

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

November

Date: Saturday, Nov. 6

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: Zoom

December

Date: Saturday, Dec. 4

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: Zoom

January

Date: Saturday, Jan. 1

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: To Be Decided

February

Date: Saturday, Feb. 5

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: To Be Decided

Upcoming Events

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.

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Letter from the President

The snow is here and winter has made its official arrival. With that, one more retreat is in the past, and it was a small but mighty group this year. We look forward to the Spring AFAR at Camp Maranatha at Big Lake. That retreat is April 22-24, 2022 and we are planning a Color Theory retreat. Lots of fun surprises and classes are in the works! I hope everyone is in a better place in the Spring to enjoy retreat.

Our next Guild meeting is November 6, we have struck out with an in-person venue so both the November and December meetings will be over Zoom. The board continues to look for in person meeting opportunities, so if you hear of available space please let us know. We will continue to provide the ZOOM links like normal. Given that, the December meeting will not be our traditional Christmas party but we will still have some fun surprises so be sure to join us!

The Tuesday night not at the Blues event lost its host volunteer so those meet up opportunities are on hold until a new host volunteer is found. If you are interested, reach out and let me know. Thank you for volunteering for your fellow Guild members.

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

Natalie

(Events, continued . . .)

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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Out-of-the-Box Guild Sale is Coming Nov. 27!

The annual Out-of-the-Box Sale is held every November as a venue for guild members to sell their handcrafted or “quality added” fiber art goods to the public.

Handcrafted goods are not limited to fiber arts, so if you have other handmade crafts you are welcome to bring them as well. In the past, we have had pottery, wooden items, jewelry, candles, jams, photography, beaded items, etc. You set the price on your items and you may have your own table (or not).

Because the success of the sale depends on the participation of Guild members, there are great opportunities to volunteer including setting up, helping with sales, and take-down.

If you are interested in selling or volunteering, contact Julia Lenz via text/call at (907) 519-9145 or via email at moor.lenz@gmail.com.

Celebration of Life for Vickie Cole

Many members of the Guild remember the very talented Vickie. She was one of the founding members of the VFAG and was a wonderful weaving instructor at Mat-Su College. She was a long-time Alaskan artist who greatly enjoyed sharing her love of pottery, archeology, painting, drawing, weaving, jewelry and so much more.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, November 1 from 6-7:30 at Band of Brothers. The address is 2050 N Merciful Circle in Wasilla. The family requests that instead of flowers, you donate to an art charity/program in Vickie's name.

Classifieds

Free! Pure Shetland Fleeces in black, light grey, and dark brown. If interested, contact Sonya Coughlin at (907) 521-6318 or at susitnavalley2000@gmail.com.

Beef & Prunes Corner: Mulling Spices

“The lamp in the spine does not light on beef and prunes.”

-Virginia Woolf, famous author *and* knitter.

Apple Butter Old Fashioned

Ingredients

- Coarse sugar, for the rim (optional)
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- Juice from 1/2 a lemon
- Dash of orange bitters
- 1 tablespoon apple butter
- 2 ounces bourbon
- Ginger beer or ginger kombucha, for topping
- Thinly sliced apples and cinnamon, for garnish

Instructions

1. If desired, rim your glass with coarse sugar.
2. In a cocktail shaker, combine the apple cider, lemon juice, orange bitters, apple butter, and bourbon. Shake to combine.
3. Strain into your prepared glass filled with ice. If desired, top with ginger beer. Garnish with cinnamon and apples. DRINK!



2 October 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Natalie, Julia, Judy, Megan, Deb, Amanda

9:09 Called to order

- Need to get Sabrina on the Bank account
- If the retreat has small numbers, there will be single rooms
- Everyone take a look at the job descriptions
- Property Inventory:
 - Deb
 - Catalog what we have
 - Jude Johnson's shed and drop spindles
- Rental Program:
 - Deb
 - We do have combs, but do not know if the rental has been paid the last couple of months
- Workshop survey
 - 20 responses
 - Love having them, but some feel they shouldn't have to pay because it is part of the dues
 - Natalie will clarify in next newsletter and gen. Meeting
- Technology Committee
 - Update??
- Future Meetings
 - November: zoom

- December: aim for inperson and zoom
- November Sale: Julia
 - Stephanie Bass is on board
 - On Small Business Saturday
 - Masks will be recommended
 - There will be a sanitizing station
 - Amanda find masks
 - Vendor Sign up
 - Julia to send to Megan and then to vendors
 - Guild Members: no vendor fee, but 15%
 - Non-members: ~~\$30~~ \$50 plus 15%
 - Move to make non members \$50 +15% (amanda, 2nd Deb) Passed
- Elections are coming up in May

9:52 Adjourned