



# FIBER CONNECTION

## Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

### Upcoming General Guild Meetings

Note: VFAG Board Meetings start at 9:00, with general meetings starting at 10:15)

#### September

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 11  
**Time:** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location:** To Be Decided

#### October

**Date:** Saturday, Oct. 2  
**Time:** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location:** To Be Decided

#### November

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 6  
**Time:** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location:** To Be Decided

#### December

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 4  
**Time:** 10:15 a.m.  
**Location:** To Be Decided

### Upcoming Events

#### Fall Alaskan Fiber Retreat

**Date:** Oct. 22 - 24  
**Location:** Camp Maranatha, Big Lake  
**Retreat Theme:** Color theory  
**Manager:** Natalie Wolfe

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## Letter from the President

Are those leaves dropping and the quiet suggestion of pumpkin spice in the air? Wait, summer isn't over yet!!! I was at the fair last weekend and was loving all of the wonderful entries in the Fiber and Fleece area at Irwin Exhibits! Folks have really stepped up their game with submissions and ribbons this year. It always amazes me to see how much talent is displayed within the folks that are part of the Fiber Guild. You truly inspire creativity! If you haven't signed up to volunteer to spin at the fair, be sure to contact Jude Johnson to see if she needs help.

September 11 is our first meeting to kick off the 2021/2022 meeting calendar. I've had many individuals approach me about beginning to meet in person. The Board is considering all of the options. At this time the Palmer Library is not allowing meetings, so we're looking at alternative venues and discussing what the plans are; there will be more to come. We will continue to provide the ZOOM links for those who wish to not attend in person.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the fall Alaska Fiber Arts Retreat October 22-24 at Camp Maranatha at Big Lake. Information about the fall retreat and the sign-up link will be sent out soon.

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild has the mission of outreach and education, and we would like to hear your stories of being an ambassador for natural fiber arts. Do you have suggestions for how we can connect more in the Mat-Su community? We would love to hear them! Talk with you soon!

Natalie

(Events, continued . . .)

### Out of the Box Sale

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 27

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Palmer Train Depot  
Focus: provide VFAG members an opportunity to sell their quality handmade items. Volunteers will be needed to make this sale a success.

**Manager:** Julia Lenz

### Future Retreats

#### 2022

April 22 - 24

Oct. 28 - 30

#### 2023

April 21 - 23

October 27 - 29

### Officers and Volunteer Positions

In May, the Guild voted in new officers and volunteer positions.

#### Officers

**President:** Natalie Wolf

**Vice President:** Deb Johnson

**Treasurer:** Sabrina Strosin

#### Volunteer Positions

**Newsletter Editor:** Megan Ernst

**Historian:** Judy Niemeyer

**Workshop Coordinator:** Lynx Mullen

## Calling All Fiber Teachers

Do you have a fiber related skill that you love to share and teach to others? If so, you're in luck! Fiber n' Ice Alaska is organizing classes and looking for instructors in knitting, crocheting, spinning, felting, weaving, macrame, and anything else in the fiber arts field.

If interested, contact Kelly Schoolfield at (321) 733-0022 or via email at [schoolfield.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:schoolfield.kelly@gmail.com).



### Special Guild Notices & Requests

**Do you have workshop suggestions?** Lynx Mullen is looking to hear from members about what type of workshops they would like to attend and/or if anyone is interested in teaching a workshop.

**Good with technology?** The Technology Committee is looking for members with technology experience to help enhance the webpage and give the Guild more web expire If interested, contact Sharon Hein ([sharon2earth@gmail.com](mailto:sharon2earth@gmail.com)).

## Monthly Inspiration: Fair Isle!



In celebration of all things fair-related, this month's inspiration is this little Fair Isle hat that can be knitted up just in time for the weather to turn (into those not-so-fair temps). This free pattern comes from [Purl Soho](#).

The term "Fair Isle knitting" is often used to describe any type of multicolored geometric patterned knitwear.

However, traditional Fair Isle-style knitting comes from the remote island of Fair Isle, just north of Scotland. Similar to the history of knitting itself, much of the information surrounding the history of Fair Isle knitting comes from folklore. The story I've heard most tells of a ship from Spanish Armada that wrecked on Fair Isle in 1588. The community took the sailors in and in return the Spaniards taught the islanders the style of knitting we consider "Fair Isle." No matter what history you have heard, Fair Isle is fun to do!

If you decide to make this fun little hat, email the newsletter editor for highlight in next month's newsletter!

## May 1, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Natalie, Amanda, Julia, Judy, Sharon, Sandra, Marjorie, Barb, Juliet, Lynx, Helen, Kelsey, Michelle, Jude, Kristina, Megan, Michael, Sam, Carol, Deb

**Call to Order:** 1015

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Elections:

- VP: Deb Johnson
- Tres: Sabrina Strosin
- Newsletter: Megan Ernst
- Historian: Judy Niemeyer
- Workshop: Lynx Mullen

Events:

- Mother's Day at the Reindeer Farm
- Garden Art Faire: July 10 (Lynx)
- Jude will get the touch fiber stuff
- Fiber Fest
- Fair
- Fall Retreat: October 22-24; Color Theory
- November Sale (Julia)

Summer of Migration

Technology: Sam and Sharon

Every other week 630

Deb prize winner

**Adjourned:** 1107