

Fiber News & Updates

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December 2025 Presidents Letter



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION CHALLENGE CREATIVITY

As most of us are retired and facing the challenges of aging, I hope you won't take it amiss if I address some aspects of fiber arts and aging. Yes, we suffer numerous overuse injuries (carpal tunnel and trigger fingers, here) and failing eyesight and short term memory lapses.

But on the positive side of the equation, I have noticed numerous articles that advise those of us invested in making the most of our later years to guard against cognitive decline and depression. Numerous articles have appeared on the benefits of knitting, quilting and other creative fiber arts that promote decision making, problem solving, creative thinking and encourage a "flow" state.

We should count ourselves among the fortunate for loving these types of activities.

Having attended some recent events that gathered fiber enthusiasts in large groups and more intimate numbers have given me companionship and joy. I hope to continue my engagement with the fiber arts and people who also love them to fulfill my needs for companionship, creativity, inspiration, challenge and of course for the feeling of satisfaction that comes with actually completing a project.

We, the Board members, enjoy planning activities for each of us to learn, create and explore. So be sure to join with us in study groups, field trips and other group activities.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season

Fondly,

Martha Fine, President

**2025-2026 Season
General Meeting
December 8, 2025
"President's Challenge"**

**Monthly Meetings are held
on the second Monday of
month at:
Valley Presbyterian Church
2800 S Camino del Sol
Green Valley, AZ 85622**

**Meeting & Programs
10am ~ 12noon**

**Come early for social time
at 9:30am**

**VFAG Member \$30. @ yr
Due by January 15th,
each year beginning
January 2026.**

**Membership Form is on our
website.
www.valleyfiberartguild.org**

2025 President's Challenge ~ "Think Outside the Box"

Boxes are the most useful vessels, we use them for shoes, jewelry, food storage, holding our pets, gifts. ..You get the idea. "Think Outside the Box", think inside the box, think alongside, beside, under, over, wherever, the box. Where is Schrodinger's darn cat, anyway? This challenge begins with a box. You can start with an already existing box to decorate or create your own box structure. Use any fiber media that strikes your fancy. These will be "judged" on innovation, creativity and daring. As always the challenge parameters are open to interpretation. And there will be prizes for the winners!

Please bring your entry for display between 9:30-9:45am

TAG

'The Art of Giving'

Thanks to all who contributed to the TAG effort this year. The agency, Valley Assistance, that distributes the "goods" was thrilled with the donations. Several volunteers were there when I delivered them and they all hovered around to view the several boxes and bags.

Later the Director came and was quite pleased and said most items would be delivered to shut-ins.

Please know that you have brightened several peoples' lives during the Holidays.

Jane Tempel

Don't Miss....

For Sale

&

Members Workshop

see listings on the last pages of the newsletter.

If you have something you're not using or offering classes or workshops in the area, we are happy to let our guild members know.

We all love an opportunity to explore new things whether it's a learning experience or new to us equipment.

Email your info to: Debbi
misseyb@gmail.com

"The Possibilities of Little Looms"

Thank you to Lindy Anderson Brigham for her wonderful presentation to start our November general meeting. Her workshop 'Weaving with Looms' has filled but we are happy to add your name to the Wait List. Email~ misseyb@gmail.com



VFAG Wants You!

It is the volunteers who keep our guild moving toward the future. Since the guild was founded there have been members who are willing to devote time to help share the joys and love of fiber art.

Our aim to educate the public through outreach and 'bring them into the fold' by offering programs and the opportunity of membership to join study groups and classes which help keep the fiber arts alive for future generations.

Please consider volunteering for a new President or Secretary to take the reins in April of 2026. Each person listed in a current position would be happy to talk with you about their role and what's involved. Each new Board member brings their personal spin and fresh ideas to share and keep the alive and well. You could be instrumental and gain a new perspective to the Valley Fiber Art Guild. A rewarding experience!

Arizona Fiber Art Festival ~ Swag Bags

Each Member Guild of the Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners has been tasked with contributing 150* items for the swag bags given to each Registrant when they check in for the event.

Help create the *150+ items we need for the VFAG 2026 contribution.
We're going to the Birds!!!

The pattern we are using to make these clever little birds to use as a pin cushion or ornament. The Birds 2.0 pattern, originally designed by Michael Fulkerson, is no longer available with sewing instructions. The pattern pieces are available on-line here:

<https://whilshenaps.com/what-happens-when-your-pattern-goes-viral-the-spool-bird/>

The diagram shown on the website can be printed for use.

Left click on diagram, then select print.

Sewing Groups are forming and will be announced at the December meeting.



* final number of birds needed has not been determined

November *Show & Share*



November *More Show & Share*



A wonderful time had by all!

Thank you to Marge Delker for all the Show & Share photos during the year.

Thank you to Gary Terlisner for the photo Above right: Julianne Valentine combing that wonderful fleece during Spinning Study Group.

Study Groups are open to all current guild members. Learn a new technique, share ideas and resources or just enjoy the friendship.

For more information about a particular group or the current topic of the month please contact the group leader. Note: "OTM" refers to "of the month." We are always looking for ideas for new study groups - please let a Board Member know of your interest.

Art Quilts:

Who: Martha Fine ~ marthafine52@gmail.com
Where: Home of Vicki Bohnhoff
When: 1st Monday OTM, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Basketry:

Who: Marge Delker ~ daveandmarged@gmail.com
Where: Home of Pat Merritt
271 E. Paseo Churea, GV
When: 3rd Thursday OTM

Beading:

Who: Karen Gabriel ~ karengary115@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 2nd Thursday OTM, 10 am-12 pm

Cloth Creations:

Who: Fran Lunney ~ lunnfran@gmail.com
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church rm #102
When: 3rd Tuesday OTM 9:30am

Knitting:

Who: Jane Tempel ~ tempelj@aol.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m.

Spinning Study Group:

Who: Lyndy Runyon ~ lyndyrunyon@gmail.com
Where: TBA meet in Member homes
When: 1st Thursday OTM, 9-12noon

Tapestry:

Who: April Boysen & Debra Brown
debrabrown15@icloud.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 1st Tuesday OTM, 9:30am-11:30am

Weaving Study Group:

Who: Ann Bont - abont@comcast.net
Phone: 231-652-6275
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1:30-3:30pm

Wet and Needle Felting:

Who: Lyndy Runyon - lyndyrunyon@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 3rd Monday OTM 12noon-3pm

Wool Rug Braiding:

Who: Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net
When: by appointment, contact Gretchen

Joining or visiting a Study Group is a great way explore something you have been curious about. Visit a meeting and discover the ins and outs of the techniques, equipment needed, etc.

Groups are always happy to share knowledge with interested people and some groups have equipment to loan should you want to experiment and learn more.

Calendar of Events ~ December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Art Quilts Study Group	2 Tapestry Study Group	3	4 Spinning Study Group	5	6
7	8 General Meeting	9	10	11 Beading Study Group	12	13
14	15 Weaving Study Group Felting Study Group	16 Cloth Creations Study Group	17	18 Basketry Study Group	19	20
21	22	23 Knitting Study Group	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Fall Schedule 2025 ends with

December 8th Program ~ "President's Challenge ~ Think Outside the Box" & Cookies & Coffee gathering. Don't forget to bring a dozen or so to share. Silent Auction ~ bring your check books!

Winter Schedule 2026 begins ~ we welcome back our northern members at the January 12th general meeting and a program from Carolyn O'Bagy Davis; Hopi Quilting: Stitched Traditions from an Ancient Community

Workshops 2026 Winter Season

The 2026 Program & Workshop committee has an interesting array of Programs and Workshops in the coming months. You can read full information on our website, www.valleyfiberartguild.org
Take full advantage of your membership, enjoy interesting programs each month and sign up for a Workshop/Classes, learn something new.

We've included a Registration Form to print in the newsletter, page 13

Please note: Workshop/Class registrations fees are non-refundable, if for some reason you are unable to take the workshop or class it is possible to find someone who would like to take the class. We sometimes have wait lists. We will make every effort to help you find a replacement. Thank you for your consideration.

'Weaving with Little Looms' with Lindy Brigham ***Workshop has filled ~ Wait list Only***

This is designed as a beginners class on pin loom weaving. But those who have some experience may also find it interesting in that we will start the process for a completed project going from basic weaving to joining the squares. A manual will be provided with information on different kinds of pin looms available, tools needed, yarn considerations, joining techniques, and useful references. A simple scarf of individual squares will be started in the class and students should have enough information by the end of the workshop to complete it at home or during the workshop if you have made pin-loom squares before!

A kit is available with enough yarn to complete a pin loom scarf for those with their own pin-loom. \$10. A kit with a pin loom and yarn for a scarf \$40.

In the class we will weave at least two squares and then attach these two with a join of your choice. The kit has enough material to finish the project on your own.



Date: Friday January 30, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$50.00 + Kit of your choice

Limited to 10 Students

'Nuno Felt Stained Glass Shawl'

with Patti Barker

If you enjoy puzzles, you will love this class. Participants cut up hand dyed silk gauze, then piece it together using a mosaic Nuno felt techniques. There are two color options to choose from colorful or neutrals.

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$75.00 + Material Fee \$80 includes fabric and fiber, MF payable to instructor the day of class

Limited to 12 Students

Students will receive an equipment supply list upon registration.



'Nuno Felt Circle Vest'

with Patti Barker

The Circle Vest is flattering because of the curve at the lower back and a versatile vest because It can be worn 4 different ways. Participants create a vest in colors of their choice. This is a one day class. Students will be able to discuss their color choice with Patti via email.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2025

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$75.00 + Material Fee \$80 includes fabric and fiber, MF payable to instructor on class day

Limited to 12 Students

Students will receive an equipment supply list upon registration.



'Double Weave on 4 Shafts' with Patty Huffer

Date: March 13, 14, and 15, 2026

Time: 9:30am ~ 3:30pm

Venue: La Posada Community Room

Cost: \$ 140, this includes a \$20 materials fee

Min/Max students - 10/12

Registration Deadline - February 1, 2026

Registration open to public - December 15, 2026 with membership in VFAG

Level - Beginning to Advance - Students should be able to read a draft and weave without assistance.

Explore the potential of double weaving in this class. Using only four shafts, you can create cloth that is twice the width of your loom. You can create tubes, pockets, multiple layers, and even pick-up designs.

During class you'll learn the theory of double weave, experiment with different materials, and complete a storage caddy sampler that you can use for shuttles, scissors, or other weaving tools.

Note: Students will receive warping instructions and loom set up in advance of the workshop.



Bio - Patty Huffer has been weaving since 1981. After graduating from Central Washington University, she took a summer class in weaving. This began her almost 40 years of weaving and teaching. The love of fibers and teaching others has been a life-long inspiration for her. She always looks forward to the moment when a student understands for the first time how a woven piece is constructed resulting in a beautiful finished piece. Patty's experience and use of many types of looms, and threading possibilities has contributed to her ongoing passion for weaving.

'Eco-Dyeing Magic' with Lori Kovash

Do you want to experience the magic of eco-dyeing? You will learn how to create a one of a kind piece of art using leaves and flowers. I will walk through the process of how to prepare your fabric to accept the tannins and natural dyes from plants. We will talk about how to use leaves and flowers to create the clearest prints. I have several examples of natural dyes you can achieve in your own home with plants and flowers locally grown. These natural dyes pair so beautifully with eco-dyeing. I just love it and hope you will too!

Workshop is Full ~ Wait list only

Date: Thursday March 19, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$70.00 + Kit: Silk Scarf & Fabric \$15.

Limited to 12 Students - Minimum 8



'Eco-Dyeing a Garment~ Continue the Magic

with Lori Kovash

The next step in Eco-Dyeing; learn the intricacy of doing a garment as you work with Lori to create a beautiful top. Planning the design and implementation are the core of this workshop, allowing you to create the eco-print design best suited to the style of the garment. Lori will have a variety of tops to choose from and purchase after her program at the February VFAG meeting.

Date: Friday March 20, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$70.00 + Plus garment choice \$ varies

Limited to 12 Students

March 19 Eco-Dye class is a prerequisite





Workshop Registration Form

To reserve a seat in a Workshop, tuition must be paid in full at registration.

Today's date

Please check one

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VFA Guild Member

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I am not a Member of the VFA Guild

Workshop	Instructor	Date	Amount

Total tuition amount _____

Mail this completed Registration Form
and your check payable to 'VFA Guild' for the full tuition amount to:

Debbi Brunner,
1692 W. Corte de Cajamarca
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
520-631-9908
misseyb@gmail.com

Please include instructor's name on check memo line

Your name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email



"Arizona Fiber Festival"

sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Weaver & Spinners
2nd AZ Fiber Festival

April 10, 11, and 12, 2026
Camp Verde, Arizona

The event is open for registration!
Brochure and easy on-line registration
Go to ~ <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/>

TAKE CLASSES*

VISIT THE VENDOR HALL

WATCH DEMONSTRATIONS

VISIT THE GUILD BOOTHS AND MEET ARIZONA ARTISANS

**ENTRANCE TO THE VENDOR HALL, DEMONSTRATIONS
AND GUILD BOOTHS IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**Classes, workshops, and seminars require registration and have a fee.*

Camp Verde, AZ is a nice little town with hotels, restaurants, museums and a casino just off the I-17 freeway approximately 230 miles/3hr 30min from Green Valley.

Valley Fiber Arts Guild
Minutes of the General Meeting, November 10, 2025

Program - Pin Loom Possibilities

Lindy Brigham shared her experience of weaving with little looms. She gave an overview of pin loom weaving, where it fits in the larger world of weaving and showed a wide variety of woven items. She will be conducting a workshop, Weaving with Little Looms, on January 30, 2026.

Business meeting

Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2025, General Meeting were approved as published.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Reports

President - Martha Fine

-President's Challenge : Martha reminded members to bring their artwork to enter in the Challenge, "Thinking Outside the Box" at the December 8th meeting. Entries will be voted on and gift cards awarded. Members are also asked to bring cookies to share and exchange.

-Field Trips : There are no field trips planned for November or December. A trip to Caywood Farms, a cotton growing farm near Casa Grand, is being planned in January. Details will be provided later.

-Election of Officers : Fran Lunney will chair the nominating committee to provide a slate of candidates for the positions of President and Secretary. The slate of nominees will be presented in March and voted on in April.

-Exhibitions Committee : As part of our outreach/awareness mission, an Exhibition Committee is being formed to select venues to showcase the projects and arts of the Guild to the public. Ellen Kelly volunteered to be part of that effort.

-Art in the Park: Ellen Kelly reported that the Guild's booth at Art In The Park was successful in providing awareness of VFAG. Several new people at the November meeting came because they learned of the Guild at that event.

-Arizona Federation : The Arizona Federation has released information about the Arizona Fiber Arts Festival at Camp Verde on April 10, 11, 12, 2026. It is available on their website: <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/>. VFAG will provide a piece to be included in the Festival's Swagbag. Our project will be to make 150 bird shaped pincushions. A model and pattern will be presented at the December meeting along with a sign up sheet. They will need to be done by mid-February.

Treasurer - Gary Terlisner

Gary reported a current account balance of \$9,243, which includes fees for upcoming workshops and classes.

Membership - Nancy Gould

Membership fees of \$30 are due by January 30. The yearly membership timeframe now follows the calendar year from January to January of the next year.

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Programs/Workshops - Debbi Brunner

-Debbi reviewed the upcoming classes available to members. Full descriptions and registration forms are on the VFAG website : <https://valleyfiberartguild.org/workshops>

Weaving with Little Looms - with Lindy Brigham January 30 9am-3pm Valley Presbyterian Church \$50 plus kit of your choice

Nuno Felt Stained Glass Shawl with Patti Barker February 23 9am-3pm Valley Presbyterian Church \$75 plus Materials Fee \$80

Nuno Felt Circle Vest with Patti Barker February 24 9am-3pm Valley Presbyterian Church \$75 plus \$80 Material Fee

Double Weave on 4 Shafts with Patty Huffer March 13, 14, 15 9am-3pm Valley Presbyterian Church \$140 plus \$20 Materials Fee

Eco-Dyeing Magic with Lori Kovash March 19 9am ~ 3pm Valley Presbyterian Church \$70 plus \$15 Materials Fee

Eco-Dyeing a Garment with Lori Covash March 20 9am ~ 3pm Valley Presbyterian Church \$70

-Chairperson for Programs/Workshop Committee - Debbi announced that she is stepping down and that there is a need for a new Chairperson.

SHOW AND SHARE

-Trudy Baker showed a felted shawl that fits over the shoulders.

-Mary Weaver showed a pine needle basket with a ceramic center and encrusted with beads on the top. She also presented a woven rug in red and grey fabrics.

-Susan Bolinger modeled a mobius strip woven shawl that began its life as a table runner.

-Julienne Valentine brought examples of raw yard used in spinning.

-Jol'ene Northup modeled a woven vest.

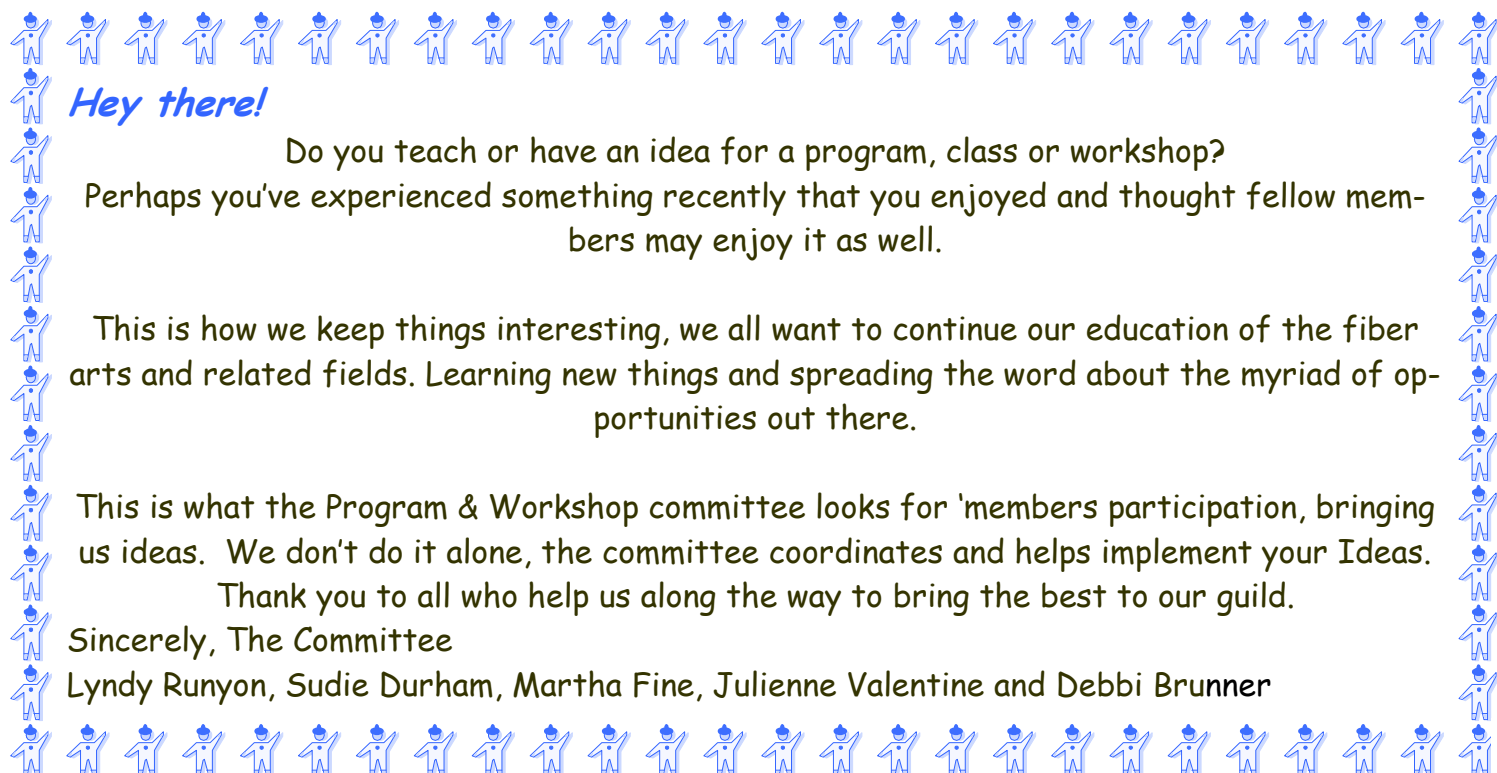
Audrey Wolter showed a woven scarf

Reba Ashmore presented a woven bead bracelet.

_____shared a woven rug in lavender and greys.

Respectively submitted

Marjorie Delker, Secretary



Hey there!

Do you teach or have an idea for a program, class or workshop?

Perhaps you've experienced something recently that you enjoyed and thought fellow members may enjoy it as well.

This is how we keep things interesting, we all want to continue our education of the fiber arts and related fields. Learning new things and spreading the word about the myriad of opportunities out there.

This is what the Program & Workshop committee looks for 'members participation, bringing us ideas. We don't do it alone, the committee coordinates and helps implement your Ideas.

Thank you to all who help us along the way to bring the best to our guild.

Sincerely, The Committee

Lyndy Runyon, Sudie Durham, Martha Fine, Julienne Valentine and Debbi Brunner

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Board of Directors:

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Deadline for newsletter copy is due by the 25th of each month
preceding the monthly publication of each issue.

For Sale? Free?

Do you have fiber supplies or equipment you no longer use?

Workshop/Classes scheduled to teach?

Place and ad in our newsletter, no charge. Email Debbi with ad
copy and pics. newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com

Deadline the 25th of each month.

Equipment For Sale

Pipy Spinning Wheel

was made by Philip Poore in New Zealand, through his company Pipy Craft Ltd. Double drive band with counterbalanced wheel. Scotch tension and high speed whorl attachments plus a lazy Kate and 4 bobbins. All included. Made of Remu wood.

\$595.

Will take payments.

Joan Ruane

spincotton@yahoo.com



Silver Needle LK150

Knitting Machine \$150.

It is essentially new, only sampled techniques. Sigh.... Complete package still in the box, see information here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McbgJfzL_tU



Mid-gauge machine perfect for beginners and experienced for Sport to Bulky yarns.

Contact: Debbi Brunner ~
misseyb@gmail.com

More Equipment For Sale

Embellishing/Felting machine for Sale

Like new Husqvarna Felting machine
Needles, tools, plug and foot pedal
\$150 or best offer
Call Lyndy 707-373-8584



Cyndy Padilla has 3 hat
mannequins for displays.
If anyone is interested,
please contact her at
619-254-6458 or
cheaterteess2@gmail.com



Member Teachers Workshops & Classes

BASIC WEAVING CLASS

In this Basic weaving class you will learn the ins and outs of weaving. How to make a warp, dress your loom, how to handle your shuttles, read weaving drafts, and understand basic weave structures and much more. At the end of class you will take home samples of all your projects .

All looms and materials are provided.

Classes are 4 consecutive days, and you need to be able to attend all classes.

Cost: \$375. A \$50 non refundable deposit. If there is a waiting list and the space is filled the deposit will be returned.

Dates: January 22,23,24,and 25. Thursday,Friday,Saturday and Sunday.
February 26,27,28,and March 1. Thursday,Friday,Saturday and Sunday.

Times: 9:00am to 3:30pm

This course is also good for weavers that need a refresher course or any one just wanting to get started.

I have been weaving for over 40 years after receiving a BFA in Textile design, and have been teaching for 20 years.

Please feel free to ask any questions about the course.

Jolene Northup

541-350-3356

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