

October 2025



Monthly Newsletter - Print Version

MATSU VALLEY, ALASKA

I jumped at the opportunity to help Sharon Hein with a dying class last month at the Anchorage Guild Meeting - many thanks to the Anchorage Spinners and Weavers Guild and the generous (anonymous) sponsors of the event!

- Teri

The 2025 Out of the Box Sale is coming up soon!

The Out of the Box sale will be Saturday November 29th from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Palmer Train Depot. If you are interested in selling at a table contact Julia Lenz 907-519-9145 or email: moor.lenz@gmail.com. Julia will be at the October meeting to answer questions.

Kelsey's Korner

Don't forget the "challenge yourself" challenge that is due at the October meeting- Kelsey will have a prize for the winner (we'll do anonymous ticket voting).

Treasurer's Report

Money Market: \$12,316.51
Checking: \$5,302.64
Savings: \$37.87
Total: \$17,657.02

Reminder that dues go from January to December

September 6, 2025 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting at Turkey Red Banquet Room

October 4, 2025 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting: After Meeting Program: TBA; Planning for November Sale
October 17-19 Fall Retreat at Camp Maranatha

November 1, 2025
9:00 am Board meeting 10:15 am General meeting: After Meeting Program: TBA;
Planning for November Sale
November 29th, 2025 (10am-4pm)
Saturday Out of the Box Guild Sale at Palmer Train Depot (setup at 8am)

December 6, 2025 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting: Catered Holiday Brunch; After Meeting Program: Gift Exchange

January 3, 2026 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting: After Meeting Program: Spin In for St. Distaff's Day; Dues Reminder; New Year's Declarations read and made

February 7, 2026 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting: After Meeting Program: TBA
February ?, 2026
Spinning Bee

March 7, 2026 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting: After Meeting Program: TBA

April 4, 2026 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15am General meeting: After Meeting Program: TBA
Board Nominations Committee
April ?, 2026 Spring Retreat TBA

May 2, 2026 9:00 am Board meeting
10:15 am General meeting: Board Elections of President, Secretary, and Workshop Coordinator;
Catered Spring Brunch; Summer Events Planning
May ?, 2026: Dye Day
May 10, 2026: Musk Ox Farm Mother's Day



Blast from the past

Remember that time we met last month?
Just in case you missed the fun or you've slept since then, here's a recap:

OUR BOARD

President: Kelsey Gerke

Vice President: Nancy Krebs

Secretary: Amanda Johnson

Treasurer: Margaret Brown

Communications: Teri Schweitzer

Historian/Member at Large: Linnea Nystrom

Workshop Coordinator: Natalie Wolfe

To contact the guild or the board please email:

info@valleyfiberarts.org

6 SEPTEMBER 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

Attendance: Linnea Nystrom, Julia Lenz, Sam Jamison, Amanda Johnson, Emily Philips, Nancy Krebs, Stephanie Bass, Debbie Johnson, Nicole Fernandez, Christine O'Conner, Kristina Kavich, Valerie Groseclose, Kelsey Gerke, Jude Johnson, Sharon Hein, Ute Olsson, Maggie Brown, Adriane Weatherby, Lisa Krebs, Borsis, Annette Barn, Juliet Bartolo, Amy Durgeloh, Judy Cadra, Teri Schweitzer, Kristen Sharp, Tuleua Huddalesteu, Helen Carrali, Shannon vomThr, Sommer Snyder, Lieselotte Larson, Linda Loven, Marjorie Bellringer, Judy Niemeyer, Pat Miller, Michaele Hannon, Dawn Sloan, Jessica Newton, Shiloh Morrison, Tina Osgood, Jennifer Jennings, Gwendolynne Teutsch, Jenness Ellett

10:06 Called to Order

Move to Approve the Minutes (Valerie Groseclose, Sharon Hein (2nd))

Summer Recap

- o Mother's Day at the Musk Ox Farm
- o More people from the guild than ever—great turn out
- o Fiber Fest
 - o 40 Vendors
 - o 19
 - o Food Trucks
 - o 2026 Fest will be 18-19 July
- o State Fair
 - o Over 1000 hours demoed
 - o 65 volunteers
 - o Total entries: 240 (+60 from 2024)
 - o Fair 26
 - o Buildings will be open until 10pm
 - o Tear down will be Tuesday

Recap of 2024-2026

- o Spinning Bee
 - o Out of the Box
 - o Workshops were all sold out
 - o Meetings were all 30+ people
- This year is to Challenge Yourself, Come out of your comfort zone for the October Meeting

Goals for 25-26

- o Future Vision
- o What is the Guild's Vision

Treasure's Report

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- o Savings: \$37,87
- o Total: \$17,529.04

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Communication Report

- o Newsletter would like to include
 - o Articles
 - o Snow n' tell
 - o Stories and adventures
 - o Please share with Teri at info@valleyfiberarts.org

Mentor Directory

Available at meetings if you would like to be a part, fill out a slip.

- o Sheep Breed was a huge success
- o This Year Exotic Top Study
 - o Lotus flower
 - o Banana fiber
 - o Milk protein

- o Starting in October (about 30 members interested in it)

- o Fall Retreat
 - o Camp Maranatha 17-19 Oct
 - o Fleece prep workshop

See Nancy for interest in workshops after meetings

Reminders and announcements

- o State Fair pick up
- o Oct 4 next meeting
- o Sharon Hein
 - o Spin and Ski
 - o 20-22 Feb 2026
 - o Registration will come out soon
- o Fiber n' Ice Sip and spin first Saturday
- o Toadly wild will have classes at Fiber n' Ice
- o Henry Banks brought in his wife's books
 - o Sutton Library
 - o 12 Sept 12-2
 - o Continues every other Friday
- o Work in Progress night
 - o Monday nights from 5-7 @ Vagabond

Nancy Krebs

- o What is the true cost of the rental program, follows with the Goal of "Visions"
- o Out of the Box
 - o 10-4
 - o 29 November Saturday

It is for vendors and a place for members to sell their items

- o Maggie
- o Prizes

1046 adjourned (Jude Johnson, Valerie Groseclose 2nd)

Winner: #36 Dawn Sloan