



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Newsletter

September 2024

Matanuska Susitna Valley Alaska

SEPTEMBER BRINGS AUTUMN AND APPLES

September Monthly Meeting

The monthly Valley Fiber Arts Guild meeting is **Saturday September 7th starting at 10:00 AM** in the banquet room of Turkey Red Restaurant in Palmer, 550 S Alaska Street.

Workshop Coordinator, Natalie, will be introducing & starting an exciting new monthly workshop plan for a fleece preparation/spinning - sheep breed study for uncommon Alaskan breeds. Come learn the details.



Completed baby blanket squares for Valerie's baby. At right is the group at May 2024 Meeting

Sheep to Shawl at July's Fiber Festival



Dyed fleece to Drum carder to Spinning



Weaving, off the loom, at the State Fair

Thank you to all the participants with a special thank you to Nancy Krebs and Lisa Krebs-Barsis for digging in and carding all that fiber for the spinners. It was a real learning experience for us all. Excellent job to everyone.

Upcoming Events

Fall Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat

October 18-20th at Camp Maranatha. More detail will be out soon.

Out of the Box Annual November Sale:

Saturday November 23. Take note that this year it is the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Knit Nights (every Monday)

You are free to come and go to this weekly informal gathering of fiber enthusiasts every Monday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Vagabond Blues. All are welcome to come visit and work on knitting or other portable fiber projects.

List of VFAG Events of Note Throughout the Year

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

- *October 18-20: [Fall Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat](#), at Camp Maranatha
- *November 23: [Out of the Box Sale at the Palmer Depot](#)
- *December 7: [VFAG meeting catered brunch and gift exchange](#)
- *February: [Spinning Bee](#)
- *April: Spring [Alaskan Fiber Arts Retreat](#) at Camp Maranatha
- *May: [VFAG meeting with election of new officers](#)
- *May : [Mother's Day at the Musk Ox Farm](#)
- *July: [Palmer Garden and Arts Fair](#) in Palmer
- *July [Fiber Festival](#) at Alaska State Fairgrounds (third weekend of July)
- *Aug-Sept : [Alaska State Fair](#), .

Note: Members can help make workshops and programs happen. If you have an idea for a program or workshop you would like to have happen, contact Program Coordinator, Natalie Wolfe (gmat71@yahoo.com).

Announcements

Remember the Online VFAG Swag Store:

Here is the link to order Valley Fiber Arts Guild shirts, hoodies, aprons or totes:
www.hiresgraphicsak.com/valley-fiber-art-guild

Door Prizes:

At each monthly meeting a fiber related door prize drawing is held for those present. The door prizes can be donations from members. If you have a fiber related item you are willing to donate as a door prize, contact President, Natalie Wolfe (gmat71@yahoo.com).

Membership dues for the calendar year 2024

Join the guild or renew your membership. Dues are \$30.00 for the calendar year so join early to keep in touch with fiber news happenings.

To Pay Dues:

- (1) Online at website: <https://valleyfiberarts.org/>
- (2) Send a check to VFAG, PO Box 876098, Wasilla, AK 99687

When paying dues please be sure to include your email in order to receive the newsletter.

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