



# Fiber News & Updates

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

## Looking Ahead ~

### **Tues, Nov 7: General Meeting**

"Photo Transfer on Fabric," with Sharon Thompson

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

Fund Raiser Event/Scarf Exchange/Holiday Potluck

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

Hermak Tapestry Technique with Winnie Johnson

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

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



General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, September – May  
10am at:

*Good Shepherd United  
Church of Christ  
17750 S. La Ca 6nada Drive  
Sahuarita, AZ*

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

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## President's Message ~



The old adage "It's great to get away, but so good to come home" is true!! I am just back from a trip to the Baltic countries and St. Petersburg, Russia, and am happy to be home. I am re-enthused by all the wonderful textiles that I saw (and a few that I purchased!) while there, so I have new ideas and new inspirations. Traveling to new places is exciting, but weather unpredictable (a lot of rain), so it is wonderful to be back in beautiful, sunny, warm Arizona. I was sorry to have missed our October guild meeting - especially as it was about my favorite color red!! AND I want to thank Debbi Brunner for leading the meeting in my absence. THANKS DEBBI!

Now that we're into the swing of the guild year and fall season, we have so many opportunities for learning and growing — Sharon Thompson will be leading us in a program this month on Photo Transfer on Fabric. You won't want to miss it. Marge Lind does a super job bringing us such timely and inspiring programs! And Debbi Brunner has a great lineup of workshops for us to participate in!! I know our study group leaders are busy, too, planning their upcoming study year — as well as planning some remembrance gift from their group for each of us to take home from the 30th anniversary luncheon in February. Don't forget to mark your calendar for that special celebration on February 6th.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Christmas pot luck and scarf exchange, too — December 5! I have to get busy making a special scarf.

Just a reminder, that if you have need of some special equipment for your creating time and don't have that particular tool, the guild may have it for your use. Just look on our website for a listing of all the equipment we have and send your request in to borrow the item. It's as simple as that.

Happy creating,  
*Marie*

~ November Program ~

***"PHOTO TRANSFER  
ON FABRIC"***

This month's speaker is Sharon Thompson of Green Valley. Primarily a quilter, Sharon has mastered a technique to transfer photos onto fabric. Her technique can be used in many different kinds of fiber art and should be of interest to all.

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

***LAST CALL  
FOR T.A.G.***

The November meeting is the last date you can drop off items for our **The Art of Giving** philanthropy project. A donation area will be available near the registration table.

***REMINDER!***

~ December Program ~

A lot of fun is planned for our December meeting!

- ✓ Fund-Raiser Opportunity Baskets - *Your donations are needed. Please bring your lovely hand-made items, etc., to the November meeting. Attention: Lynn Swan.*
- ✓ Scarf Exchange
- ✓ Holiday Potluck

***BOOK SALE!***

The Library will host a small sale of books, patterns, and magazines. The sale begins at 9:30 a.m., so come early to get the best choice. Please bring small bills & change to make your purchases.

The regular library will also be available throughout the meeting, as well as the "Returns" basket.

**Bonus:** Items checked out at the November meeting won't have to be returned until January.

***WORKSHOP UPDATE:***

**Weaving the Saori Way** - 1 space left!  
**Hernmarck Technique** - 9 spaces left.  
**Color in Huck** - 4 spaces left.

For full information: check the Workshop Registration table at general meetings, the guild website or contact Debbi: [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

**Important Library Reminders:**

- ✓ All books are checked out for **one** month; meeting to meeting.
- ✓ Due dates are written as **month** and **year** only.
- ✓ **When** you write **11/17** on the book's date due slip -- that means your book is **due** at the November 2017 meeting.

**BONUS:** Since the library will not be available at the December meeting (due to the holiday party) any books checked out at the November meeting may be kept until the January meeting.



**The Countdown is On for Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Scarf Exchange!**

A special reminder to all our members that now is the time to finish (or maybe start?) your project. Weave it, knit it, felt it, crochet it, paint it, etc., etc. - - we'll "ooh and ah" at what you created and it will be cherished by the lucky recipient. Plus, you'll go home with a unique one-of-a-kind creation!



Images: (Left) – Sharon Laws (Right): Diane Foray, Debbi Brunner, Ann Pyper

**February 6, 2018**

**30th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon!**

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. Please sign up at the December meeting. Reservations will close in January.

Image: Eco-Dying Workshop

**VALLEY FIBER ART GUILD MEETING**

October 3, 2017

**OFFICERS**

President – Marie Gile

Vice President – Julienne Valentine

Secretary – Sue Durling

Treasurer – Ann Pyper

Please turn off cell phones

The guild meeting opened at 11:18 am, led by Debbi Brunner, as Marie Gile is out of town on a trip.

Members and guests were welcomed, as was the program presenter, Diane Foray, who presented a program on the color Red. Diane is a docent at Tucson Museum of Art.

The program was followed by the business meeting:

Secretary's Report was approved as Read.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Pyper reported that the checking balance is \$6,123.22.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Elaine Cselenko reported that we have 111 members and 3 guests today.

Library Committee: Linda Verbiscar reported that there will be a small book sale next month.

Programs & Workshops: Debbi Brunner announced the programs for November and December, as well as upcoming workshops.

November- Sharon Thompson will present a program on photo transfer

December- Holiday chances and Opportunity baskets, followed by the Christmas pot luck and scarf exchange.

Today's workshop is full, led by Sharon Laws on creating scarves

October- Ric Rao's workshop on eco dyeing is full

November- Laura Lundy's workshop on the saori weave has a few openings and is now open to other guilds

January- Winnie Johnson will lead a workshop on tapestry

February- Rosalie Nielsen will present color in huck lace

March- Karen Luckas will lead a workshop on upcycled clothing

Newsletter: Dagmar Munn is requesting pictures for the newsletter.

AZ Federation: Donna Lambert reported that the Federation will hold Federation Day on Saturday, Feb 24, 2018, at the Phoenix Hilton Double Tree. The \$36 registration fee includes lunch.

There are 100 places available. You may sign up for classes without registration for lunch.

**Old Business**

- Reminders:
- 1) A Fiber Art Journal are still available at \$15 each. There are only a few left.
  - 2) TAG - The Art of Giving (Jane) Last chance to bring items will be at the November meeting
  - 3) Gift exchange at the December Christmas party - please make a scarf to exchange

**New Business**

Study groups are making bookmarks for birthday celebration.

Dikki announced that she has a trunk show on Saturday.

Announcements were made by study group leaders about meeting dates and places, as well as projects and topics being studied.

The meeting ended at 11:43 a.m. and was followed by members Show & Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Pyper recording for Sue Durling

## ~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."*

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### **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:**

*Meetings begin on November 9* - - and will continue meeting 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:**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday OTM. Gretchen Ramsey  
[grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net) or 393-6179

### **Clothing:**

*Note holiday date change to November 30<sup>th</sup>, location TBA. Watch for group email or contact Pam.* 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 November 16, 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, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd Church.  
Debbi Brunner - [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

### **Smocking**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the "Community Connect" (next door to CVS Pharmacy) in the Continental Shopping Center.  
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)

### **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.

### **Weaving (Off Loom) Tapestry:**

Contact - April Boyson - [gaboysen1@gmail.com](mailto:gaboysen1@gmail.com), Lila Stoffel - [lstoffel@loretel.net](mailto:lstoffel@loretel.net) or phone: 218-770-1627.



## ~ Exhibits, Shows &amp; Events ~

♥ = Denotes guild member participation

**November 10-11, 2017 ♥**

GVR Lapidary & Silversmith Club Artisan Festival  
Green Valley, AZ.

<http://www.gvlclub.org/festivals.html>

**December 2-3, 2017 ♥**

Oro Valley Holiday Market - - SAACA Southern Arizona Arts  
and Cultural Alliance.

Tucson, AZ

[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/>

***SPECIAL NOTICE!***

**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>



Dress of Empress Catherine II (the Great) with redingote overcoat and a skirt 1786-1789. St. Petersburg, Russia.

*Image provided by Marie Gile*



*Image provided by Sue Durling*