



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Jan 9: General Meeting

"Hernmarck Tapestry Technique" with Winnie Johnson

Tues, Feb 6: 2018

30th Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon

Tues, Mar 6: General Meeting

"Recycled Garments" with Karen Lukas

Tues, Apr 3: General Meeting

Election / Stash Sale / Brown Bag Lunch



General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month,
September – May

10am at:

Good Shepherd United
Church of Christ
17750 S. La Cañada Drive
Sahuarita, AZ

Membership \$20/year
Guest fee \$2/meeting

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President's Message ~



As I write to you, the gray sky today reminds me of winters in Michigan, when we didn't see much sun. But here in the desert, this wet "snow" of winter is a welcome present to the plants and animals, portending a lushness for the coming year. The sky will be a lovely blue soon again and the gift of rain will have done its magic, brightening the plants and grasses. The rain has lifted my spirits and started me thinking of all the wonderful blessings of the past year and the things I have to look forward to in 2018 — just around the corner! I hope it has gotten you started on counting your blessings too.

In 2017, we were blessed with: wonderful, active and giving members who plan and bring us such interesting programs and workshops, lead our study groups, edit our interesting newsletters, keep our web vibrant, care for and keep our library and guild equipment current and well used. And we have a great 2018 to look forward to: more great programs, our fun Show & Tells, our members' Stash Sale, May's Make & Takes, AND our 30th Anniversary Celebration in February! Also, be watching for a "guild news flash" about our special Inventory Sale (a Guild Garage Sale!) with more detailed information.

And as always, my wishes to you for a very Happy Holiday and a most wonderful New Year full of Health, Happiness and Creativity. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting on the 9th. Winnie Johnson from Mesa will be our guest speaker, sharing her knowledge about world renowned tapestry weaver Helena Hernmarck. I'm sure she will inspire you with her work. Don't forget to bring your new creations to share in Show & Tell.

Blessings,

Marie

Federation Day 2018 – Connecting Threads

February 24, 2018 - <http://www.azfed.org/>

Registration will CLOSE January 10, 2018!

~ JANUARY PROGRAM ~

“Helena Hernmark Tapestry Technique”
with Winnie Johnson

Winnie Johnson from Mesa, AZ, will share with us her knowledge of the Helena Hernmark Tapestry Technique. Hernmark is a Swedish tapestry artist who lives and works in the US.

Our speaker will introduce us to Hernmark’s work through images and information. This technique can best be described as “photo realism,” or “from light to shadow.”

Note: Per Guild Policy – Guest
Fee is \$2/meeting

Passing Fall | 2014 | 40" x 100" Photo: Lisa Dahlstrom

Image: www.hernmark.com

*Also happening in January... Our Very 1st ...
Guild Garage Sale!*

WAIT! WHAT?

- - - Does the guild have a *garage*?
- - - And *what* exactly is on sale?
- - - When? Where? And what time will it be held?

Go to page 3 of this newsletter for details.

✓ DON'T FORGET TO MAKE
YOUR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

**30th Anniversary Celebration
and Luncheon!**

February 6, 2018

Don't miss our big anniversary celebration! The grand finale of the program will be a special luncheon for our guild members. Prepared by our celebration committee, the luncheon includes dessert and beverage.

\$5.00 will reserve your place. Look for the **reservation table** at the January meeting. (Reservations will close in January)

Library Notes:

We'll have about 30 new (to the library) items available at the January meeting. These will include:

- *Learn Beaded Kumihimo on the Marudai*—DVD
- *More Beaded Kumihimo on the Marudai*--DVD
- *Saori--Self-Innovation Through Free Weaving*
- *Swedish Swatches* by Malin Selander--4 books--the blue, green, yellow & red series
- *Fabric Art Journals*

As usual there will be the latest issues of the 10 magazines to which we subscribe.

REMINDER--all books currently checked out are **DUE** at the January meeting.

Also--books are checked out for one month, meeting to meeting. So, books checked out at the January meeting will be due 2/18 -- *meaning* the February meeting.

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian

Guild Garage Sale

A guild garage sale will be held in late January at our storage facility, with prices and dates to be announced soon in a "flash email."

Below is a listing of items that will be for sale:

Spool Rack
 4-Shaft Leclerc Dorothy Table Loom
 8-Shaft Harris Table Loom
 2 Inkle Looms
 3 Warping Boards - one large, two small
 Two Navajo Looms - one large, one small
 Navajo warping paddle
 Tapestry Loom without base (homemade, hand-held)
 2 free standing Tapestry looms
 4 card looms
 Rio Grande Spinning Wheel
 Pyramid Yarn Winder
 Clip-on Light
 ...and more!

Federation Day 2018 – Connecting Threads

February 24, 2018

<http://www.azfed.org/>

Registration will CLOSE January 10, 2018!

Federation Day 2018, Connecting Threads, will be held on **Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 9-4:30 at the Radisson North Phoenix** (soon to be a Hilton Doubletree Hotel). This year, we will feature both half-day and full day classes on a variety of fiber arts and a wonderful soup and salad luncheon, with keynote speaker Rosalie Neilson. We also have a great line-up of vendors for unique fiber shopping. There will be guild booths where guilds can display and sell their work.

We expect both the classes and the luncheon to fill quickly, so be sure to get your registration in early. Class and registration details are contained in the registration booklet. The registration deadline is January 7 (postmark), received by January 10, 2017.

Rooms at a group discount will be available at the hotel for those wishing to stay over.

Download the registration form at: <http://www.azfed.org>

**VFA Guild General Meeting
December 7, 2017**

OFFICERS

President – Marie Gile

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Vice President – Julienne Valentine

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Secretary - Sue Durling

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Treasurer – Ann Pyper

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Business meeting opened by the president at 10:10 a.m.

Secretary's Report - M/S/A

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer reported a balance of \$4953

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Elaine Cselenko reported one new member today and a total of 139 members.

Library – Linda Verbiscar reminded members that November checkouts are due in January and she will be bringing many new materials to the January meeting.

Programs & Workshops – Debbi Brunner announced only one available space in each of the two upcoming workshops. Details are on the website. Marge Lind asked members to be looking for and saving color pictures from magazines or calendars for the Make and Take program in May.

Arizona Federation – Donna Lambert announced that online registration for Federation Day in Phoenix on February 24 must be completed by January 10. Most classes are still available but some have already filled. She reminded the membership that our Guild will have an 8x10 booth where members can showcase and/or sell their work. The member must be present for sales.

OLD BUSINESS

There are a few Fiber Art Journals still available at \$15 each.

NEW BUSINESS

The president thanked Lynn Swan and Margalis Fjelstad for their outstanding work on the Opportunity Baskets.

Gretchen Ramsey is taking reservations today and at the meeting in January for the 30th Anniversary Luncheon on February 6. The cost is \$5.00.

The president read a thank you letter from the Valley Assistance League for the Guild's contribution to the holiday gift program. The Guild TAG program, led by Jane Tempel and Sharon Laws resulted in 97 gift bags with a market value of \$1500.

The president thanked Debbi Brunner and her committee for planning and setting up today's potluck luncheon.

STUDY GROUPS

Details about study group meetings are on the website.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

OPPORTUNITY BASKET DRAWINGS – there were 30 'Opportunities' raising \$633.

The annual Christmas **SCARF EXCHANGE** was enjoyed by all, followed by a delicious **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** attended by many of the members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Durling, Secretary

~Study Groups ~

Study Groups are open to all current Guild members and meet September - April. 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."*

Basketry

Meets the 1st Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.
Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Meets the 2nd Thurs. OTM, 9:00 a.m., at Friends in Deed. Karen Gabriel – karengary115@gmail.com

Braided Rug:

Meets the 4th Monday OTM. Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net or 393-6179

Clothing:

Meets the 4th Thurs. OTM, 9:30 a.m., at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Pam Smith - qcreekpam616@gmail.com or 775-770-4630.

Crochet:

Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m., at Sunrise Point Clubhouse.
Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Meets the 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes.
Kathe Alves – kathe.alves@icloud.com

Kumihimo:

Meets the 4th Wednesday OTM, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at Friends in Deed. Diane Mikolyzk – dianemik46@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber

Note – January meeting will be held on 2/9/2018.

Usually meets the 1st Monday OTM, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd Church.
Debbi Brunner - misseyb@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: Dagmar Munn, dagmunn1@gmail.com

Meets the 4th Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at the BMO Harris Bank, 270 W. Continental RD. (near Continental Shopping Plaza). The entrance to the meeting room is located to the right of the main entrance. Reba Ashmore – reba99@cox.net

Spinning:

Note – No January meeting. Usually meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m., at Ann Pyper's home.
Ann Pyper - pyperann52@gmail.com

Tapestry:

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lila Stoffel: 569 W. Ocotillo Place. Contact - April Boyson - gaboysen1@gmail.com or phone: 720-545-7748, Lila Stoffel - lstoffel@loretel.net or phone: 520-648-0792.

Weaving:

Meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m., in members' homes. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.

Thank You!

I wanted to thank all who contributed to the TAG effort this year. There were many lovely gifts. Hope you saw the photos in last month's Newsletter!

As Chris Kang, Executive Director of Valley Assistance, said in her thank you note to the Guild; she was impressed with the creativity of the members and knows these gifts will brighten many lives over the holidays.

Jane Tempel