



## Member Spotlight—Tracey Eason

Tracey Eason claims to be boring, but evidence uncovered by this humble writer strongly suggests otherwise. Because she's basically a superhero trying to disguise herself like Clark Kent behind fabulous hair and glasses.

In her day job, she is a trainer at the Child Welfare Academy, where she teaches other people how to be advocates for the innocent. Tracey is married with two children, loves animals, and is a jet setting international spy for the CIA. Just kidding, ignore that last part for safety reasons. My safety mostly, as while I am typing this I can feel the satellite overhead zeroing in on my position.

Anywaaay! Fiber arts! Tracey (who is definitely absolutely a regular person with no top secret security clearance) lives to blend different fibers together in colorful rolags that she sells by the ounce to the rest of us fiber junkies. She loves the process of starting from a fresh fleece straight off the sheep, going through all the steps by hand to make a wonderful product for spinning or felting. Tracey learned how to crochet at a very young age from her grandmother and great grandmother, and has been learning and having fun with fiber arts her whole life, including most recently picking up learning bobbin lace.

She wants to someday go on a fiber tour of Ireland, but in the meantime she's contenting herself with making sure that anywhere she travels there's at least one yarn shop within spitting distance.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 3, 2022

10am

Turkey Red

January 7, 2023

10am

Turkey Red

Valley Fiber Arts Guild  
General Meeting Agenda  
**December 3, 2022**

Welcome & Sign Ins

Brown Bag Gift Exchange (bags available, table for bags)

Approve November Minutes As Published in the Newsletter

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Events & Committee Updates

Recap November Fleece Prep Workshop

Upcoming December 10 & 11 Spinning Workshop- Natalie

November Sale Recap & Celebration- Julia & Tracey

Technology Updates (website: calendar, resources page, workshops)

Community Connection Opportunities on Website Calendar

New Business

Today's Plan after Adjournment

Next Month's St. Distaff's Day Plan

Adjournment

Door Prize

Show & Tell (including Zoom participants)

After Meeting Program-

Brown Bag Gift Exchange

Catered Luncheon

Bobbin Lace Demo's and creating time

## Upcoming Events

December 3—General Meeting—Turkey Red

December 10—Intro to Spinning—Turkey Red

December 11—Advanced Spinning—Turkey Red

January 7—General Meeting—Turkey Red

I may have found a hole  
in my sock....

Darn it

## Updates

### Workshops

This year's workshops will center around a new division for the Alaska State Fair called Fleece to Finish. Each workshop will include a skill necessary to complete a project from a raw fleece. Some workshops will be held in conjunction with the Anchorage Spinners and Weavers Guild.

**Introduction to Spinning Fiber—December 10 at Turkey Red 11am-2pm** with Laurie Sitkiewicz. Join us for a beginning class for learning to spin fiber. In this class you will learn the parts of the spinning wheel, why you would want to spin your own fiber, types of fiber preparation, fiber preparation tools, and how to make a beginning single. Including, what makes a good single and how to join a break. Supplies you will need are a working spinning wheel, 2-3 bobbins, a lazy kate, and a niddy noddy. All other supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 10 participants. Cost \$65

**Next Step Plying—December 11 at Turkey Red 11am-2pm** with Laurie Sitkiewicz. This class is all about next level plying. In this class you will learn why you would ply your fiber, plying principles, Types of plying and why you would use them, 2 ply, 3 ply, and Novelty to include soft plied with fine, change of angle of hands, Knop yarn, Boucle, Cable, and Crepe. Supplies needed: Working Spinning Wheel, 3-4 bobbins, Lazy Kate, Niddy Noddy. Space is limited to 10 participants. Cost \$65

## General Announcements and Points of Interest

### Local Meetups

**Common Threads**— Resumed meeting on September 23 and will continue meeting every other Friday at Noon at the Sutton Public Library. For more info call the Library at 907-861-7640. Updates are posted to the Sutton Library Facebook.

**Stitch Social**—Facebook group that hosts in person events. Join the group to RSVP to their next event. Locals and House of Bread are favorite meeting locations.

**Monthly Yarning Meet Up**—Once a month meet up at Black Birch Books. Follow the book shop on Facebook for announcements.

**Monday at the Blues**—Join VFAG for an informal meet up every Monday from 5-7 at Vagabond Blues in Palmer.