



# Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

March 2021

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

## MARCH IS NATIONAL CRAFTS MONTH

### March 6, 2021 Meeting Saturday

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild March meeting is **Saturday March 6 at 10:15 AM**. Via Zoom.

[The board will meet at 9:00 AM using the same link. The board meeting is an open meeting and any member is welcome to attend.].

### To attend via Zoom:

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

Topic: VFAG Board meeting followed by General Meeting

Time: 09:00 AM for Board Meeting and 10:15 AM for General Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85491640747?pwd=cnpDMG5DQklSSVhzQ0VSSGEweWNSdz09>

Meeting ID: 854 9164 0747

Passcode: 091411

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 854 9164 0747

Passcode: 091411

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kds4pFwVx9>

The board continues to look for venues where those whose wish can meet in person. The Palmer Library, where we usually meet, continues to be closed and the Wasilla Library meeting rooms are not open to public meetings at this time.

## Upcoming Events

### **Spring Fiber Arts Retreat 2021:**

April 23-25, the spring retreat will be held at Camp Maranatha. More information on registration and happenings will be coming from Retreat Diva Natalie later in March.

Future retreat dates:

2021: October 22-24

2022: April 22-24 and October 28-30

2023: April 21-23 and October 27-29

### Not at the Blues Knit Nights (every Tuesday)

You are free to come and go to this weekly meeting held every Tuesday via Zoom from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Members visit and work on fiber projects. 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 (twice monthly)

This group gathers to work on weaving projects and share weaving problems and tips. These meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month via zoom 6:00-8:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend these meetings even if you are not a weaver. If you would like a text message to remind you of the meeting send the text "Wednesday Weavers" to Sharon at 907-355-1857

### Future Events for VFAG

Upcoming VFAG events : These are events which we normally participate and sponsor throughout the year. This year we will be vigilant about health safety and announce if any need to be cancelled. Volunteers are always needed at these events.

\*April 23-25: Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat, Spring, April 23-25

\*May 9: Mother's Day at the Musk Ox Farm (Not scheduled, may not happen)

\*July 10: Palmer Garden & Arts Fair in Palmer (July 10, seeking volunteer to organize)

\*July 17-18 Fiber Festival at Alaska State Fairgrounds (this is happening!!!)

\*August 26-September 6: Alaska State Fair, fiber exhibits, judging, demos, exhibit booklet coming out in late March. Jude will send out registration for positions in July.

\*October 22-24: Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat, Fall at Camp Maranatha

\*November 27: Out of the Box Sale at the Palmer Depot

Note: Members can help make workshops and programs happen. If you have an idea for a program or workshop you would like to have happen, contact Program Coordinator, Mabel Wimmer, mabelwimmer@gmail.com.

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## Announcements

### Seeking nominees for Vice President, Treasurer, and volunteer for Newsletter Editor

At the May 2021 meeting we will elect new officers to fill the board positions of **Vice President** and **Treasurer**. The volunteer position of **Newsletter Editor** is also open. Consider stepping up to help out in one of these positions

## Guild Equipment Inventory in Progress

Currently guild equipment is stored at Michelle Olsen's residence in the Butte area. Vice President, Sharon Hein, is updating the inventory list. If you have guild equipment or supplies please contact Sharon at [sharon2earth@gmail.com](mailto:sharon2earth@gmail.com).

## Door Prizes:

At each monthly meeting a fiber related door prize drawing is held for those present. The door prizes can be donations from members. If you have a fiber related item you are willing to donate as a door prize, contact President, Natalie Wolfe ([gmat71@yahoo.com](mailto:gmat71@yahoo.com)).

## Membership dues for the calendar year 2021

Join the guild or renew your membership. Dues are \$30.00 for the calendar year so join early to keep in touch with fiber news happenings.

### To Pay Dues:

- (1) 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.  
Our Venmo payment information is:  
[valleyfibertarts@gmail.com](mailto:valleyfibertarts@gmail.com)  
907-795-6235

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

## Death of Dharma Trading Company founder

Many VFAG members have used Dharma Trading Company over the years and the company recently posted an article about the recent passing of founder Issac Goff:

**Early on February 13th, 2021, Isaac Goff, the founder of Dharma Trading Co., the CEO and president for the last 50+ years, finally succumbed in his long battle with prostate cancer. He passed peacefully in his own home, with his family nearby, as he wanted. Isaac is survived by Renee, his wife of 47 years, his two sons, David and Sampson, and his grandchildren. To read the whole article: <https://www.dharmatrading.com/home/dharma-trading-co.html>**

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## Board of Directors:

### Officers

President: Natalie Wolfe, [gmat71@yahoo.com](mailto:gmat71@yahoo.com)  
Vice President: Sharon Hein, [sharon2earth@gmail.com](mailto:sharon2earth@gmail.com)  
Treasurer: Tracey Eason, [tracey.eason@gmail.com](mailto:tracey.eason@gmail.com)  
Secretary: Amanda Johnson, [mandaj\\_29@yahoo.com](mailto:mandaj_29@yahoo.com)

### Volunteer Positions

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Historian: Judy Niemeyer, [jweaves0610@gmail.com](mailto:jweaves0610@gmail.com)

Workshop Coordinator: Mabel Wimmer, [mabelwimmer@gmail.com](mailto:mabelwimmer@gmail.com)