



GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA DOCENT CONSORTIUM

GPADC Winter Meeting Fabric Workshop & Museum February 26, 2025

There were 19 members in attendance from the following member organizations: Free Library, Glencairn, Morris Arboretum, Pearl S Buck, Penn Museum, PMA, Philadelphia Zoo, Mutter Museum, & Woodmere.

We had short talks by several people from the Fabric Workshop:

Christina Roberts is a Master Printer and educator; she has been at the Workshop for over 30 years. She told us about the history of the museum which was founded by Marian Boulton Stroud in 1977. It is a contemporary Art Museum that has Apprentice programs for high school students, plus artists in residence programs that range from a few weeks to several years. There is a non-profit arm that works with several Philadelphia schools each year to bring art and print making to the city's youth.

Katie Parry, who helped organize our visit today, is the Educational Programs manager and told us about public tours and the staff that share the duties.

Frances Millar, the Visitor Services head, talked about creating tours for the various exhibits and the classes that are available at the museum on the weekends.

Our group had an insider look at some fabric printing going on as well as learning about the printing process. We then toured the latest exhibition entitled "Soft Cover" that covers works from 1977 to the present. The pieces were inspiring and prompted much discussion.

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