



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

November 2020

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

VFAG November Meeting Saturday November 7, 2020:

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild meeting will be **virtual** (via Zoom) this Saturday **November 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. The Palmer Library remains closed to the public so this and future meetings will remain virtual until further notice.

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

VFAG has a new Vice President

At the October meeting we were disappointed to learn that Vice President, Alyssa Davis, had to vacate her position as she and her family are moving out of Alaska. We give a big welcome and thank you to Sharon Hein for stepping up to fill the board position of Vice President.

Cancelled: No Out of the Box Sale :

Another victim of COVID. Hopefully you received the recent email explaining that the Out of the Box sale had to be cancelled this year. This was a difficult decision but the majority of members surveyed indicated that they were more comfortable waiting until next year. Cancellation was made in time for the deposit to be rolled over to next year.

Membership dues:

Dues collection for the year 2021 start in January. Dues are now \$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.

Triangle Loom?

Looking for the triangle loom: Who has the guild triangle loom? If you have it please contact Sharon Hein at Sharon2earth@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events for VFAG

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Valley Fiber Arts Guild Meeting

This meeting most likely will need to be conducted via Zoom. Natalie has proposed we do a "Sheepy Secret Santa Gift Exchange". If you want to be part of the gift exchange send your name to Natalie at to president@valleyfiberguild.org subject line SSS. A reminder and any new information will be sent out after the November meeting.

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

Tracey Eason is working with Program Coordinator, Mabel Wimmer, and Yule Farm to provide a future Scouring and Dye Workshop. Tracey will be the instructor for the 2 day 8 hour per day workshop which will be held at Yule Farm. A date for the class will be set in the future once it is safe for us to gather socially.

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:

During this time when the guild is unable to gather, many of us are searching the web for inspiration and tutorials for furthering our fiber art skills. Do you have a favorite website for spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, crochet, etc.? Please share those sites with fellow

members. Send them to Julia Lenz at moor.lenz@gmail.com to have them put in the newsletter, or post on the VFAG Facebook page.

Here are some sites to start:

Folk art classes: <http://www.taprootfolkarts.com/>
Various craft classes: <https://www.craftsy.com/>
Rigid Heddle Classes: <https://yarnworker.com/>

Other Events:

Fairbanks Fiber Festival is Virtual in November

The Fairbanks Fiber Festival 2020 is going to be held virtually through the month of November. Below is information sent by festival organizers for you to get involved.

For general event information you can **sign up on their Website** (<https://www.fairbanksfiberfestival.com/>) to get information and schedules once they are available.

You can follow our **Facebook page** for information (<https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksFiberFest/>).

There is also an **Instagram page** (<https://www.instagram.com/fairbanksfiberfest/>)

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