



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

February 2021

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

February 6, 2021 Meeting Saturday

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild general meeting is this Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 10:15 AM via Zoom (login information is below). After the business meeting there will be show and tell and a door prize drawing. Then stay online to continue to visit and share ideas while working on projects or catching up with fellow members.

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VFAG Board meeting followed by General Meeting

Time: February 6, 2021 board meeting starts at 9:00 AM and general meeting at 10:15 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 854 9164 0747

Passcode: 091411

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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

Membership dues for calendar year 2021

Now is a great time to renew your membership. Dues are \$30.00 for the calendar year. Please join early to keep in touch with fiber news happenings.

To Pay Dues (\$ 30.00):

- (1) Pay online at website: <https://new.valleyfiberarts.org/home/guild-membership-dues/>
- (2) Send a check to VFAG, PO Box 876098, Wasilla, AK 99687
- (3) Via Venmo (VFAG is a member) by phone or email, but email is preferred.

Venmo payment information is:

valleyfibertarts@gmail.com

907-795-6235

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

Upcoming Events for VFAG

Not at the Blues Knit Nights are being held via Zoom every Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. You are free to come and go for any length of time you have to spare. Come and visit with fellow members and work on projects. Currently there is a door prize drawing at each meeting for attendees. If you would like a text message to remind you of the meeting send the text "Tuesday night blues reminder" to Sharon at 907-355-1857.

Wednesday Weavers are meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month via zoom 6:00-8:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend these meetings

The Spinning Bee that is usually held in February has been canceled.

March 6, 2021 VFAG monthly meeting, this meeting starts 10:15 AM Saturday, via Zoom.

Announcements

Ancient Textiles Show Evidence of royal purple dye:

Judy shared this link to a recent discovery of textiles from the Iron Age that are dyed royal purple.

<http://www.sci-news.com/archaeology/royal-purple-textile-09301.html>

Rug Loom for Sale:

Lynx sent this link to a Facebook message about a rug loom for sale in the Palmer area. They are asking \$400.00. Email contact is: Jennavanderweele@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/1836714906487870/>

Scarf Knitting Pattern

On the last page of this newsletter is the lace and fans pattern that we watched Tracey make into a scarf for a friend during past Tuesday night meetings. She has kindly submitted the pattern as many attendees requested.

Recipes

By popular request, Malin has sent in her chocolate tart recipe that was a big hit at one of our December potlucks.

Black Hound Tart

Make a pastry dough crust for 9" tart pan with a removable bottom. (I use a refrigerated ready-made crust since I don't make a pastry dough often enough to do it well)

Preheat oven to 350

Pecan filling:

*5 Tbsp unsalted butter
1/2c lightly packed brown sugar
3 Tbsp honey
2 Tbsp granulated sugar
2 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 Tbsp heavy cream
2 c pecan halves*

Combine the butter, sugars and honey in a saucepan and cook over medium-high heat stirring occasionally until it's smooth and comes to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer 2 minutes. Remove pan from heat and stir in cream and vanilla until blended. Mix in pecans until well coated. Spread in tart pan and bake 30-35 minutes until filling is bubbling all over and the pastry is golden brown. Cool completely.

Chocolate:

*8 oz semisweet chocolate, finely chopped
3/4 c heavy cream
2 Tbsp light corn syrup
1 tsp vanilla*

In a small saucepan, combine cream and corn syrup and cook over medium heat until it comes to a boil. Pour over the chocolate and let stand a few minutes to melt, then gently whisk to smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour the glaze over the tart and spread in an even layer. Chill until the glaze is set.

If you have a recipe to share please send to Julia Lenz at moor.lenz@gmail.com.

Collections of Spinning and Weaving Magazines will be housed at Fiber and Ice

A collection of spinning, weaving, and fiber arts magazines donated to VFAG by the Mylar Almandinger estate will be permanently housed at Fiber and Ice shop.

Extra skeins of Eggplant colored Lamb's Pride?

If any of you happen to have any extra skeins of Lamb's Pride bulky in an eggplant color, contact Marjorie Bellringer (windhavnalaska@gmail.com). She has a project that is desperately in need of completion.

VFAG Equipment?

If you have any Valley Fiber Arts Equipment, please contact Tracey Eason to let her know what that is and where it is stored. She is trying to inventory guild equipment and could use your help. Her email is tracey.eason@gmail.com.

Board positions to elect this year (in May)

Elections will be held at the meeting in May, but now is the time to start thinking about nominations for these positions on the VFAG board.

Vice President

Treasurer

News Editor position is open

VFAG events throughout the year (or at least high hopes for these to happen):

These are events we normally participate and sponsor throughout the year, of course, this year we will be vigilant about health safety and announce if any need to be cancelled. Volunteers are always needed at these events.

- February: Spinning Bee (cancelled)
- April: Spring Fiber Arts Retreat (Uncertain at this time, stay tuned.)
- May: Mother's Day at the Musk Ox Farm (Uncertain)
- June: Art on Fire (Unknown, but it is an outdoor event, so hopefully)
- July: Palmer Garden and Art Faire (An outside event, so it may happen)
- July: Fiber Arts Festival (currently planned to happen!)
- August: Alaska State Fair (Unknown at this time)
- October: fall Fiber Arts Retreat (Hopeful this will happen)
- November: Out of the Box Sale (Hopeful this will happen)

Board of Directors:

Officers

President: Natalie Wolfe, gmat71@yahoo.com

Vice President: Sharon Hein

Treasurer: Tracey Eason, tracey.eason@gmail.com

Secretary: Amanda Johnson, mandaj_29@yahoo.com

Volunteer Positions

News Editor: Julia Lenz, moor.lenz@gmail.com, cell: 907-519-9145

Historian: Judy Niemeyer, jweaves0610@gmail.com

Workshop Coordinator: Mabel Wimmer, mabelwimmer@gmail.com

PATTERN STITCHES

MOSS STITCH



Multiple of 2 sts.

Row 1 (Right side): (K1, P1) across.

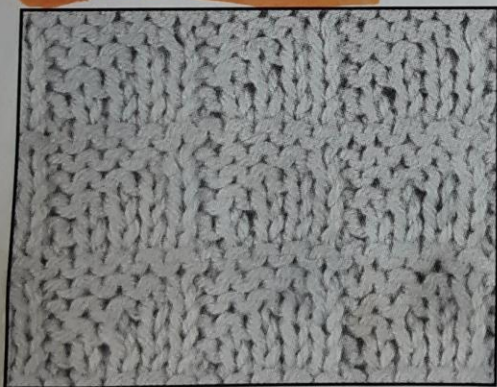
Row 2: (K1, P1) across.

Row 3: (P1, K1) across.

Row 4: (P1, K1) across.

Repeat Rows 1-4 for pattern.

DIVIDED BOXES



Multiple of 5 sts.

Row 1 (Right side): Knit across.

Row 2: (K1, P4) across.

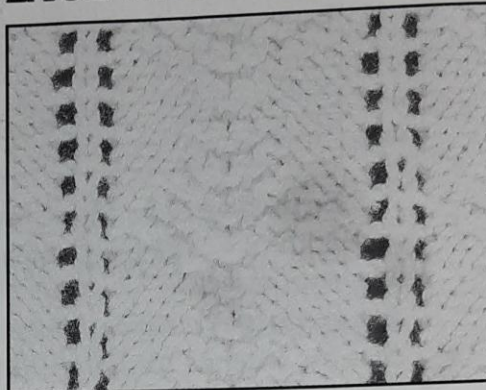
Rows 3 and 4: (K3, P2) across.

Row 5: (K1, P4) across.

Rows 6 and 7: Knit across.

Repeat Rows 2-7 for pattern.

LACE AND FANS



Multiple of 15 sts + 1.

Row 1 (Right side): K1, YO (*Fig. 7a, page 33*), K1, P4, P2 tog twice (*Fig. 9, page 33*), P4, K1, ★ (YO, K1) twice, P4, P2 tog twice, P4, K1; repeat from ★ across to last st, YO, K1.

Row 2: Purl across.

Row 3: K1, ★ YO, K2, P3, P2 tog twice, P3, K2, YO, K1; repeat from ★ across.

Row 4: Purl across.

Row 5: K1, ★ YO, K3, P2, P2 tog twice, P2, K3, YO, K1; repeat from ★ across.

Row 6: Purl across.

Row 7: K1, ★ YO, K4, P1, P2 tog twice, P1, K4, YO, K1; repeat from ★ across.

Row 8: Purl across.

Row 9: K1, ★ YO, K5, P2 tog twice, K5, YO, K1; repeat from ★ across.

Row 10: Purl across.

Repeat Rows 1-10 for pattern.