

Valley Fiber Arts Guild

MATSU VALLEY, ALASKA

*Coming Events
& Attractions*

The 2025 Fiber Festival was a grand success. There was something for everyone, from fiber animals (sheep, rabbits, goats), to batts and roving for spinners, to yarns spun and dyed; to a variety of classes (weaving, knitting, crochet, embroidery, needle and wet felting, silk painting, fiber blending). There was a fly-tying demo, sheep to shawl demo, and food trucks to feed the hungry festival attendees. Many thanks to Michelle Olson and her great planning committee for providing the Valley and Alaska this fun, educational, entertaining event over all these years.

There was a team effort by the VFAG to demo the steps of sheep to shawl over the two days of the Fiber Festival. Day 1 the washed fleece was carded by a team and then a group of spinners supplied 2 ply yarn to the weavers who wove the shawl on a pre warped loom. The shawl was successfully completed and entered into the Alaska State Fair for judging.

Thanks go out to all the participants and we hope to see more teams join the fun next year.

-Julia Lenz

Fair fun

Thanks to all those who submitted entries or volunteered at the Fair. It is so encouraging to have the space to showcase the artistry and commitment of our talented fiber artists!

Special thanks to Jude, without whom we would be lost during fair time!
Thank you, Jude for your dedication!

Show & Say

I will kick us off with a little digital show & tell!

I was in Fairbanks and got to visit with our more norhtly Fiber Friends at Tanana State Fair and ran into Coyote Trail Mills & Fiber Farm at Tanana Valley Farmers Market. I took home a luscious Qiviut/Merino blend - I'll try to remember to bring it to our first meeting.

This summer I was gifted a 32" Ashford Rigid Heddle and an Electric Eel Wheel, so I have been having fun working through my stash.

I can't wait to show off all your beautiful creations! Please send me pictures and stories to adorn our monthly newsletters and social media posts!

~Teri

September 6

**Guild Meeting
September 6
10:00 am
Turkey Red**

October 10-12

Fairbanks Fiber Festival

October 17-19

Fall Guild Retreat

November 29

Annual Out of the Box Sale

Blast from the past

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

3 MAY 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

Attendance: Natalie Wolfe, Jude Johnson, Tina Osgood, Amanda Johnson, Amy Durgeloh, Michaela Hannon, Maggie Brown, Beverly Parker, Dawn Sloan, Judy Niemeyer, Steph Bass, Valerie Groseclose, Michelle Olsen, Malin Campbell, Carol Johnson, Charlotte Miller, Jessica Newton, Linda Lovén, Samantha Jamison, Pat Miller, Kristina Kovich, Kelsey Gerke, Judy Caara, Tracey Eason, Juliet Bartolo, Ute Olsson, Margorie Bellinger, Helen Carrol, Barbara Stanfill, Linnea Nystrom, Susie Magone, Nicole Fernandez, Nancy Krebs, Debbie Johnson, Teri Schweitzer, Jennifer Jennings

1011 Called to Order

- Presentation of the Blanket
- Move to Approve the Minutes from April 2025 Meeting-
- Deb Johnson (Valerie Groseclose)

- Summer Events
 - Mother's Day at Musk Ox Farm
 - Tlilsh
 - 19-20 July 2025
 - Sign up for Sheep to Shawl

- Fleece: Michelle
- Prep: Tracey
- Loom/Weaving: Julia, Carol, Pat
- 42 Vendors
- Ffa group will be there
- Classes
- Leaf print scarf
- Fly tying
- Julz will have felting
- Knitting machine
- Loom knitting
- Class Schedule will be up soon
- Will have T-shirts
- Knit night on pause for the summer
 - 12 May will be last one for "this year"
- Fair
 - 1-2 August

- Entry 11-7
- Special focus on collection division (great place for the sheep breed study)

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

- Treasurer Report
 - 34 members
 - 11 lifetime
 - Balances
 - Money Market: \$72,293.68
 - Checking: \$5,641.30
 - Savings: \$37, 86
 - Total: \$17,972.84

- Elections
 - Quorum is 10% of paid membership and we have one
 - Vice President
 - Nominations:

- Nancy Krebs (unopposed)
- Nominations closed
- Nancy elected
- Treasurer

- Nominations:
 - Margaret Brown (unopposed)
 - Nominations closed
 - Margaret Brown elected
 - Margaret Brown has been elected tot the position of Treasurer as of 3 May 2025 and will be added to the Valley Fiber Arts Guild bank account and the gaming account.

- Newsletter/Communication
 - Nominations:
 - Teri Schweitzer (unopposed)
 - Nominations closed
 - Teri Schweitzer elected
 - Historian/Member at Large

- Nominations:
 - Linnea Nystrom (unopposed)
 - Nominations closed
 - Linnea Nystrom elected
 - New Business/Announcements
 - Summer Challenges
 - Steph Bass-Self Challenge challenge
 - Where in the world is Valley Fiber Arts

- Sheep Breed

Door Prize
Marjorie Bellinger

1120 Adjourned Tracey Eason (Deb Johnson)