



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

October 2020

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

VFAG October Meeting Saturday October 3, 2020:

VFAG meeting is this Saturday **October 3, 2020 at 10:00**. The Palmer Library remains closed to the public so this meeting is **virtual via Zoom**. A couple important topics at the meeting will be the upcoming Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat at Camp Maranatha and the November Out of the Box sale.

To attend the 10:00 Saturday meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82084778490?pwd=RHV0WWE4OUJINy09obU1DYzNMOVEwUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 8477 8490

Passcode: 362139

To call in - Dial by your location
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

When you first link in you may be put into a waiting room. If so, wait patiently and you will be clicked through ASAP.

Membership dues: Big changes

At the May meeting the VFAG board announced changes to the VFAG policies to raise dues to \$30.00 per year and also changed the dues collection year to match the fiscal year which runs January to December. This means dues paid between now and December 31, 2020 apply to 2020 only, and dues paid January 1 – December 31, 2021 apply to 2021. If this causes a hardship for any current members, please contact President Natalie 907-312-3107. An account has been opened to take donations for helping others with membership fees. Donations can be made at <https://new.valleyfiberarts.org/home/guild-membership-dues/>

To Pay Dues or Make Donations:

- (1) Pay online at our website: <https://new.valleyfiberarts.org/home/guild-membership-dues/>
- (2) Attend a meeting and bring your payment.
- (3) Send a check to VFAG, PO Box 876098, Wasilla, AK 99687

When paying dues please be sure to include your email in order to receive the newsletter.

Upcoming Events for VFAG

Saturday, November 7, 2020 Valley Fiber Arts Guild Meeting

Unless the Palmer library opens to the public this 10:15 AM meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

October 23-25, 2020 Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat

The fall [Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat](#) (AFAR) at Camp Maranatha near Big Lake is open for registration.

Retreat Manager, Natalie Wolfe says activities will stay in compliance with COVID CDC requirements through the normal precautions and the Camp's operational safety plan approved by the State. Camp Maranatha has had a lot of success with its operating plan (which was approved by the State) and the normal safeguards will be in place. We encourage everyone to respect each other's choices to attend the retreat, or not. If you don't feel safe to attend, please don't. Natalie reminds us that this event is one that delights hearts rather than causes controversy.

Control-Click the registration address below to sign-up for this event:

[https://valleyfiberartsguild.regfox.com/fall-2020-afar.](https://valleyfiberartsguild.regfox.com/fall-2020-afar)

Future retreat dates:

2021: Spring: April 23-25

2021: Fall: October 22-24

Saturday, November 28, 2020: Out of the Box Sale:

Your attendance at this October meeting will help with making a decision whether to hold our annual "Out of the Box" sale. The sale is a chance for members to sell their handcrafted items to the public. The event is held at the Palmer Train Depot and open to the public. Sale organizer, Julia Lenz, is currently surveying committee members, VFAG members and potential vendors to learn their enthusiasm/concerns about attending this sale and will report what information has been gathered to date.

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