



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues., Sept 5: General Meeting:
“Guild Members’ Show and Tell”

Tues, Oct 3: General Meeting
“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



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
www.valleyfiberartguild.org

President’s Message ~



I hope you have been having a wonderful, creative, relaxing, enjoyable, productive, inspiring, fruitful and happy summer! Our first meeting for the 2017-2018 year is just around the corner. It will be so good to see you on Tuesday September 5th -- and to see and hear about all you have done since last we met! And I’ll have some tidbits to share with you about my trip to Holland, Michigan for MLH workshops...and add a more in-depth talk about that experience at our 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Talking about workshops; it reminds me to remind you to check out our educational fund monies that are available, if you’re thinking of taking a non-guild workshop. This may be just for you! Go to the website and under Board Information you will find Continuing Education Fund Policies and Application: <http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org/board-information.html> and all the details are on the right side of the web page. And while you’re on the website, don’t forget to check out the inspiring and informative programs and workshops for the year. It’s a great lineup for both! Program Chair Marge Lind and her committee, and Workshop Chair Debbi Brunner and her committee, have been busy!

We are fortunate to have an extensive library, with books, magazines and DVDs that cover all our fiber interests — and a dedicated library committee. We have a wealth of new additions that have arrived over the summer, so don’t forget to stop by the library table each month as various new ones are brought to our meeting. I have been browsing through the recent May/June 2017 *Cloth*Paper*Scissors* magazine issue for inspiration. As the editorial director Jeannine Stein said in her ‘Musings from the editor’:

The first time I saw ordinary table salt dropped into still-wet watercolor to create ‘blooms’ in the paint, I was amazed that something so commonplace could result in such a beautiful effect. I never tire of discovering how seemingly mundane things can astonish us—if we keep our eyes and minds open. I love that a rusty washer can leave a lovely re-brown print on fabric, that plain gelatin can turn into a mono printing plate, and that things bound for the trash can reappear as a stunning assemblage.

I’ve also been re-reading a book I’ve had a long time – *The Textile Design Book* by Karin Jerstorp & Eva Kohlmark. It has an extensive
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September Program



"GUILD MEMBERS' SHOW AND TELL"

Members will informally share their summer activities and accomplishments. Please bring samples to share in a "show and tell" format. It's always exciting to hear the stories of our productive summer months and our members' fiber projects, fiber journeys and other creative endeavors.

Please take time to visit the Workshop page at valleyfiberartguild.org. We have a wonderful group of workshops available for our members through this fall and into 2018. You may register at September general meeting or via mail.

Email Debbi Brunner with questions. Missseyb@gmail.com

2017-2018 WORKSHOPS!

Recycle for Upscale Scarf Accessory with Sharon Laws

October 3, 2017 ~ 1:00-3:30pm ~ Limit 10 Students ~ Workshop Fee: \$15.00

Learn the technique for the scarves some of our guild members displayed in January. We all 'oohed and aahed' over the unique construction! Sharon will show different ways for us to collage scarves and fabric in our stash or from the thrift store. You will come away with a one-of-a-kind accessory. We'll plan, pin and tape our creations together for permanent assembly at home.

*THIS WORKSHOP
IS FULL!*

Eco-Dyeing and Indigo Shibori Dyeing with Ric Rao

October 14, 2017 9am-4pm & October 15, 9am-12noon

Weaving in the Saori Way with Laura Lundy

November 8 & 9, 2017 ~ 9am – 4pm ~ Workshop is limited to 8 Students ~ Workshop Fee: \$90.00

Students will provide their own pre-warped looms and yarns for weaving and learn Saori Weaving Techniques in this 2-day workshop. Laura will discuss; What is Saori? How is the Saori philosophy expressed in weaving? Techniques to be taught will be chosen from a list of 11 techniques, with class input, including a collaboration of Saori and Sakiori (weaving w/rags). Discussion of how to finish woven cloth and if time permits, how to sew up and instructions for a simple garment.

(President's Message - - continued)

of color. Their words in the introduction struck me too *...It is this joy over the collaboration between one's hands, imagination, and eyes... and ...discover and be inspired by the smallest fragments of nature or your luncheon sandwich.*" These and other great sources for inspiration always rev my engine and keep me creating, as I'm sure magazines and books do for you too!

If you are thinking of joining a new study group — for inspiration or to expand your knowledge of a technique or to learn a new one — maybe this is the year to do it! We have study groups for all interests. Please check those out on the web, or talk to a study group leader at the meeting.

And don't forget to mark your calendar for our upcoming 30th Anniversary Celebration on February 6, 2018. We will enjoy a program about our forming and growth, and be meeting past members as our guests, and have a special celebratory luncheon. More details to follow.

See you in September!

Marie

The Art of Giving (TAG)

I hope everyone has had a good summer. It turned cool last week in Denver, with our monsoons bringing temperatures down in the 50's at night. Reminded me that fall is around the corner.

I had some eye "issues" this year, so was looking around for some easier knitting projects. At the same time I took stock of my partial skeins of yarn in my closet and determined I had to do something! So, I found an easy pattern for lap blankets, small, but great for wheelchairs. It used yarn of any size, color and quantity. So I've knit several for TAG and I've reduced my closet requirement for yarn. I'll bring some for Show 'N Tell in October.

There are so many items that are appreciated from our talented members. Any craft lends itself for this worthwhile project. All of you have known people who are in nursing homes or are Shut ins and know what they like; something to wear, something to keep them warm, something useful or something decorative. Also for more ideas, take a look at the website. We could also use gift bags. I've been collecting some of the cloth bags from stores, which provide a great bag for gifts AND they can continue use the bag. We can also use toiletries, if you want to donate items, but are too busy to make something. And please remember, about 20% of the recipients are men, so we can use gifts for them too!

Thanks in advance for your generosity in supporting this project.

See you soon!

Jane Tempel

Library Notes

Be sure to check out the library table at the September meeting where you will find over 100 recently accessioned items available for check out!

Some of the books/magazines which will be available include:

- ✓ All of the most recent copies of our magazine subscriptions, including our newest subscriptions:
 - Altered Couture*
 - Where Women Create*
- ✓ Beading magazines
- ✓ Books on the following, some of which are new topics for the guild:
 - * Collage
 - Collage Lost and Found*
 - Collage With Color*
 - * Handmade Books and Journals
 - Fabric Art Journals*
 - Creating Handmade Books*
 - * Surface Design
 - * Beading
 - * Weaving
 - Magic in the Water; Wet Finishing Handwovens*
 - * Knitting
 - 24 Hour Knitting Projects*
 - Simple Knitting*
 - * Crochet
 - 24 Hour Crochet Projects*
 - * Spinning
 - Spinning Wheel Primer*

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian

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A sample of last year's TAG items

Save the Date !

Federation Day February 24, 2018

Mark your calendars. Plans are finalizing for another amazing Federation Day. Great classes, vendors, a raffle, yummy buffet and Rosalie Nielsen as the keynote speaker. Details will be coming soon.

Our guild was well represented at the last Federation Day. I hope that we have another large contingent of our talented and creative members there to showcase all the fiber related activities that our guild promotes.

Donna Lambert, Federation Director



From our 2017-2018 workshop: "Recycle for Upcycle Scarf Accessory"



From our 2017-2018 workshop: "Eco-Dyeing and Indigo-Shibori Dyeing"



From our 2017-2018 workshop: "Weaving in the Saori Way"

Important

Membership Announcement!

Are you holding off renewing your membership until you return to Arizona for the winter season? You might be missing out on valuable guild announcements and our monthly newsletter.

This month's newsletter is being shared with all members (renewed or not) but - - unless you renew soon, you will be dropped from our general email list.

Renewing is easy! Just download the form off our website and mail it in. Renewing now will save the time of doing it later when you return - - and will give you more time to greet your fiber friends and 'ooh & ahh' over everyone's wonderful projects!

Elaine Cselenko, Membership Chair

**VFA Guild General Meeting
May 2, 2017**

OFFICERS**President** – Marie Gile**Vice President** – Julienne Valentine**Secretary** - Sue Durling**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 \$3581**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Membership** – Elaine Cselenko reported six guests today and 81 new or renewal members for 2017-18.

Library – Linda Verbiscar said that she has all library materials returned or reported on and that she has many new things to catalog over the summer. She reported that almost 300 items were circulated this past term (actually 292) which compares very favorably with 266 items last year. She thanked the Library Committee members, Karen Holthofer, Julienne Valentine and Judith MacIntyre for their tremendous help with the library, and especially thanked Elaine Cselenko who has produced the digitized library catalog for the website as well as all the book labels and other cataloging materials. Library materials can be available over the summer just by emailing or phoning Linda. However, she will be traveling parts of the summer.

Website – Kay Burrows will be the new webmaster. Kay designed the website and served as webmaster until Frances Lunney took the job 4 years ago. The President thanked Fran for her major contribution to the Guild's well-being.

Arizona Federation – The Federation is recruiting teachers for the meeting in February 2018. These people will be paid a stipend: \$200 for a full day and \$100 for a half day. Information about how to apply will be announced shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

Marie Gile reminded members to send memories of being a guild member to Sharon Laws for our 30th Anniversary Celebration coming up in February 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no new business, the president wished all a wonderful fiber filled summer.

STUDY GROUPS

Up to date study group information is on the website.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.

SHOW & TELL**MAKE AND TAKE: STICK WRAPPING**

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."*

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

Clothing:

Will start meeting September 28 - - and will continue meeting the 4th Thurs. OTM, 9:30 a.m., at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Members are invited to bring their summer projects for show and tell. Pam Smith - qcreekpam616@gmail.com or 775-770-4630.

Crochet:

No September meeting - - usually meets the 3rd Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m., at Sunrise Point clubhouse. Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Will start meeting September 26 - - and will continue meeting the 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes. Kathe Alves – kathe.alves@icloud.com

Kumihimo:

No September meeting - - will start meetings in October and usually meets the 4th Wednesday OTM, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at Friends in Deed. Diane Mikolyzk – dianemik46@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber

Will start meeting October 2 - - and will continue meeting the 1st Monday OTM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd Church. Debbi Brunner - miskeyb@gmail.com

Smocking

Will start meeting October 25 - - and will continue meeting 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:

Will start meeting October 18 - - and will continue meeting the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m., at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - pyperann52@gmail.com

Weaving:

Will start meeting September 11 - - and will continue meeting 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 18; at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Lila Hague-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 Hague-Stoffel lstoffel@loretel.net

Wool Braided Rug:

Will start meeting September 25 - - and will continue meeting the 4th Monday OTM. Gretchen Ramsey grandmagretchen@cox.net or 393-6179.