

Meet the President—Tracey Eason



Member since: 2017

I was introduced to fiber arts by: My grandmother and great-grandmother taught me to embroider, crochet, and quilt (by hand, I wasn't allowed to use the sewing machine LOL) when I was very young. I remember making potholders when I was in third grade, and I don't even remember when I started crocheting. As I got older my interests broadened and I really fell in love with processing fiber and spinning. I always swore I would NEVER be a weaver, but this year I decided to get my own loom, so I guess I am weaving now too.

I was introduced to the guild through: Samantha Jamison introduced me to the guild at the fiber festival and told me all about the different opportunities and the retreat. I attended my first meeting and have learned so much from other members since that time!

Fiber arts I practice: Knitting, crochet, cross-stitch, fiber preparation, spinning, weaving.

What makes the VFAG special to me: I love our mission of educating and promoting the fiber arts. I personally have learned so much from other members and appreciate the guild so much for all the community engagement.

My goals as President are: To align us as a guild around projects to expand our education and promotion of the fiber arts. Of course I also plan to have some fun with some amazing people too!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

VFAG Does Not Meet In June, July, or August

September 10, 2022 @ 10am
Turkey Red

Guild Updates

Annual Meeting Recap

The guild's annual meeting was held at Turkey Red on May 7. The board had previously voted to have the meeting catered by Turkey Red and all in attendance enjoyed the brunch! Turkey Red has agreed to continue hosting guild meetings in their buffet room. As we ate we got down to business.

Elections were held for open positions, results are as follows:

President—Tracey Eason

Secretary—Amanda Johnson

Workshop Coordinator — Natalie Wolfe

Newsletter Editor—Grace Beargie

Departing President Natalie Wolfe was presented with a gift for her service. Natalie was President for 4yrs and steered the guild through the many challenges of the pandemic. Natalie is looking forward to continuing her service to the guild as workshop coordinator and she has big plans for some workshops at the fall retreat. After the business portion of the meeting we had a friendly crafting competition and designed toilet paper tube and cotton ball sheep. An innocent bystander was pulled in to decide the outcome and Sam Jamison was the big prize winner with a mermaid/ocean themed sheep.



Photo by Natalie Wolfe

Upcoming Events

Fiber Festival—July—
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Fall Retreat—October—
Camp Maranatha

Out of the Box—
November—Palmer Train
Depot

Summer Events

Mat-Su Valley Fiber Festival—July 16 and 17—10am-4pm Alaska State Fairgrounds

Contact Person: Tracey Eason

Contact Info: dragonflycreationsak@gmail.com

Tracey is looking for members to demonstrate drop spindling at the Fiber Festival. The guild has drop spindling kits prepared. There is no set schedule for demonstrating the drop spindles but Tracey and Natalie Wolfe will be at the festival both days.

Alaska State Fair— Multiple Opportunities

Contact Person: Jude Johnson

Sign up here [asf2022: ASF 2022 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/asf2022)

The judging panel for the fair is looking for volunteers to assist with entry submissions and other aspects of the judging process as well as entry pickups at the conclusion of the fair. During the fair there are opportunities to demo spinning in the Irwin Building. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer and this is also a great opportunity to learn more about fleece. The official sign up e-mail is attached to the e-mail with the newsletter.

Updates

Workshops

Incoming Workshop Coordinator Natalie Wolfe has some great ideas for upcoming workshops so stay tuned for updates! As always, keep an eye on the schedules at Yule Farm and Fiber N Ice.

Yule Farm: <https://yulefarm.squarespace.com/classes> or their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yulefarm/>

Fiber N Ice: <https://www.facebook.com/fibernicealaska/>

Fiber Festival

Don't miss the 2022 Mat-Su Valley Fiber Festival at the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer July 16 and 17! Festival organizer Michelle reports that the festival will be bigger and better than ever with new and returning vendors and food trucks. The festival will be packed with demos and workshops. Follow the event page on Facebook [Mat-Su Valley Fiber Festival | Facebook](#).

General Announcements and Points of Interest

Handweavers Guild of America presents Textiles & Tea for 2022

The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc's (HGA) interview series, Textiles & Tea takes place every Tuesday at 4PM ET. HGA has invited some of the most respected fiber artists in the field to join them for an hour long conversation where they will discuss their artwork and their creative journey. HGA invites you to make a cup of your favorite tea and listen in as they talk about fiber, creativity, inspiration, process, and so much more. Textiles & Tea is broadcast via Facebook Live and Zoom. Cost: Free [Textiles & Tea - Handweavers Guild of America \(weavespindye.org\)](#)

Fiber for Sale

Jo Daugherty has multiple bags of wool for sale. Some is unprocessed and some is ready for spinning. If interested please contact her at watson23@gci.net.

Fairbanks Fiber Festival

The Fairbanks Fiber Festival is back in person this year on October 8th and 9th in the Civic Center at Pioneer Park. The vendor application process is online this year and there will be demos and workshops. If you have any interest in vending, volunteering, demonstrating, or a workshop contact Becky Hammond at becky@whitefireweedfarm.com.