



# Fiber News & Updates

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

## Looking Ahead ~

### **Tues, May 2: General Meeting**

Member Make-and-Take:  
"Stick Wrapping"

### **June - August:**

Summer break - No meetings  
scheduled

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

Guild Members Show & Tell

### **Tues, Oct 3: General Meeting**

Diane Foray - "Red"



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

Good Shepherd United  
Church of Christ  
17750 S. La Canada Drive  
Sahuarita

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Membership \$20/year  
[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

## Note from our President ~



What a wonderful year this has been for inspiration, and our last meeting of the guild year, May 2nd, will be one of those, as we will be "making and taking" artful wrapped sticks. I already have plans for where I'm going to display mine — and know the making of them will be lots of fun. Check out the information on page 2 of this newsletter for what to bring.

As I look back over our year, it has been one filled with fun, learning, sharing, great programs and workshops. Looking forward to our upcoming year, there will be a wealth of exciting and informative ones in the works too! Please watch your newsletters for details. All of these would not be possible without the dedication of our great board and committee leaders that include: Ann Pyper, Sue Durling, Debbi Brunner, Marge Lind, Dagmar Munn, Fran Lunney, Linda Verbiscar, Elaine Cselenko, Donna Lambert, Sharon Laws and Lynn Swan — and to our wonderful devoted study group leaders! Thank you to all!!

Summer is quickly approaching and I wish you all happy and safe travels, especially to members who are heading north to their summer residences. We will miss you and look forward to your return in the fall!! After the May meeting I will begin planning for the coming year, take a break, re-boot my walking program, and perhaps start something new or finish something that is calling to be completed. Most likely your plans are similar.

Have a wonderful summer creating! ... and see you in the fall at the Valley Fiber Art Guild with stories of your fun summer.

Until then.....Marie



### **TRAVEL ALERT!**

If your travel plans happen to route you through the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport - - be sure to check out the special fiber art display:

***"Worn as Art: Reversible Capes by Eleanor Bostwick"***

Located in Terminal 3, level 2 display case

Now through summer 2017

For more information:

<https://skyharbor.com/Museum/Exhibitions/Terminal3>

## May Program: Make-and-Take

### "WRAPPED STICKS"

May's "Make-and-Take" activity will be the art of stick decorating. The finished wrapped and decorated sticks can be displayed in pots (with or without plants in them), hung on the wall, or placed in any corner that needs some color.

Per guild policy: Guest fee is \$2/meeting



#### Please bring:

- ✓ Interesting sticks that are not thorny and not too brittle/crumbly. Try to snip off branches and buds that are too skinny to wrap and clean off loose bark. The more angles and twists, the better. *JoAnn Fabrics* has bunches of corkscrew willow that can be used with success.
- ✓ Colorful /bright yarns, ribbons, fabric strips, leather. Different textures make it more interesting.
- ✓ Beads, buttons, earrings, pendants, found objects to use as decoration.
- ✓ Different glues can be used. *Elmer's*, *Tacky* or *Elmer's glue stick*.
- ✓ Scissors.
- ✓ Something to work on to protect the table, i.e., waxed paper or firm plastic.
- ✓ *Wet Ones* to clean hands as working.
- ✓ AND...your creativity!!!



The **Crochet Study Group** had a great time creating this installation for the Sunrise Point Clubhouse.

L to R: Christie Furber, Toni Prutch, Lynn Swan, Marie Gile, Ilene Sorenson and Kim Keast. (Missing is Linda Larriva)

***Congratulations!***

We welcome our new guild Vice-President, Julienne Valentine and our new Treasurer, Ann Pyper. Their terms will run May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019.

***Library Update:***

A big thankyou from all members goes out to Linda Verbiscar and her wonderful volunteers for a very successful year!

Reminder: Please return any outstanding library materials at the May meeting. If you have any suggestions for additional books/resources for our guild library please contact:

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian  
[verbiscarjl@yahoo.com](mailto:verbiscarjl@yahoo.com)

***Federation Day February 24, 2018***

Plans are well under way for another fun-filled Federation Day!

We are currently looking for instructors for half-day and full-day workshops. Half-day instructors will be paid \$100 and full-day instructors \$200. Please fill out the information required on the Federation website as to type of workshop, length, etc. We know there are many guild members who have a multitude of creativity and encourage you to share your talents.

Each guild will be donating a basket for the raffle and also have a booth for displaying items that our members have created. This is a terrific opportunity to show off our VFAG. More information will be coming as plans solidify.

Keep checking [www.AZFED.org](http://www.AZFED.org) for updated information as we go forward.

***A Look at Our 2017-18 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.

**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.

**Eco-Dyeing and Indigo Shibori Dyeing with Ric Rao *THIS WORKSHOP IS FULL!***

**October 14, 2017 9am-4pm & October 15, 9am-12noon ~ Workshop is limited to 8 Students ~ Cost: \$100.00**

(1-1/2 day workshop) Ric Rao of Las Cruces New Mexico will be with us again this Fall. On Day 1 we will learn Ric's technique for Eco-Dyeing using two silk scarves and local plants. While steaming the scarves eco-dye silk scarves we will prepare Shibori pieces for dyeing the morning of the second day.

~ More details of each workshop will be available at the May general meeting and on our website ~

### *The Art of Giving (TAG)*

Summer is almost upon us. It's a great time to think about making gifts for the Guild's TAG project. In the warmer months, I enjoy knitting small projects that use up stash yarn. Many projects like fingerless gloves, scarves, hats, dish cloths or small purses can be made in an evening. Earlier this year, I came across a bag of worsted yarn, of various colors. I just started knitting fingerless gloves using small amounts of yarn until I ran out and started another color. I made 4 sets of gloves in an afternoon and they were delightful. Other people prefer making a lap quilt or stole with stash yarn. All are great ideas for TAG gifts and reducing your stash to make room for new yarn.

I have always been impressed with the gifts we've received for this project. Many of you provide knitted goods, but many of the members have donated items that are felted, crocheted, sewn, beaded, and other crafts.

Whatever your craft, I hope you will consider making an item or two for the low income seniors in the area this year. The gifts are distributed at the end of December. You can definitely make a difference in the lives of many.

I will not be at the May meeting, but Sharon Laws, Elaine Cselenko or Kathe Alves will be happy to take any gifts that are ready and store for the summer. We will also be collecting gifts through the November meeting.

If your time is short, but you still want to participate; toiletries are always welcome.

Thank you and enjoy the summer!  
Jane Tempel



Elaine Cselenko (L) and Julienne Valentine (R) demonstrate the art of spinning at our guild's recent outreach event held for the residents of La Posada.

### **Reminder:** *Saving Guild Memories*

In honor of our guild's upcoming 30th anniversary (in 2018), we are collecting memories from our past and current members. Please join in and share your own memories of when *you* first joined the guild and *why*. Plus, tell us about any particularly special or interesting events or memories - and what keeps you coming back!

Here are several questions to help you get started:

1. I joined the guild on...
2. My special memories are...
3. What I enjoy about this guild is...

Email to Sharon Laws  
[expressionsaz@cox.net](mailto:expressionsaz@cox.net) or send via "snail mail;" her address is in the directory.



## ~ Study Groups ~

**ALL Study Groups (except those noted) will be taking a break over the summer months. No meetings are scheduled May – August. Please check with the Study Group Leader regarding informal summer get-togethers or for the first meeting scheduled in the fall.**

Study Groups are open to all current Guild members. 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:

Usually 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:

Usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday OTM., at 9:00 a.m.

Gretchen Ramsey [grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net)  
or 393-6179

### Clothing:

*The Clothing study group WILL meet over the summer. The May meeting is at the church as usual. June, July and August meetings will be held in member's homes; contact Pam Smith for specifics.*

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:

Usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m.

Kim Keast - [kimkeastart@yahoo.com](mailto:kimkeastart@yahoo.com)

### Felting

*Currently on break.*

### Knitting:

Usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in member's homes.

Kathe Alves – [kathe.alves@icloud.com](mailto:kathe.alves@icloud.com)

### Kumihimo:

Usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday OTM, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at Friends in Deed.

Diane Mikolyzk – [dianemik46@gmail.com](mailto:dianemik46@gmail.com)

### Mixed Media Fiber

Usually meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday OTM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ.

Debbi Brunner - [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

### Smocking

Usually 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:

*Meetings will resume in October.*

Usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m., at Ann Pyper's home.

Ann Pyper - [pyperann52@gmail.com](mailto:pyperann52@gmail.com)

### Weaving (Off Loom) Tapestry:

Usually meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays OTM, at 1:00 p.m., at the East Villas Club Room (on Paseo Cerro). Valarie James [Valarieleejames@gmail.com](mailto:Valarieleejames@gmail.com) or 520-398-9450.

### Weaving:

Usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m., in member's homes.

Cindy Wolf – [pclobo2@gmail.com](mailto:pclobo2@gmail.com)

or phone: 608-343-6765.



**VFA Guild General Meeting  
April 4, 2017**

**OFFICERS**

**President** – Marie Gile

mgile117@gmail.com

**Vice President** - Ann Pyper

ronann0228@q.com

**Secretary** - Sue Durling

sdurling@juno.com

**Treasurer** – Debbi Brunner

misseyb@gmail.com

**MEMBER ANNUAL STASH SALE**

Business meeting opened by the vice president at 10:55 a.m.

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

**Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer reported a balance of \$4266 – M/S/A

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** – Elaine Cselenko reported one new member today and that renewals for next year are due now.

**Storage** – Sharon Laws reported that the Guild has one new bigger storage unit that replaces two smaller ones, and that the transfer of everything was accomplished yesterday.

**Programs** - Marge Lind reminded members that the May general meeting will be a Make and Take. This year's project is stick wrapping. Members should bring a stick and fabric, ribbon, yarn, beads, whatever, to create a wrapped stick. Examples were on display at Show and Tell.

**Arizona Federation** – Donna Lambert announced that our own Debbi Brunner was re-elected president at the last Federation board meeting. Also, each Guild will prepare a basket for the biannual meeting next February. In addition, each Arizona Guild will have a booth to display and sell wares.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The vice president reminded members to send memories of being a guild member to Sharon Laws for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration coming up in February 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sue Durling conducted elections for new officers in the coming year and she thanked the nominating committee: Ann Bont, Karen Holthofer and Darlene Powell. There were no nominations from the floor and Julienne Valentine was elected vice president and Ann Pyper was elected treasurer.

**STUDY GROUPS**

The new smocking study group has organized. It is small but enthusiastic.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:15 a.m.

**SHOW & TELL**

**BROWN BAG PICNIC**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Durling, Secretary

## ~Area Exhibits & Happenings~

### Now through summer 2017

*Worn as Art: Reversible Capes* by Eleanor Bostwick. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 3, level 2 display case. Over a period of three decades, Eleanor Bostwick created a series of eight unique capes. They are all reversible and similar in basic form, but that is where their similarity ends. Each cape is executed in different combinations of materials such as silk, wool, taffeta, beads and leather. She incorporates various fiber art techniques including hand-weaving, applique, embroidery and quilting. All of the capes are rich with layers of meaning and detail.

For more information: <https://skyharbor.com/Museum/Exhibitions/Terminal3>

### Now through July 9, 2017

*Weaving in New Mexico: The Ancestral Puebloan and Rio Grande Traditions*, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Las Cruces, NM. For details check the Museum's website:

<http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org/current.php>

### April 5 – May 12

*The Art of Recycle IV*. Community Performance & Art Center (CPAC), Green Valley. Entries must be at least 75% recycled, discarded, repurposed and/or found materials. Deadline March 20. All entries must be for sale. Information: <http://www.performingartscenter.org/programs/exhibits/>

### April 20 - 30

Pima County Fair, theme: *Southwestern Transportation*. A great opportunity to showcase your work! Look under the Fine Arts Entries category and the Home Arts Entries category. Entries due March 10 & items due April 14-15. Information at: <http://www.pimacountyfair.com/premium-book>

### June 2-7 ♥

*Fiber Inspirations*. Michigan League of Handweavers Biannual Conference & Workshops. Hope College, Holland, Michigan. For details and information: <http://www.mlhguild.org>

### June 3-4

*Flag Wool & Fiber Festival*. Pioneer Museum, 2340 N Ft. Valley Rd., Flagstaff, AZ. For information on attending and/or submitting entries to the festival's Fiber Arts Competition (deadline is June 3 at 10:00 a.m.) go to: <http://www.flagwool.com/fiber-arts-competition.html>

### June 27-30

*Intermountain Weavers Conference*, for fiber artists. Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado. <http://www.intermountainweavers.org/>

### February 24, 2018 ♥

*Federation Day*. Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners biannual meeting. Phoenix, AZ <http://www.azfed.org/>

♥ = Denotes guild member participating in this event!

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*Please submit information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.*