 30th of a MAWS conference year.
6. Announcement of the award winner will be presented at the MAWS biennial conference.
7. Each honoree's name will be added to the MAWS Living Treasure Award plaque. Honorees will also be recognized on the MAWS website Living Treasure page. The completed nomination form must be submitted to the MAWS Living Treasure Committee chairman at the following address (hard copy), or digitally via email to: Susan Lohmuller, 3643 Lime Kiln Rd., Lewistown, MT, 59457 or susanlohmuller@gmail.com.
8. If you have questions, please contact: Susan Lohmuller, 406-538-2596
9. All decisions made by the MAWS Living Treasure committee are final.



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I hereby nominate:

To receive the MAWS Living Treasure Award, for outstanding contributions in the field of fiber arts in Montana. The following information is provided for consideration by the MAWS Living Treasure committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Please attach additional pages as needed.

- 1.** Please describe why you believe the nominee is worthy of statewide recognition by the fiber arts community. How does the nominee particularly excel? Especially note intangible values the nominee embodies that enhance the Montana fiber arts community.
- 2.** Describe the nominee's body of fiber work including evidence of outstanding productivity, creativity, craftsmanship, artistry, or diversity. Include pertinent history or educational development, if applicable.
- 3.** List activities which demonstrate that the nominee has been dedicated to sharing knowledge and skills with others, or has provided inspiration or service to the fiber arts community. Include teaching, lecturing, gallery exhibitions, businesses, blogs or websites, etc., that apply.
- 4.** Describe leadership activities at the local, state, regional or national level such as board positions, guild offices, etc.
- 5.** How has the nominee already been recognized and honored by the fiber arts community? Include specific awards, publication, and other recognition worthy of note.
- 6.** Is there any other pertinent information regarding the nominee that you believe the committee would benefit from knowing? Photos may be included.