



FIBER CONNECTION

Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

Upcoming General Guild Meetings

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

October

Date: Saturday, Oct. 2

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: Zoom

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

January

Date: Saturday, Jan.

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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Monthly Inspiration: Zapotec Weaving!

Most know about the ancient Mayan and Aztec people, but few know about the Zapotec. The Zapotec, known as the “cloud people” inhabited the Valley of Oaxaca, of whom we’ve inherited their one-of-a-kind weaving traditions. While there are many imitations out there, authentic Zapotec weavings are those made of colorful wool dyed from plants and animals, including a little insect called the cochineal beetle.



A beautiful read (sometimes variations including purple) comes from the bugs that are found in the cotton-like scale infesting cacti. While various types of looms are now used to make Zapotec textiles, they were originally done on a back-strap loom. If you are captivated by the colors and shapes of the picture, above, visit the [Mexico Stories](#) website, which shares the Zapotec weaving symbols and what they represent.

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. Fill out the [survey](#)!

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).

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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
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Future Retreats

2022

April 22 - 24

October 28 - 30

2023

April 21 - 23

October 27 - 29

Officers and Volunteer Positions

Officers

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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.



Show & Share Corner

Do you have a special something you made you would like to show? If so, send a picture to the newsletter editor to have it highlighted in the newsletter. Or, have you been out enjoying the world while knitting, weaving, spinning, etc.? You can always send in a picture of yourself doing something crafty!

Beef & Prunes Corner



Virginia Woolf, famous author *and* knitter said about fueling the creative juices: "The lamp in the spine does not light on beef and prunes." Of course, beef and prunes are actually pretty tasty, but if you have a delectable dish to share—sweet or savory—please send a recipe to share too! We all need new inspiration in the sustenance department as well!