



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

December 2020

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

VFAG December Meeting Saturday December 7, 2020:

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild meeting will be **virtual** (via Zoom) this Saturday **December 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM.**

December's monthly meeting.

Our December meeting will be held via Zoom. Sadly, we do not get our usual potluck with a handmade ornament exchange. President Natalie, is keeping some fun and cheer of the season by having the "**Secret Sheepy Santa**" **gift exchange**. Natalie will pair people from the names submitted, then those two people will decide how to get presents exchanged. Gifts will be opened at the meeting.

Even at this late date if you would like to participate submit your name to Natalie at retreatdiva@gmail.com.

The general meeting starts at 10:00 AM, and the board meeting starts at 9:00 AM (any member is welcome to attend the board meeting using the same login information.)

To attend the meeting:

On your computer click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85491640747?pwd=cnpDMG5DQkISSVhzQ0VSSGEweWNSdz09>

Meeting ID: 854 9164 0747

Passcode: 091411

For phone access (audio only):

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85491640747?pwd=cnpDMG5DQkISSVhzQ0VSSGEweWNSdz09>

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

Future Meetings:

Until further notice our meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. The Palmer Library remains closed with no information on a possible reopen date. The board is looking into other affordable places in the Palmer or Wasilla area that will have the room to allow us to meet in person and properly social distance. The Wasilla Library has been suggested as a possible setting.

Technology Committee

At the November meeting a Technology Committee was formed to look into ways to use technology to make it easier for us to connect with each other, access other resources available, and to make our webpage more interactive.

Membership dues:

Dues collection for the year 2021 start in January. Dues are \$30.00 per year and cover membership from January to December 2021. **Note:** if you paid dues in 2020 they will carry through 2021.

To Pay Dues or Make Donations:

(1) Pay online at our website: <https://new.valleyfiberarts.org/home/guild-membership-dues/>

(2) 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.

Knit Night is Tuesdays via Zoom

On Tuesdays, through December we can meet to work on fiber projects, chat with each other, and get some inspiration to get a project started. Meetings are Tuesdays via Zoom, December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 19. Use the link below to join anytime between 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Topic: Tuesday at the Blues .. not
Time: Dec 1, 2020 04:00 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87441956193?pwd=SzZMYThpelU1SHN2REp4ZEpxVmpuQT09>

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Upcoming Events for VFAG

Scouring and Dye Workshop is being planned (no date set).

This a 2 day workshop will be taught by Tracey Eason at the Yule Farm. A survey will be sent out in December to poll for members who would be interested in taking this workshop in the first part of 2021. At this time there will be space for up to 6 people to be safely socially distanced.

Future Yarn/ swap or sell

Are you trying to de-stash or looking for the just right fiber/yarn for your next project? At the November meeting the suggestion was made that the guild hold a fiber and yarn swap/sell. This is being looked into for sometime in 2021.

Spinning Bee moved to Fiber Festival

Because of past low attendance and the fact that we will be unable to hold the Spinning Bee in February due to Covid, the board moved to hold the Spinning Bee as part of the next Mat-Su Fiber Festival in July.

Do you have an idea for a Zoom class?

The guild purchased a subscription to the Zoom program and it is available to be used to host classes. If you have an idea for a VFAG class or gathering that could be shared with the membership, contact Program Coordinator, Mabel Wimmer, mabelwimmer@gmail.com.

Share websites on fiber arts:

If you have found web sites of interest to our fiber art community that you would like to share send them to Julia Lenz at moor.lenz@gmail.com to have them put in the newsletter, or post on the VFAG Facebook page.

Wheel Doctor

This is a reminder that if your spinning wheel is giving you trouble, Dave Junge, "Der Veel Doktor", is available. He does not do house calls, so a trip to Anchorage is required but if that wheel is ailing he can help restore it to good health. There is no charge for parts or labor. Face masks are required and social distancing is practiced. So if your wheel requires servicing or repairs, call Dave at 907 345 7216.

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