



# Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

## Looking Ahead ~

### **Tues, Dec 5: General Meeting**

Fund Raiser Event/Scarf Exchange/Holiday Potluck

### **Tues, Jan 9: General Meeting**

“Hernmarck Tapestry Technique” with Winnie Johnson

### **Tues, Feb 6: 2018**

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon

### **Tues, Mar 6: General Meeting**

“Recycled Garments” with Karen Lukas“



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*

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

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## President's Message ~



The weather has turned nippy in the early mornings, announcing that fall is here. It also means I'm getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and the holiday season, as I'm sure you are! There will be food to tempt the palate, celebrating the time of year with friends and family (and maybe indulge bit?) ... sharing all that good food and companionship. So I'm busy planning and making, but one item IS made — my scarf to exchange!

I thoroughly enjoy our December meeting with the fun time of possibly winning a basket, of unveiling our gorgeous exchange scarves and yummy pot luck luncheon!

As we gather for our meeting, stop by the sign-up table and reserve your place for our 30th Anniversary Celebration luncheon in February - and then check out the Opportunity Baskets. After a brief meeting, we'll begin with our annual fund raiser - baskets full of donated items — large, small and of a wide variety. I'm crossing my fingers that I'll be one of the lucky winners!! We still have a few empty baskets — and there is still time to donate something to put in them; contact Lynn Swan at [swanbl@ruthventel.com](mailto:swanbl@ruthventel.com). We'll then open our exchange scarves (please put your name inside), with lots of oohs and aahs, followed by a delicious pot luck lunch (prepared by all our good cooks!) and social time. What a perfect way to start our holiday season!!

See you there,

*Marie*

## **Support our members at these events!**

**Art in the Garden** - Dec. 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Tucson.

**Holiday Trunk Show** – Dec. 1, 2, & 3, at the Tubac Center of the Arts in Tubac.

**Oro Valley Holiday Market** – Dec. 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Tucson.

~ Full details on **Page 6** of this newsletter! ~



***Holiday Potluck Luncheon  
Holiday Chances Drawing  
4rd Annual Scarf Exchange***

Join us for holiday friendship, celebration and FUN!  
Our December 5<sup>th</sup> gala begins at 10:00 a.m., with the general membership meeting. During the meeting we'll hold the Holiday Chances drawing featuring several wonderful fiber and related art items donated by our members. Immediately following our annual Scarf Exchange, the party will begin.  
It's a potluck of tasty dishes.



***Holiday Chances Drawing!***

The Holiday Chances Drawing will feature fiber and related art items donated by our members

Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Money from the drawing will go to the guild treasury.

***LIBRARY NOTE:***

- ✓ The Library will NOT be at the December meeting.
- ✓ A crate will be available for returning library items.
- ✓ All library items currently checked out due at the January meeting--January 9.

***WORKSHOP UPDATE:***

- ✓ **Weaving the Saori Way** – Full
- ✓ **Hernmarck Technique** - 6 spaces left
- ✓ **Color in Huck** - 1 space left

For full information: check the Workshop Registration table at general meeting or, the guild website.



**30th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon!**

**February 6, 2018**

The grand finale of our big anniversary celebration program in February 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 December meeting. Reservations will close in January.

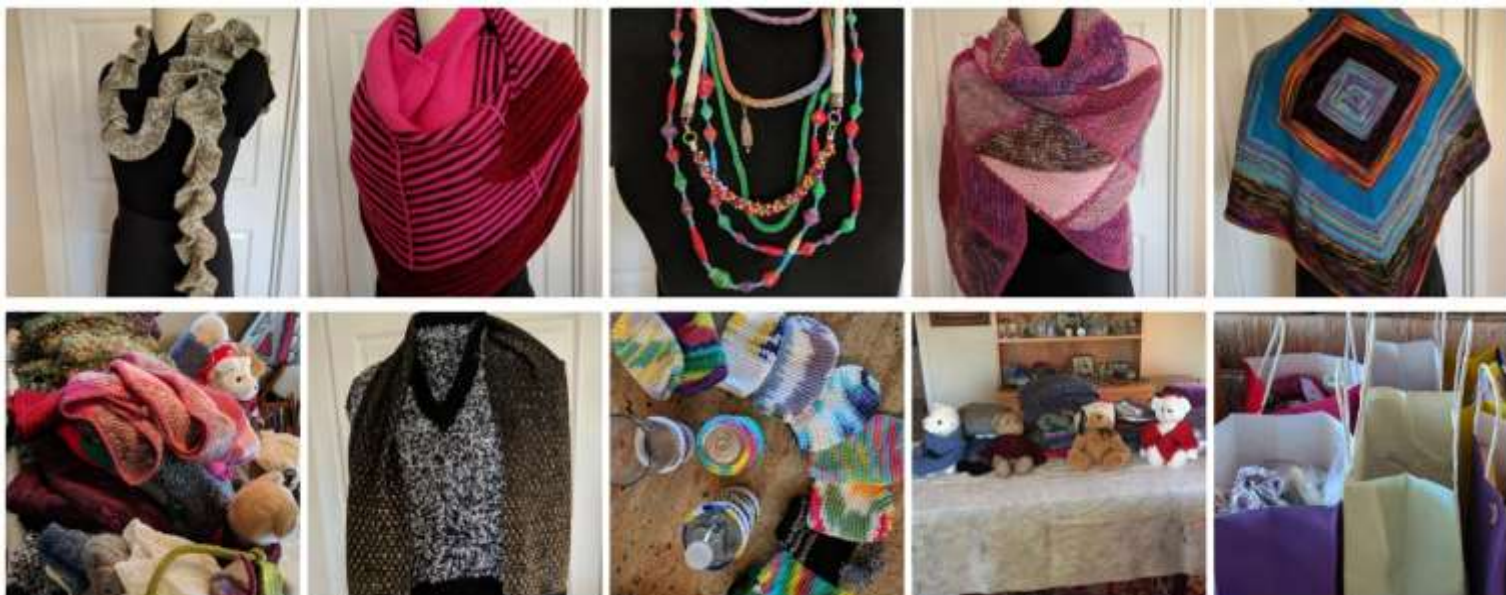




**A BIG  
THANK YOU  
TO  
JANE TEMPEL  
& THE  
T.A.G.  
COMMITTEE**



**AND...  
THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
GUILD  
MEMBERS  
FOR ALL THEIR  
BEAUTIFUL  
DONATIONS!**



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

**OFFICERS**

**President** – Marie Gile

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**Vice President** – Julienne Valentine

juliennevalentine@gmail.com

**Secretary** - Sue Durling

sue@sdurling.com

**Treasurer** - Ann Pyper

pyperann52@gmail.com

Business meeting opened by the president at 10:05 a.m.

**Secretary's Report** - M/S/A

**Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer reported a balance of \$5875

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** – Elaine Cselenko reported seven guests today and thirteen new or renewing members, resulting in a total membership of 129 so far for 2017-18.

**Library** – Linda Verbiscar said that twice as many items were checked out in October compared to last year and she is very gratified by how the library is being utilized. Things checked out today will not be due until January since December is our annual Christmas celebration and she will not be bringing library material for checkout.

**Programs & Workshops** – Debbi Brunner announced all the upcoming workshops and those with available spaces. All details are on the website.

**Newsletter** – Dagmar Munn solicited interesting and/or fun photos for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**Arizona Federation** – Donna Lambert announced that registration is now available online for Federation Day in Phoenix on February 24. 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.

Jane Tempel thanked the membership for their generous handmade contributions for The Art of Giving (TAG) program.

Members were reminded of the Christmas Party gift exchange, which will once again feature a handmade scarf in the medium of your choice. In addition, Lynn Swan is collecting special items for inclusion in the December fundraiser. These may be special handmades, fiber related tools and equipment, etc.

**STUDY GROUPS**

Details about study group meetings are on the website.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:30 a.m.

**PROGRAM** - Sharon Thompson: Photo Transfer on Fabric.

**SHOW AND TELL**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.  
Debbi Brunner – [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

### **Beading:**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. OTM, 9:00 a.m., at Friends in Deed. Karen Gabriel – [karengary115@gmail.com](mailto:karengary115@gmail.com)

### **Braided Rug:**

*Note the December meeting is cancelled. Meetings will resume in January.* Usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday OTM. Gretchen Ramsey - [grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net) or 393-6179

### **Clothing:**

*Watch for group email from Pam as plans are still evolving.* Usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. OTM, 9:30 a.m., at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Pam Smith - [qcreekpam616@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kathe.alves@icloud.com)

### **Kumihimo:**

*Note holiday date change to December 21, 1-3 p.m. at Friends in Deed.* Usually meets the 4th Wednesday OTM, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at Friends in Deed. Diane Mikolyzk – [dianemik46@gmail.com](mailto:dianemik46@gmail.com)

### **Mixed Media Fiber**

Meets the 1st Monday OTM, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd Church.  
Debbi Brunner - [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

### **Smocking**

*NEW LOCATION!* Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, *new:* at the BMO Harris Bank, 270 W. Continental RD. (near Continental Shopping Plaza). The entrance to the meeting room is located to the left of the main entrance. Reba Ashmore – [reba99@cox.net](mailto:reba99@cox.net)

### **Spinning:**

Meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m., at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - [pyperann52@gmail.com](mailto:pyperann52@gmail.com)

### **Tapestry:**

*Note holiday date change to December 12,* at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lila Stoffel: 569 W. Ocotillo Place. Contact - April Boyson - [gaboysen1@gmail.com](mailto:gaboysen1@gmail.com) or phone: 720-545-7748, Lila Stoffel - [lstoffel@loretel.net](mailto:lstoffel@loretel.net) or phone: 218-770-1627.

### **Weaving:**

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



## ~ Exhibits, Shows &amp; Events ~

♥ = Denotes guild member participation

**December 1, 2, & 3, 2017 ♥***Holiday Trunk Show*

Tubac Center of the Arts in Tubac.

Fri &amp; Sat hours: 10 – 9, Sun: 1 – 4:30.

Guild members Marie Gile &amp; Dikki Van Helsland will have fiber art for sale.

<http://tubacarts.org/event/holiday-trunk-shows/2017-12-01/>**December 2-3, 2017 ♥***Art in the Garden*

1510 W Avacado St., Tucson.

Hours: 10 – 4.

35 artists selling clay art, pottery, woodwork, metal art, original paintings and more. Guild member Fran Silvertson will have kumihimo and beaded jewelry for sale.

**December 2-3, 2017 ♥***Oro Valley Holiday Market*

SAACA Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance. Tucson, AZ

Guild member Ellen Kelley will have fiber art for sale.

[http://www. https://www.saaca.org/holidayfestival.html](http://www.https://www.saaca.org/holidayfestival.html)**February 24, 2018 ♥****Federation Day 2018 – Connecting Threads**<http://www.azfed.org/>**Registration is Now Open!**

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 1/10/2017. 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>

