



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Oct 3: General Meeting

"The Perfect Red," with
Diane Foray

Tues, Nov 7: General Meeting

"Photo Transfer on Fabric," with
Sharon Thompson

Tues, Dec 5: General Meeting

Fund Raiser Event/Scarf
Exchange/Holiday Potluck



Image: Yard Therapy

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

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

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President's Message ~

Last month I mentioned how books, magazines and DVDs can inspire us, perhaps instilling new ideas to try. I also mentioned color — a huge area for study and inspiration. You won't want to miss our October meeting, which will feature the color RED. Diane Foray, a docent from the Tucson Museum of Art, will take us, through PowerPoint, on a journey of exploration about this fascinating color.



Diane Foray's program also makes me think of her sharing her knowledge with us - teaching us what she has discovered about this color. We all benefit when others teach: we gain new perspectives and the teacher does too by our questions and thoughts about the subject. In an interesting article from July/August 2012 issue of *Cloth*Paper*Scissors* by Julie Fee-fan Balzer entitled, "Be a Teacher," she gives three reasons why it's important for each of us to be a teacher:

- 1) Community - belonging and sharing with a creative community larger than ourselves.
- 2) New Perspective - the power of someone bringing fresh eyes to our thoughts about a subject or way of doing things.
- 3) Conscious Creating - why do I do things a certain way?

Balzer says that breaking down an instinctive action in order to teach it is very edifying. As she says, "Being a teacher is not about being an expert... [it] is about sharing... and igniting the spark that allows others to light their own wicks..." I think this is what our guild and our study groups are all about!

Happy creating,
Marie



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September Program

“THE PERFECT RED”

The color red has extraordinary significance in cultures throughout the world. Yet the ability to create the color was elusive, challenging and expensive. In Diane Foray’s lecture we will travel back centuries ago to explain how the discovery of a key ingredient in creating a “perfect red” revolutionized the creation of red dye. We’ll see how artists El Greco, Vermeer, Seurat, Tintoretto and other renowned painters used this newly imported ingredient to create the reds in their works. Be prepared for a story of intrigue and surprises!!!

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



REMINDERS FOR YOU!

- ✓ Stop by the Library table where you’ll find 100+ books and magazines on a variety of fiber topics. Library check-out begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues during our meeting break time.
- ✓ Bring your TAG donation items and drop them off at the designated area near the registration table.
- ✓ Don’t forget your show & tell item!



- ✓ There are a few journals left and will be available for purchase at the general membership meetings.

A Fiber Art Journey will be a constant companion. Each of its one hundred pages has *Inspiration, Tips and Sage Advice* to make it a perfect source book as well as a gift for all your fiber friends.

Available in assorted colors @ \$15.00 each.



The Art of Giving (TAG)

"I'm looking forward to seeing all at the October meeting. Summer has gone so fast but I can always plan on extending the summer weather in Arizona!

I will be attending the October meeting and if anyone has donations, I will happily take them out of your hands! I will also be gathering donations in November. If you want to contribute but don't have time to make a gift, toiletries are also greatly appreciated. Thanks, in advance, for your gifts! See you soon!"

Jane Tempel, TAG Chairperson



4th Annual Xmas Party Scarf Exchange!

A special reminder to all guild members that now is the time to finish (or maybe, start?) your project for our 4th annual Xmas party scarf exchange.

Weave it, knit it, felt it, crochet it, paint it - - your options are endless - - we'll "ooh and ahh" 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!

~ Exhibits, Shows & Events ~

♥ = Denotes guild member participation

October 2-8, 2017

Spinning & Weaving Week

Sponsored by Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. Share your love of fiber and teach someone how to weave or spin. More ideas at:

<http://www.weavespindye.org/spinning-weaving-week>

October 5-7, 2017

Fabulous Fiber Sale

Verde Valley Weavers & Spinners Guild, Sedona, AZ. Sale of members' work.

<https://redrockbaskets.com/event/43572/fabulous-fiber-sale-2017>

October 7th & 8th, 2017

Taos Wool Festival at Kit Carson Park, Taos, NM.

Free! Juried vendors, demonstrations, workshops and more!

<http://taoswoolfestival.org/>

October 21, 2017 – February 18, 2018

Dress Matters: Clothing as Metaphor

Tucson Museum of Art

<https://tucsonmuseumofart.org/exhibition/dress-matters-clothing-as-metaphor/>

November 10-11, 2017 ♥

GVR Lapidary & Silversmith Club Artisan Festival

Green Valley, AZ.

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

February 24, 2018 ♥

Federation Day – Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners. Phoenix, AZ

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

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.

Have a Photo to Share?

Study group projects, show & tell, special creations - - if you have a fiber-related photo, we'd like to include it in our newsletter! Contact Dagmar at: dagmunn1@gmail.com

**VFA Guild General Meeting
September 5, 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 10:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report - M/S/A

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer reported a balance of \$5530

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Elaine Cselenko reported one guest today and seven new or renewing members, resulting in a total membership of 100 for 2017-18.

Library – Linda Verbiscar reported that she had 100% return of borrowed materials last year. She processed 140 new books and magazine issues over the summer and she encourages members to look at what she brings to each meeting for possible checkout. She could use a few more helpers at the library table at the regular meetings. There will probably be a small book sale at the November meeting.

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

Website – There will be a new password in October for accessing the membership directory on the website.

Arizona Federation – Donna Lambert reported on progress on planning for Federation Day in Phoenix on February 24 next year. Our Guild will have an 8x10 booth where members can showcase and/or sell their work. The member must be present to do this.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Members are encouraged to contribute handmade items or small gifts to The Art of Giving (TAG) program. Jane Tempel and her committee are collecting these items through November. Committee members are Sharon Laws, Elaine Cselenko and Kathe Alves.

Members were reminded of the Christmas Party gift exchange, which will once again feature a handmade scarf in the medium of your choice.

STUDY GROUP

Some study groups are getting underway this month, others in October and November. Check the website for details. A new Basketry study group is forming and will meet on the 1st Thursday at the home of Debbi Brunner, starting in October.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAM: What we did (created) this summer, including unique travel fiber purchases.

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

NEW! Begins October 5th. Meets the 1st Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Will start meeting November 9 - - and will continue meeting 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

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

Smocking

Meets the 4th 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

Spinning:

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

Weaving:

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

Weaving (Off Loom) Tapestry:

Will start meeting October 18th, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Lila Stoffel (569 Ocotillo Place). Future meeting sites and schedule will be discussed. Members are invited to bring their current projects. April Boyson - gaboysen1@gmail.com, Lila Stoffel - lstoffel@loretel.net or phone: 218-770-1627.



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