



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

January 2024

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

January Meeting

The general meeting is Saturday Jan 6, at 10:00 AM in the Turkey Red Banquet Room, 550 S. Alaska Street, Palmer.

Valley Fiber Arts Guild
General Meeting Agenda (10am Turkey Red Banquet Room)
January 6 , 2024

I. Welcome & Sign-Ins & Announcements

II. Approve December Minutes

III. Old Business:

A. Board Updates

1. Dues for 2024

B. February Spinning Bee February 24th from 10am-3pm in the Turkey Red Banquet Room

C. 2024 Committee Signups

IV. New Business

A. Reading of 2023 Fiber Goals, Making of 2024 Fiber Goals

V. Adjournment

V. Show & Tell

V. After Meeting - Make drop spindles and assemble drop spindle bags for education outreach

It's a new year and time to pay annual dues:

Dues for 2024 are \$30.00 for both new or renewing members. Your options to pay are:

(1) Pay online at our website: <http://www.valleyfiberarts.org/>

(2) Attend the meeting.

(3) Send a check to VFAG, PO Box 876142, Wasilla, AK 99687

When making your payment please be sure to include your email in order to receive the newsletter. If you have paid your dues but are not getting the newsletter, please contact Julia Lenz at moor.lenz@gmail.com.

Opportunity for employment at Yarn Shop in Palmer

Becca's Alpacas shop has a storefront in downtown Palmer. We are looking for a person to support Becca in her shop approximately 2 days per week. Becca's care provider is the

employer. Please contact Kelly Godwin at 907 727-3442 / kgallely@gmail.com if interested. Must pass a background check.

Board positions open for election this year (in May)

Time to start thinking about nominations for these positions on the VFAG board.

President

Secretary

Workshop Coordinator

Upcoming Events for VFAG

Spinning Bee: Saturday, February 24, 2024:

The annual spinning bee will be held at the Turkey Red banquet room 10 AM – 3 PM. This event is both the chance to gather and spin with fellow members and an educational outreach to teach spinning to the valley community. Volunteers are needed to come spin and help teach spinning to visitors.

Future Workshops

The Workshop Coordinator, Natalie Wolfe, is working on setting up workshops for the 2024 year, so stay tuned for some exciting learning events!

There was a full and successful Knitting Machine 101 workshop completed in December and Natalie, will look into scheduling another at some point soon.

She is also working on setting up an Advanced Plying class some time in March. Keep coming to meetings and watching the newsletter.

If you have an idea for a certain workshop you would like to see, or if you are willing to teach a class or workshop, contact Natalie (gmat@gmail.com; phone: 907-312-3107)

Announcements

Next VFAG meeting is February 3, 2024.

This meeting will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Turkey Red Restaurant in Palmer.

VFAG 2024 Year-at-a-Glance 2024

See the bottom of this Newsletter to view the Year-at-a-Glance: [VFAG 2024 Calendar](#).

Online VFAG Swag Store Up and Running

Don't forget you can order your own VFAG swag in the form of T- shirts, hoodies, aprons or totes. Click this link to view the goods and order : www.hiresgraphicsak.com/valley-fiber-art-guild

Committee sign-up opportunities for VFAG events throughout the year:

Upcoming VFAG events: These are events which the guild sponsors or participates in throughout the year. Volunteers are always appreciated to help at these events.

- *February 24: [Spinning Bee](#) (outreach and gather to spin and teach others to spin)
- *May 4: [VFAG meeting catered lunch with election of new officers](#)
- *May 12: [Mother's Day at the Musk Ox Farm](#) (demo spinning or fiber art of your choice)
- *April: [Spring Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat](#)
- *July 13 [Palmer Garden and Arts Faire](#) in Palmer
- *July 20 [Fiber Festival](#) at Alaska State Fairgrounds (third weekend of July)
- *August-September [Alaska State Fair](#), .
- *October: [Fall Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat](#),
- *November 23: [Out of the Box Sale at the Palmer Depot](#)
- *December 2: [VFAG meeting catered brunch and gift exchange](#)

Board of Directors:

Officers

President: Kelsey Gerke, knitwitak007@gmail.com

Vice President: Valerie Groseclose; groseclosevr@gmail.com

Treasurer: Tracey Eason, tracey.eason@gmail.com

Secretary: Amanda Johnson, mandaj_29@yahoo.com

Volunteer Positions

News Editor: Julia Lenz, moor.lenz@gmail.com

Historians: Malin Campbell, Linda Loven, Julia Lenz

Workshop Coordinator: Natalie Wolfe, gmat71@yahoo.com

Year at a Glance:

Valley Fiber Art Guild 2024 Calendar

January

January 6th, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Dues Reminder
Goals for the year- Committee Sign-ups
New Year's Declarations read and made
Show-n-Tell
After Meeting Program: Make Drop Spindles for St. Distaff's Day

February

February 3, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Show-n-Tell
After Meeting Program: TBA

February 24, 2024 Spinning Bee: 24th from 10am-3pm in the Turkey Red Banquet Room

March

March 2, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Show-n-Tell
After Meeting Program: TBA

April

April 6, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Board Nominations Committee
Spring Retreat at Camp Maranatha in April, Date: TBA
Show-n-Tell
After Meeting Program: TBA

May

May 4, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Board Elections and Catered brunch
Plan Summer events – [Musk Ox Farm Mother's Day, Garden & Art Mid-Summer Fair, Matsu Fiber Festival, Alaska State Fair, etc.]
May 12, 2024 Mother's Day at the Musk Ox Farm

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June

No meeting

July

No meeting

July 13, 2024: Garden & Art Mid-Summer Fair in Palmer, Date: TBA

July 20-21, 2024: Matsu Fiber Arts Festival – Sheep to Shawl at State Fairgrounds

August

No meeting

Alaska State Fair - Entry dates: TBA

Alaska State Fair: Judging date: TBA

Alaska State Fair: Fiber arts demonstrations throughout the fair

September

September 7, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Show-n-Tell

After Meeting Program: TBA

October

October 5, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Planning for November Sale, November 23
Fall Retreat, Date: TBA
Show-n-Tell

After Meeting Program: TBA

November

November 2, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Planning for November Sale- Last minute details
Show-n-Tell

After Meeting Program: TBA

November 23, 2024 *Out of the Box Guild Sale* at Palmer Train Depot, Setup at 8am. Sale runs 10am-4pm

December

December 7, 2024 9:00 am board meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
10:15 am general meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room
Holiday Brunch Meeting
Gift Exchange/Show and Tell