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President's Letter

Greetings!

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying summer in our beautiful Interior.

Work continues down at the Lathrop studios. With the University equipment gone, it seems like we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. There are still miles to go but we're getting there. We've sold several looms with several yet to go to good homes at very reasonable rates. Lots of fiber still available, so give a call and come down to supplement your stash. We're going to hold on to weaving accessories for the time being but stay tuned as we get closer to our moving out date when we have to make final cuts.

We're fortunate that the Tanana Valley State Fair is happening once again this year! I'm hoping that you will feel inspired to enter what you have been working on during the past months of the pandemic. I think of our booth at the Fair as a showcase of the many possible things you do in a fiber guild. You may not feel your items are 'ribbon worthy', but you have put time, effort and love into your work and people enjoy seeing that! It's been fun to volunteer at the booth to meet different guild members and to visit with the public. I hope to see you there!

After the Fair, we're planning the Annual Guild picnic on August 11 at the Square Dance Pavilion at Pioneer Park.

That's all for now!

Cheers!

Buffy

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GUILD MEETING: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 4-8pm

TOPIC: Summer Potluck Picnic at Pioneer Park

We have rented the Square Dance Pavilion at Pioneer Park for our summer potluck picnic this year. The Square Dance Pavilion is behind the Centennial Center for the Arts and is a covered picnic area with 4 large picnic tables and some grills. You may need to bring charcoal if you plan to grill anything. Please bring a dish to share and join us for an afternoon/evening of safe socializing.

We'd love to have a show and tell and we may even have some door prizes to share! There is still so much at the studio that we need more ideas on what to do with some of the items...so, why not some door prizes!

Email fairbanksweavers@gmail.com if you have any questions. We hope to see you there 😊

Tanana Valley State Fair Update

TVSF will be back again this summer, trying again with last year's theme.

Theme: Don't Stop Be-Leafin'

Colors: Purple and Green

Flower: Lupine

Vegetable: Spinach

Dates: July 30-August 8

NON-PERISHABLE ENTRY DATES have changed: Saturday, July 17, 1pm-6pm & Sunday, July 18, 11am-2pm.

All entries must be registered online before they can be taken to the entry locations.

Go to the following website to register online:

<https://www.tvdfa.org/p/getconnected/exhibitors/online-entry>

Note that the software they are using doesn't know about division/class/lot, so it is instead department/division/**class**.

Pick up times are August 9, 2-6 PM. If you don't get it then, you can pick up on the 13th during premium payout times.

Tanana Valley State Fair Volunteer Information

We need JUDGES and BOOTH SITTERS for the fair this year.

The ivolunteer site is the same as always and easy to use:

<https://fwsg.ivolunteer.com/>

Rob heard that all judges get **two** tickets in return for judging!

The fair is asking all volunteers to register with them as well. This includes judges and booth sitters.

<https://www.tvdfa.org/f/54>

Tell them division/department 10, spinning and weaving, unless you are willing to volunteer elsewhere as well.

Workshop Update

September 19, 2021 – Save the Date!

Renowned Tapestry Artist and Teacher Molly Elkind Presents to FWSG via Zoom

Molly Elkind has been exhibiting nationwide in juried shows for 20 years. She holds a Master's degree in Fiber Art and has taught art, design, and art appreciation to students of all ages and in many settings. Molly weaves in Santa Fe and teaches nationwide.

Molly will be giving us a 60-minute presentation on Tapestry Design Elements and Principles, which she has shared with other guilds and tapestry groups across the country.

A bit more about the session:

Artists have always used concepts like Color, Texture and Contrast to make their works sing. In this lecture, learn about the eight most important Elements of Art and Principles of Design for tapestry. View many images of tapestries that show exactly how these elements are used successfully and gain insights about how you can apply these concepts to make your own work even better.

This event is free to all FWSG members. Suggested donation \$10 for non-members.

FWSG will be hosting more events of this caliber, so please invite your non-member fiber friends to join!

Fairbanks Fiber Festival

This year the Fairbanks Fiber Festival will be held on September 11-12, 2021. If you're interested in being a vendor or in teaching a workshop, please go to their website and fill out an application. Applications need to be received by July 26th.

<https://www.fairbanksfiberfestival.com/>

For more information, email fairbanksfiberfestival@gmail.com

or call

(907) 4510691

Studio Update

Our first guild sale was a huge success! We sold over \$3000 worth of books, yarn, fiber, looms and other miscellaneous items. After giving members the entire month of June to come by to shop, we're now planning on 2 more sales that are open to the public.

Mark your calendars for

Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 5:30pm until 8pm

and

Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 11am until 4pm

We're hoping to have more sales in August and maybe early September. We only have until the end of September to have the second floor completely cleared out, so come on by and help us clear things out. You'll be able to enjoy the beautiful yarns and fibers and books and looms for a long time.

Books and Magazines Are Still Available

We still have a lot of books and magazines available. The books are now on sale – buy one, get 2 free, just pay for the most expensive book. This is a *super* deal!

We're offering the magazines for free. If we still have any magazines left at the end of July, we'll be taking them to central recycling since we have no place to store them.

Available magazines:

Spinoff 1977 onward

Shuttle, Spindle and Dyepot 1974 onward

Complex Weaver's Journal 2000 onward

Handwoven starting in 1979

Fiberarts starting 1978

Threads 1987 to 2003

Weaver's Journal assorted 80's and 90's

Handweaver and Craftsman assorted 1950's

Prairie Wool Companion 1980's

Note that *Handweaver and Craftsman* and *Prairie Wool Companion* are more of a collector's item.