Fiber News & Updates

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2026-2027 Season
General Meeting
November 9, 2026

Program
Beads, Beads and More Beads
with Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga

Monthly Meetings are held on the second Monday of month at:
Valley Presbyterian Church
Meeting & Programs
10am ~ 12noon

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

Tucson Botanical Garden Field Trip ~ Dec. 9th
Wassef Tapestry Exhibit (see pg. 6 for exhibit info)
Group price $18.
Sign up @ Meeting

Read about the NEW Workshop Listings and Equipment for Sale

VFAG November Presidents Letter



Hello everyone!

November is here, and it's one of my favorite months. It's a season for gratitude—a time to appreciate the wonderful people and connections that enrich our lives: family, friends, and community.

I'm deeply grateful to all our volunteers, whose contributions are essential to the Guild's success. In October, our members made two highly successful events possible.

First, we enjoyed a wonderful day at Art in the Park, featuring demonstrations of spinning, basketry, weaving, stitching, and knitting. Although the windy weather elsewhere may have discouraged some visitors, Desert Meadows Park offered us a welcome calm. A sincere thank you to Susan Bollinger, Martha Fine and the entire Exhibition Committee for organizing such a successful event!

Second, Fiber Day gave us a wonderful opportunity to see what members of several study groups have been creating and to learn about their techniques. I was especially impressed by the processes used to prepare bear grass for basketry and to create wet-felted pieces. A warm thank you to Debbi Brunner for organizing the event—and to the Board for baking such delicious cupcakes!

Thank you all for participating in these events. It's always a pleasure to spend time together, strengthen our connections, and get to know one another better.

Upcoming is our exhibition at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Please get your forms to Martha Fine by October 31st! You may reach out to Martha at marthafine52@gmail.com. Our opening reception is November 6th from 2:00-4:00 with the show running through December 31st.

Looking forward to seeing you at the November Guild meeting!

Cyndy

Cyndy Padilla, President

Let's keep VFAG a thriving, giving and creative group!

Membership Renewal Message from Nancy Gould……

VFAG membership follows a calendar year schedule. Payment of $30 is due by January 15 to keep current on membership and participate in study groups and workshops.

Renewing members do NOT need to fill out a new form. Please bring a check or $30 exact change to the general meeting in November, December or January. (Exact change will keep the process moving along at the meeting and help to eliminate a long waiting line from forming.). If you have had any changes to street address,

TAG (The Art of Giving)

By now many of you are familiar with TAG and what it stands for. But just as a reminder, this is a group that provides gifts for the low income during the holidays. We work with Valley Assistance to distribute the goods and the local Firemen deliver the gifts mid December.

I want to thank all of you who have donated items for TAG this year. There are many beautiful and useful items for the low income in the area.

As Valley Assistance manages the delivery of these items, they are always impressed with the gifts we provide. Know that you have provided gifts that will brighten their holidays. THANK YOU.

I will be collecting items at the VFAG meetings until November and deliver to Valley Assistance before Thanksgiving so that they can match the gift with the recipient. They do a nice job ensuring that the gift is appropriate to the person.

Thank you in advance for your support. *Jane Tempel*

Basketry Study Group ~

Interesting things occur at our various study groups, Marge Delker shares a unique experience...





At our September's Basketry Group gathering,
the ancestral Navajo Blessings Prayer came to mind :
'today I walk in beauty'.
Working with Mother Nature's materials in the creation of pine needle baskets is a very satisfying pleasure and our monthly meeting is a time we are all grateful to be sitting among the makers of beauty!





The Basketry Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at
Pat Merritt's home from 9:00 til 11:00 in her large studio filled with a wonderful collection of baskets and an extensive supply of needles, beads, threads and sliced agates used for basket centers.
Members who are new to basket making are greeted with the
sharing of masterful basket making skills among this group of
talented artists.





Thank you for the
story and the photos Marge!









Nancy, the editor has a question, do you know this member? Hmmm.....

October General Meeting Program ~
Karen Lukacs presented her
Passion and Focus on Sustainable Fashion











'October Show & Share'

















Photos courtesy of
Susan Bollinger

Fiber Art Events

Tubac this winter….. Registration to the event to anyone interested in attending. There are a lot of wonderful things planned during the art event, classes, exhibits and seminars.
Come and meet artists from all over the world!

https://www.iseaartexhibit.org/Symposium2026

Art Innovation Symposium Tubac AZ 2026
December 2-5, 2026

isea International Society of Experimental Artists

Where ART meets INNOVATION



Tucson Botanical Gardens ~ Exhibition *Tapestries from Egypt* ~

Field trip ~ Dec. 9, 2026 9am departure is requested
Details will be discussed when we have enough registrants, a minium of 10 is required for the discounted ticket.

The artists of Egypt's Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center return to the Gardens with a new collection of contemporary, one-of-a-kind wool and cotton tapestries. Crafted specially for this exhibition, each piece is woven directly on the loom with no preliminary design and depicts the flora and fauna of Egyptian landscapes in rich color palettes.

The Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center was established in 1951 by architect Ramses Wissa Wassef as an experiment in nurturing the innate creativity found in all of us. Based in the village of Harrania, Egypt, the Center's exceptional work can be found in museums, galleries and private collections around the world.
Info here: https://tucsonbotanical.org/exhibit/tapestries-from-egypt/

News from Nancy Gould……..
March of 2027
All quilters and fabric enthusiast will want to see this!

SewZona 2027
THE ULTIMATE SEWING, QUILTING & EMBROIDERY EXPERIENCE

'October Fiber Day ~ October 21st'
What a fun day!

It was another gathering of fiber enthusiasts sharing their love of the fiber arts with one another. I watched members beading, making baskets, knitting, felting, stitching, hooking, spinning and weaving, oh my it was glorious! We were also eating cupcakes, thank you to the VFAG Board members for baking the best cakes I've eaten (too many) in a long time. What a treat!

The entire day was filled with laughter and down right guffaws at one point that included a couple of nose snorts. (I'm only reporting this because I want those who overheard that conversation, we only snort like that if it's really funny or in the middle of a major sugar buzz). The hilarity started with a coiled fabric basket Nancy created, that Gary now owns and wears as a hat decorated with an antler (at this moment Gary only had Basil in his hat) so we had to relate the story to a newer member at our table and elaborate on our antler collections. Perhaps you had to be there, we were in tears of laughter trying to explain whyyy and how we even have antlers. So now we are proving we really do have antlers because I don't think everyone believed us.

Also reporting: During the festivities there was dancing to 'My Aunt Minnie' by Allan Sherman and lyrics sung, 'She's too skinny for her clothes', circa 1965. This moment was led by a member (we do have a video to prove it occurred Vicki) who, in the day, was a Go-Go girl on the Swing Lively Show broadcast from WJIM in Lansing, Michigan. Where else could you find such diversity in a group! I hope each of you found a reason to laugh during the day, told stories and got to know one another better. To share in the camaraderie of people of like interests is one of the best things in life. Can't wait until next time.

Roving Editor,
Debbi



More photos on the next page!







'October Fiber Day ~ October 21st'

Just to prove how much fun we had!

More photos on the next page













Photos courtesy of Cyndy Padilla

'October Fiber Day ~ October 21st'

more fun











Photos courtesy of Cyndy Padilla

Valley Fiber Arts Guild
General Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2026

Program

Karen Lukacs presented her work as a "designer/maker" in slow fashion and sustainable eco-fashion.

She had her beginnings as a child learning crochet from her grandmother and needlecrafts from her mom, going on to sewing and embroidery. She went on to get an education in textile arts.

Karen shared designs from different phases of her career in the textile arts:

- Weaving and textile design
- Structured bags called "Bolsas" made with fabric from thrifted garments: woven, knits and neckties – as well as re-imagined straw bags
- Garments from thrifted fabric and reimagined garments, embellished with felted knits, lace, beads and embroidery
- "Trucker" jackets, again using embellishments to recreate the look
- Coats, vests, kimono jackets and garments from denim

Her work has been published in Selvedge magazine and a gallery of her beautiful work called "Transitions" was on display in Tucson. Her work can be found at Karenlukacs.com

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Previous meeting minutes were approved as published. New members and guests were welcomed.

President's Report

Cyndy Padilla reported:

- As a reminder, the President's Challenge this year is inspirations from "The Beauty of the Sonoran Desert"
- Thanks to those who volunteered for open positions

  audio-visual, - Pati Sievert

  advertising/publicity – Kristi Shrank

  membership – Sue Olson
- Special thanks to Cindy Wolf for her years as membership co-chair.
- Susan Bollinger will be resigning as Vice President and someone is needed to fill her role until May.

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October General meeting Minutes
Continued…

Treasurer's Report

- Gary Terlisner reported the checking balance as $10,196.72.

Library

- Apple Gibson and Mary Hughes reported that there are a number of discontinued books on sale for $1 and requested that members return checked-out books at the next meeting.

Membership

- Nancy Gould reported a current membership of 141.
- 2027 membership dues are due in January.

Programs/Workshops

- Lyndy Runyon reported on upcoming programs:
- A workshop on baskets will be presented by Gary Terlinser next week.
- Thread box construction
- Silk painting
- Cordage
- Intro to machine knitting

Exhibition Committee

- Martha Fine and Jollie Northup presented details on the upcoming VFAG Fiber Arts Show at Desert Hills Lutheran Church this November and December. Details will be shared in an eblast.
- Art in the Park is happening this Saturday. There is a large space with room for demonstrations and displays.

Other Announcements

- Jane Tempel reminded us about donations for gifts for the holidays which need to be delivered to Valley Assistance before Thanksgiving.
- Martha announced a field trip to "Spirit of the West", an exhibition of Navajo textiles. Contact Martha if you would like to go.
- There was a request from a member for the board to reconsider carrying "Fiber Art" magazine in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12.

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: Gary Terlisner ~ garyft45@cox.net
Where: Home of Pat Merritt
271 E. Paseo Churea, GV
When: 3rd Thursday OTM, 9am-12noon

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—12noon

Knitting:
Who: Jane Tempel ~ tempelj@aol.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. -12noon

Spinning Study Group:
Who: Sandy Vanderpuy ~ svpuy@yahoo.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 1st Monday OTM, 12noon-2:45pm

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: Phillenore Howard phillenore@taosnet.com
Phone: 520-393-6752
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church chapel
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1:30-3:30pm

Felting Study Group:
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 ~ November 2026

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

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Fall Schedule 2026

November 6th: Fiber Art Exhibition Reception Desert Hills Lutheran 2-4pm

November 9th Program: Beads, Beads & More Beads with Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga

December Program: The President's Challenge ~ The Sonoran Desert

Winter Workshops: Silk Painting, Weaving Workshop, Art Dolls and Cordage

See pages 13-16 for new workshop information

Workshops 2027 Winter Season

The 2026 –2027 Workshop committee has an interesting array of workshops for the Winter season. You can read full details on www.valleyfiberartguild.org for all information that is confirmed and ready for registration.
Send questions to: *Lyndy Runyon, Workshop Chairperson ~ lyndyrunyon@gmail.com*

Take full advantage of your membership, learn something new and enjoy sharing the experience with other members. Never stop learning!

We are offering our very first Zoom Workshop! It's a great way to experience how easy it is to learn on-line. Cordage & Conversation Zoom Workshop will take place February 5th, 2027 in our usual meeting room at the VPC.

It's a wonderful way to bring international instructors to our realm without the expense of lodging, meals and airfare that can add considerable expense to any workshop.

Making the workshops more affordable, bringing students quality instructors is the new way of learning that really increased during the Covid period. Many instructors are now teaching exclusively on-line.
Give it a try! Sign up today….

Enjoy pictures from Gary Terlisner's Woven Cracker Basket Workshop!







Photos courtesy of Gary Terlisner & Lyndy Runyon

Workshops 2027 Winter Season



Silk Painting a Silk Scarf with Peggy McGaughey
February 25, 2027 ~ 9am-12noon
Class Fee: $60. Includes silk scarf & all supplies
Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church
Limit: 8 Students ~ this class has filled, you may add your name to the wait list

Since 1987 I have been fascinated and frustrated with silk painting. Over the years I have kept loving it though and have many good memories of what I accomplished. Teaching silk painting has been a love of mine and have taught many classes over the years. I have made and sold many silk scarves, several large wall hangings, art pictures, silk jackets, blouses, yardage and pillow covers.
The thing I love most about silk painting is the vibrant colors that can be achieved on silk. Also, I can draw a design onto silk and make it a picture of whatever I decide. So much can be done with silk and especially painted silk.

In the class I will explain the different kinds of silk available and which silk to use for each item. Where to buy silk and supplies. Explain the difference between silk painting and silk dyeing. Examples of various techniques to apply. Each person will be given a long white silk scarf and silk paints. All supplies will be provided, you only need to bring a fun attitude and an apron or shirt to cover up your clothes just in case the paint gets on your garment. Gloves are nice…keeps your hand and fingers from being rainbow fingers at the end of class!!

The class will be 3 hours long (approximately) and you will leave with a wonderful ORIGINAL silk scarf to show your friends.

Silk Painting Art collection from Peggy McGaughey







Cordage and Conversation with Saoirse Byrne
Feburary 5, 2027 9am-12noon
Zoom Workshop (our first!)
Class Fee: $80. Venue: VPC Fellowship Hall
Limit: Min. 5 Students ~ Max. 15 Students



The ancient art of cordage using the fabrics in our lives- sharing in the joy and exploration using materials and found objects, a perfect opportunity to turn things from your stash in to useful and meaningful pieces of art. Cordage is accessible even to those who would not consider themselves artists or crafty. The process is fun, simple, and repetitive in a way that leaves room for conversation, laughter, contemplation. Cordage making is accessible to folks who would not consider themselves crafty as well as to artists wanting to explore another way of engaging with materials.

Perhaps there is fabric in your life that is dear to you that no longer serves in its current form. This workshop is an invitation to explore this ancient process and the share in conversations as our hands find the rhythm of the making. Come away with an understanding of how to turn materials in your life into beautiful and useful lengths of cord, whether to wrap a gift, hang as a garland or wear as a necklace.







Supply list:
Fabric you can cut or tear into strips: look in your closet (dresses, blouses, scarves no longer worn or have sentimental value), remnants from sewing & quilting, cotton, silk or rayon ribbons, found object: beads with larger holes, washers, old pendants are just a few suggestions.
Scissors
Small container or a spray bottle for water
Clip or clothes pin to mind cordage in progress

Extreme Warp Makeover with Robyn Spady
Unlock the Potential of a Single Threading

Date: March 6, 7 & 8, 2027
Time: 9am ~ 4pm each day
(the 8th is flexible)
Venue: Green Valley Elks Lodge
Cost: $325. plus $15. supply fee
Limited to 20 Students



Hate to warp, but love to weave? Want more versatility from a single warp? Then this is a workshop for you! In this workshop, participants will warp their loom with their choice of one of three four-shaft threadings and dive deep into the creative possibilities that lie within a single threading by performing an extreme makeover and weave it many different ways . . . from twill, lace, and overshot to swivel, corduroy, deflected weft, and double-faced. At the same time, participants are presented with the basics of different weaves and weave structures and how to adapt a single threading to weave an astonishing variety of woven structures, including concepts such as star vs. rose fashion, weaving on opposites, and echo treadling. Come learn why a single warp doesn't mean a single look!

Four-shaft loom required.
(Note: This is not a round-robin workshop.)

Level: Intermediate to Advanced (and adventure-seeking beginners)
Materials fee: $15/person

Looms will be warped prior to the workshop. There is not a supply list, but Robyn will provide detailed information about 6 weeks before the workshop.

Pop Top Doll Workshop with Maryann Lundin
March 18-19, 2027 9am-3:30pm
Class Fee: $93.
Supply Fee: $15. pattern, iron on interfacing for the body, various yarns for the hair, embroidery thread for the hair trim, eyes, fabric pens for face, powdered blusher, modpodge, paint for hands, etc.
Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church Room #1
Limit: 8 Students



Come join Maryann for an introduction to the fun and creative world of cloth art dolls! In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll create a charming **Pop Top Doll**, a variation of the Pop Top Doll pattern by Julie McCollough. Along the way, you'll learn the basic techniques and skills used by cloth doll makers.



You'll learn how to:

- Stitch and construct the doll pattern
- Stuff your doll properly to achieve the desired firmness and shape
- Create a simple, expressive face
- Use Mod Podge to seal painted facial features
- Create a fun hairstyle using yarn
- Work with a variety of tools and materials used in cloth doll making



By the end of the workshop, you'll have your own Cloth Art Doll to make you smile—and the basic skills and confidence to create many more!

Student supply list:

Sewing machine, basic sewing tools; scissors, thread, straight pins.

Quilting fabrics, fiberfil for stuffing, the exact fabric requirements are available at Registration.

Workshop Registration Form

To insure your place in the workshop, please fill out the form and send it with your payment to the Workshop Chairperson listed or bring it to a guild meeting.
All registrations are confirmed in order of first received.

Date: _____

Please check one: VFAG Member___ Not a VFAG guild member___

Workshop	Instructor	Date	Amount

Total Tuition Amount $_____

Mail this completed Registration Form and
your check payable to; VFAG for the full tuition amount to:

Lyndy Runyon, Workshop Chairperson
Valley Fiber Art Guild
477 E Chuparosas
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Student Name: _____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone_____ Email _____

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Exhibition Coordinator: Martha Fine exhibition@valleyfiberartguild.com

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 continued on next page...



HD warping mill with a brake for sale $$50.

Contact Gary Terlisner
Garyft45@cox.net





Navajo Loom ~ custom made with a folding stand & metal supports for main warp pole. Includes a second set of warp poles to dress the loom in the traditional manner, 2 shed sticks.
Dimensions 22" Wide x 32" Tall
$40.

Tapestry combs prices as shown:
$20., $20. the $5. has a nick in the right side tine but still usable.

Cotton Cards $60.

Contact: Debbi Brunner
misseyb@gmail.com



Equipment for Sale continued on next page...

Spinning wheel, previously owned by fiber artist and author Betty Beard.
I have not used it, know little about it.
Wheel Asking $125.00 Warping Board $45.
Contact: Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga





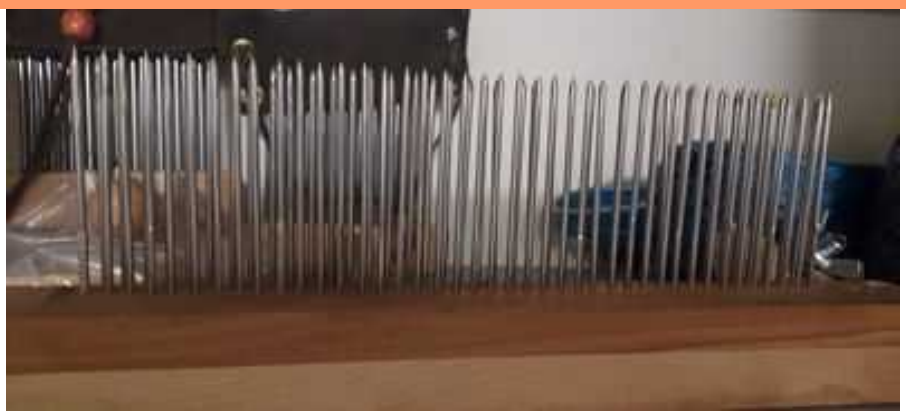


Embroidery /Sewing Machine -Baby Lock - Ellisimo
Large hoop for many selection of Patterns. Includes all accessories and hoops of different sizes. & Manuels. $2,200.00
Contact: Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga pbeadallew@aol.com





Equipment for Sale continued on next page...



Fiber Tools

All the combs are Valkyrie.
Two are fines and one is regular.
$100 each includes covers.
The hackle is $50
Fine cards $50
Books~
The Art of Tapestry Weaving.
Mezoff New $15
Handweaver's Pattern Book (green) $65
Learning to Weave Chandler $15
Handweaver's Pattern Directory Dixon $50
Opinionated Knitter Elizabeth Zimmerman $30
Weaver's Inkle Pattern Directory Dixon-New $20
Techniques of Rug Weaving Collingsworth $35
Contact: Sally Young
rare1alaska@gmail.com













Equipment for Sale continued on next page...

Kromski Flip Rigid Heddle Loom
w/all accessories pictured $120.
Assortment of yarn $25.
Contact: Jane Tempel tempelj@aol.com
(303) 551-3222 "Please leave a message"













Equipment for Sale

Nilus Leclerc 36"/4 harness Loom
Works great, Weighted bar
2" spacers on back for warp
Handmade tray to hold tools on top
Comes with book, 2 flat shuttles,
1 rag shuttle and extra heddles.
$200.

Contact: Bonnie Wollin
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Phone 970-210-2979







