



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Apr 4: General Meeting

Member Stash Sale and
Brown Bag Picnic

Tues, May 2: General Meeting

Member Make-and-Take:
“Stick-Wrapping”

June – August:

Summer Break – No meetings
scheduled

Tues, Sept 5: General Meeting

Guild Member’s Show & Tell



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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

Membership \$20/year
www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Note from our President ~

April has always been such a special month to me...birds and bees are busy, plants popping up and blooming, leaves unfurling, trees blossoming! It’s a month full of energy - and gives me that energy too!! Our upcoming guild meeting day will be just as full of energy. We’ll begin with our Members Stash Sale. I’m sure you have your items ready (and extra cash on hand!) for this fun time!! If you have handmade items you’d like to bring for sale, please do. There are always so many treasures to buy and sell.



April is also our Elections month — this year for Treasurer and Vice President. Ann Pyper, who has done a great job as Vice President, has been nominated for Treasurer. We know Ann will continue her dedication to serve our guild in this new role. Julienne Valentine has accepted the nomination for Vice President and we are looking forward to Julienne joining us on the board, bringing enthusiasm and new ideas.

AND it’s our Brown Bag Picnic, which will be held in the Redman Room right after the guild meeting. The guild will provide dessert & beverage. It’s a special time to visit with friends and meet new members — and all with no bugs or too breezy winds.

You’ll also want to hear about May’s fun “Make and Take” project - and begin to look now for that special branch or stick to embellish. So you can see, our upcoming meeting will be full of energy and fun!

As ever,

Marie

PORTILLO RIDGE FABRIC, ETC. SALE!

Fri & Sat - - March 24 & 25 - - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
827 S. Monte Cristo, Green Valley
(Signs off of Continental traffic circle)

**MEGA FABRIC STASH SALE! ART & CRAFT SUPPLIES!
HUGE YARN & BUTTON COLLECTION!**

Questions? Contact: Ellen (H) 399-4268 (C) 308-9913

MEMBER STASH SALE!

Guidelines:

Fiber, yarns, fiber related implements and your hand-made items can all be sold.

Please make sure all your items are clearly priced.

A limited number of tables will be available for your items, be prepared to share a table (½ of a table).

Whether you are a seller or a buyer, please bring small denomination bills and change to facilitate monetary exchanges.

You may also want to bring your own shopping bags; you never know what you will take home!

Set-up will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately one hour.

Still have questions?

Contact Marge Lind at: mjlind69@gmail.com

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

BROWN BAG PICNIC

Following the Member's Stash Sale and a short business meeting, you are invited to join us for our Brown Bag Picnic.

Bring your lunch plus a project to work on or just relax and chat. Desert will be provided!

We'll be in the Redmond Room -- enjoying a wind-free and bug-free environment.



AN EXCITING LOOK AT 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

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. This time on Day 1 we will learn Ric's technique for Eco-Dyeing using two silk scarves and local plants. While we are steaming the scarves eco-dye silk scarves we will prepare our Shibori pieces for dyeing the morning of the second day. The great part of the eco-dyeing is using things from our yards. You'll be given a list natural plants that work well plus things to look for and acquire.

More details of each workshop will be available at the April General meeting.

In Memoriam

A long-time member of the Valley Fiber Art Guild, Elsa Sreenivasam, passed away March 15, 2017. Elsa was 90 years old and had lived a full and interesting life.

Elsa graduated with an art degree and a graduate degree in textile arts. She taught in many universities and was the recipient of two Fulbright awards. She studied textiles in India where she met and married her husband of 47 years, Dharma.

Elsa was active even into her later years, teaching Indian Block Printing, silk dyeing and sold her work in the GV area. Many of us took one of her last block printing workshops and had a wonderful time. Elsa's knowledge and enthusiasm for the fiber arts will be fondly remembered.

Library Notes

It is great to see that guild members are using our library. We've had 292 items checked out this year! While September & October started out a little slow there were record check outs in January & February. I also appreciate that most members are conscientious about returning their items at the next meeting.

So, on that note I need to remind you that:

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE RETURNED AT THE
APRIL MEETING!!!**

I will not be there, but there will be the usual crates available to receive the books--in front of the room where the library is usually set up.

Our little library sale in March raised \$46.25 which will be added to next year's budget. Thanks to all who purchased books. There was very little left after the sale!

Also, since we had the book sale in March there will **NOT** be a library sale as part of the stash sale.

Linda Verbiscar,
Librarian

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 or send via "snail mail;" her address is in the directory.

La Posada Outreach

Ann Pyper reports that the residents of La Posada thoroughly enjoyed learning about our guild and the many fiber arts we do. On March 17th, Ann and members of the Spinning, Weaving and Mixed Media study groups provided mini-demonstrations as part of our guild's outreach activities. The visit concluded with book folding. Ann adds that one La Posada resident even brought her own hand-made quilts to share with the group.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your Guild membership for the 2016-17 year. Use this link to go to our website and download and print a form:

<http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org/membership.html>

Complete the form and drop it off along with your \$20 annual dues to the Membership table at the April 4th meeting.



VALLEY FIBER ART GUILD MEETING

March 7, 2017

OFFICERS

President - Marie Gile

Vice President - Ann Pyper

Secretary - Sue Durling

Treasurer - Debbi Brunner

Turn off cell phones

Open meeting with a welcome to members and guests

Program: Judith Shangold, author of "Weave-Knit-Wear"

Open Meeting - 10am

Secretary's Report: No Additions/corrections Motion/Second/Approve

Treasurer's Report: Debbi Brunner balance \$5,018.78

Library sale table and journals for sale

Committee Reports:

Membership: Elaine Cselenko - Current 165 members, 2 new members

Library: Linda Verbiscar - All books to be returned next month, no check out next month

Programs: Marge Lind

April- members stash sales, elections and picnic

May- Make and take decorating branches/sticks

Workshops: Debbi Brunner -

3 workshops available in the fall, sign up sheets will be out next month.

Website: Fran Lunney - Nothing to report

AZ Federation: Donna Lambert

Nothing to report meeting coming up, will have info next month

Old Business

- Don't forget to send your memories of being a guild member to Sharon Laws for our 30th Anniversary Celebration coming up in Feb. 2018

New Business & announcements

Elections will be held next month - Ann Pyper nominated for treasurer and Julienne Valentine nominated for Vice President. Nomination committee: Ann Bont, Karen Holthofer and Darlene Powell

Reminder of upcoming events:

- check newsletter for upcoming events

Study Groups: no announcements

Kumihimo - Diane Mikolyzk Smocking - Reba Ashmore Weaving - Cindy Wolf (Sue D) Spinning - Ann Pyper Crochet - Kim Knitting - Kathe Alves Mixed Media Fiber - Debbi Beading - Karen Gabriel/Barb Copeland Tapestry - Valarie Clothing - Pam Smith

Meeting Adjourned 10:20

Show & Tell

Judith's program

Minutes recorded by Ann Pyper, 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."*

Beading:

Meets the 2nd Thurs. OTM, 9:00 a.m., at Friends in Deed. Karen Gabriel – karengary115@gmail.com

Braided Rug:

Meets the 4th Monday OTM., at 9:00 a.m. 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:

Currently on break. Meetings to resume again in the fall. Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Felting:

Currently on break.

Knitting:

Meets the 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in member's 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

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

Smocking

New! Meets the 4th Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the "Community Connect" (Next door to CVS) 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 (Off Loom) Tapestry:

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday OTM, at 1:00 p.m., at the East Villas Club Room (on Paseo Cerro). Valarie James Valarieleejames@gmail.com or 520-398-9450.

Weaving:

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



FOR SALE

Rio Grande spinning wheel. \$500 like new
Contact: Ann Pyper 520-762-1971

Use this link to view the Rio Grande in action:

<http://www.weavingsouthwest.com/spinning-on-the-rio-grande-wheel>

~Area Exhibits & Happenings~

March 24 & 25 ♥

Portillo Ridge Fabric-Etc. Sale. Mega fabric stash sale, bolts, smaller yardage lengths, remnants, textiles, cottons, upholstery/tapestry, vintage fabric. Art & craft supplies, yarn, huge button collection. ALL GOES! 827 S. Corte Monte Cristo. (Signs off Continental traffic circle) Contact: Ellen at H 399-4268 or C 308-9913.

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>

February 24 – April 9, 2017

"Book Cover Exhibition," Tubac Center for the Arts. The Book Cover Exhibition celebrates the fine art of judging a book by its cover. Artists are asked to create works of art for the cover of a real or imagined book.

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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Items for our May 2017 newsletter need to be submitted by April 15th.

