



Welcome Back!

Congratulations to all of our members who entered into the Alaska State Fair! It was a pleasure to see all of your projects on display and to see so many of them with ribbons.

The following members were awarded champion ribbons:

Sally Hoople in Division 3 with a brown, gray and green striped rug.

Susan Whiton in Division 9 with a charcoal fiber batt.

Lynx Mullen in Division 17 with handspun/handknit socks in purple and white and Division 28 with a purple, teal and white skirt.

Helen Caroll in Division 18 with rainbow striped socks and Division 20 with a lace knitted sweater in grays.

Kelsey Gerke in Division 19 with a handspun/handknit sweater in natural with color accents.

Debbie Johnson in Division 35 with wool fiber dyed with henna and Division 23 with a dachshund and lab x stitch pattern.

Natalie Wolfe in Fleece Division 2 with a Cormo Rambouillet fleece.

And these members were awarded special awards:

Sally Hoople won Judge's Choice for a rug with army blanket weft.

Debbie Johnson won the Anchorage Weavers and Spinners Guild Special Award with merino/silk handspun with blue and other colors.

Tracey Eason won the Fiber N Ice special award with rolags in pastels.

Julie Carter won the Valley Fiber Arts Guild special award with a double weave table runner in rainbow.

Natalie Wolfe won Best of Show – Fleece Special Award Presented from Northland Pioneer Grange with a Cormo Rambouillet fleece.

Michelle Olsen won Judge's Choice with a Corriedale Rambouillet Wether Fleece and Superintendent's Choice with a Romney Ram fleece.

Emily Gelino-Bequette won Longest Staple with a Wether fleece.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 10, 2022
10am
Turkey Red

October 1, 2022
10am
Turkey Red

November 5, 2022
10am
Turkey Red

Guild Updates

Upcoming Meeting

Tracey Eason is stepping down as guild President and we will be holding a special election to vote in a new president at the next meeting. Thank you Tracey for stepping up during the last election cycle and for holding the guild together over the summer. All other officers remain as follows:

Vice President: Debbie Johnson

Treasurer: Sabrina Strosin

Secretary: Amanda Johnson

Newsletter Editor: Grace Beargie

Historian: Judy Niemeyer

Workshop Coordinator: Natalie Wolfe

If you have not paid your dues you can always bring a check to meetings or pay online through the guild website. [Home | Valley Fiber Arts Guild \(square.site\)](#). Dues run on the calendar year. There have been a few rounds of dues reminders but if you have a question about your dues please reach out to a board member or the guild e-mail address.

If you haven't looked at the guild website lately consider visiting. Tracey worked this summer on giving the website a bit of a refresh. There's now a calendar of events, updated descriptions, and links to previous newsletters. The guild is always looking for members who are willing to serve on the technology committee.

Turkey Red has agreed to continue allowing the guild to meet in their banquet room. Turkey Red is located at 550 South Alaska St. in Palmer, Alaska. We will also continue offering a Zoom meeting link for all meetings.

Upcoming Events

Fall Retreat—October 21-23 —Camp Maranatha

Out of the Box—
November 26—Palmer
Train Depot

Upcoming Fall Events

Fall Retreat at Camp Maranatha

Retreat Diva Natalie Wolfe is looking forward to welcoming everyone to Camp Maranatha in Big Lake from October 21-23 for the fall Fiber Arts Retreat. This retreat has a special focus on color theory and Natalie says she has some exciting workshops planned on the topic. Keep an eye on your e-mail and social media as Natalie says that registration links will be coming out soon. If you have not been to retreat before there's a retreat recap in the May 2022 newsletter that has some great info for first timers or reach out to Retreat Diva Natalie with any questions you may have.

Out of the Box Sale

The Guild's annual "Out of the Box Sale" is on schedule for Saturday November 26 at the Palmer Train Depot from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This sale is held once a year for members to sell their handmade products to the public. Some members have numerous items and vendor a table themselves. Or for those members who have a small quantity of items to sell there are a couple tables available for displaying those items for sale. As long as you are a guild member there is no charge for a table but the Guild commissions 15% of each sale.

If you don't have anything to sell you are still welcome to attend the sale and/or volunteer to help with the setup/cleanup, or help on the sales floor.

More information will be provided at the September meeting and sent out in future newsletters. If you have questions about the sale, wish to volunteer, or wish to have a table please contact sale coordinator, Julia Lenz, via email: moor.lenz@gmail.com ; or call/text cell: 907-519-9145.

Thanks to Julia Lenz for this write up and the photos!



Updates

Workshops

Workshop Coordinator Natalie Wolfe has prepared a workshop schedule for the upcoming year. She's looking forward to presenting the schedule at an upcoming meeting and there will be more details in next month's newsletter.

Public Outreach and Education

The guild is frequently contacted by individuals looking for resources for fiber arts education and the guild would like to continue our efforts for public outreach. Look for upcoming volunteer opportunities in these areas.

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 \(weavespindye.org\)](https://www.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.

Fiber Transportation

Natalie Wolfe will be traveling to Fairbanks on September 17th and will be taking fiber to Coyote Trails Fiber Mill. Natalie has offered to transport fiber **to the mill** for anyone interested. Bring your fiber to the next meeting OR make special arrangements with Natalie (907-312-3107). All fiber must be bagged and tagged with the following information: your name, number, and what you want done with the fiber. Current processing time is 2-4 months. **You are responsible for picking up your finished job.**

Fairbanks Fiber Festival.....

The Fairbanks Fiber Festival is running from October 8-9 in person in the Civic Center in Pioneer Park (2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM). See their website for more information: <https://www.explorefairbanks.com/event/2022-fairbanks-fiber-festival/6631/>