



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Jan 10: General Meeting

Lori Lundy – Saori Weaving

Tues, Feb 7: General Meeting

Yumiko Alexander – “Dan Doh Designs: Designs to create unique and versatile pieces” and TRUNK SHOW.

Tues, Mar 7: General Meeting

Judith Shangold - “Weave-Knit-Wear”



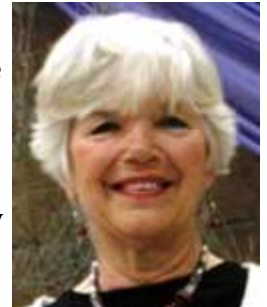
General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, September – May
10am at:

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

Membership \$20/year
www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Note from our President ~

I've been busy writing cards, which should have been sent weeks ago - where does the time fly? - and getting ready to celebrate Christmas Day ...and soon the New Year 2017 will be here to welcome in! That means resolutions - lose a few pounds; organize space to store all those yarns, ribbons and beads; AND sort out and FINISH all those UFOs (un finished objects!) that seem to be part of every pile I look at. To the Angel of Fiber Fun, I offer up a prayer that she will make this task go easily - and that 2017 will be one in which I will be better organized!!!



As the year 2016 is ending, I think back on all the interesting programs and workshops we have had, our great Show & Tells, our fun Holiday scarf exchange - and the delicious Holiday Pot Luck lunch where we had time to enjoy visiting with each other. Thanks to all our members for sharing their talents, whether in serving on the board, leading study groups, mentoring others, or donating your time. And as the year ends, my wishes to you for a very Happy Holiday and a most wonderful New Year full of Health and Happiness (and Creativity).

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting on the 10th for a presentation by Lori Lundy of Tucson who will share her knowledge of saori — and inspire you with her creations. Don't forget to bring your new creations to share in Show & Tell.

Blessings,

Marie

Art Classes at Common Ground

~January 13-14, 2017 at Good Shepherd UCC ~

with Christie Furber & Marie Gile

More details and information on page 3 of this newsletter under “Area Exhibits & Happenings”



Note: Per guild policy guest fee is \$2/meeting

JANUARY 2017 PROGRAM **“SAORI Weaving”**

Laura Lundy, SAORI weaver, teacher, and studio owner will share with us the history, fundamental techniques and beauty behind this unique form of weaving.

SAORI mixes tapestry techniques with conventional 2-shaft weaving; warp and weft are often manipulated in surprising ways. Banners are especially popular, as is fabric for origami-like clothing. The program will look at the principles of SAORI and see how they are expressed in work from SAORI weavers around the world. Laura will bring garments you may try on. For a sneak peek, visit her website: <http://saorispire.com/>

SHOW & TELL

Be sure to bring your completed fiber projects to the meeting - - so we can ‘ooh & ahh’ while you tell us all about how you created them!

LIBRARY TABLE

Stop by the VFAG library table for your New Year’s projects and inspiration!

JOURNALS

Make your 2017 fiber journey even more special with a VFAG journal!

HURRY - - ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT!

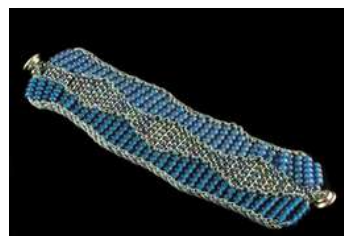
Abacus Beading Workshop

The deadline to sign-up, select and order your kit for this guild workshop is January 3rd!

The workshop itself will be held on Feb. 7, 2017 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd UCC.

Our own Frances Lunney will share a technique for a beaded bracelet which she learned at *Stitches West*. Abacus Beading is a technique that combines knitting and the addition of beads with a small steel crochet hook to create an endless variety of bead-knit patterns. And because you are adding just a few beads at a time, correcting any missteps is a breeze!

No workshop fee for guild members.
Material Fee: \$30-\$33



Library Notes ~

Is doing more/different projects in your plans for the New Year? Or, do you want to expand your area of expertise within your favorite medium?

If so, the VFAG library can help with planning those projects. We have books on all of our study group topics. But then...

Have you always been a spinner, but now want to weave, knit, crochet? We have the books, magazines and DVDs to help!

Have you been inspired by Sharon & Marie's recent class? We have three new screen printing books with DVDs included that will be available at the January meeting!

In addition, there will be the most recent copies of the magazines we subscribe to along with a number of books that have been donated.

So, check out the library table before the meeting or during the break and see what we have to offer!

Per my *usual reminder* - - all library items are checked out for one month and due at the next meeting.

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian

A Very Special Thank You!

Dagmar Munn, our guild newsletter editor, shares happy news regarding the outcome of the recent online contest involving her blog: "ALS and Wellness."

I send a sincere THANK YOU to all guild members who participated in voting! - - I tied for 1st place! -- and won the honor of "Best Health Blog 2016," along with receiving a \$1,000 prize, which I will donate to the ALS Association!



~Area Exhibits & Happenings~

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>

January 13-14, 2017 ♥

Common Ground on the Border, at Good Shepherd UCC, Sahuarita, AZ. Two days of arts and fiber art; Christie Furber and Marie Gile will be leading workshops. For more information: 520-625-1375 or check the Good Shepherd website <http://www.thegoodshepherducc.org>

January 18-21, 2017

Meet, Greet, and Retreat, Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat at Arcosanti, Arizona. An event for fiber and textile enthusiasts of all types to connect with each other. Make new friends, learn new skills, and just enjoy some quiet time in a beautiful desert setting. Go to their website for details: <http://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com>

June 2-7, 2017 ♥

Fiber Inspirations, Michigan League of Handweavers Biannual Conference and Workshops. Hope College, Holland, Michigan. For details and information:

<http://www.mlhguild.org>

July 27-30, 2017

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/>

July 6-12, 2018

Reno 2018 Convergence, The Handweavers Guild of America biannual conference

<https://www.weavespindye.org/>

♥ = Denotes guild member participating in this event!

**VFA Guild General Meeting
December 6, 2016****OFFICERS****President** – Marie Gile

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Vice President - Ann Pyper

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Secretary - Sue Durling

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Treasurer – Debbi Brunner

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Business meeting opened by the president at 10:15 a.m.

Secretary's Report - M/S/A**Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer reported a balance of \$5663 – M/S/A**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Membership** – Elaine Cselenko reported 149 members and one guest today.**Library** - Linda Verbiscar reminded members that books that are out should be returned in January. She has new materials on screen printing that will be available in January.**Programs** – Marge Lind announced the cancellation of the Mary Hettmansperger program and workshops for January, but she has arranged a program on Saori weaving to take its place. Workshops may come later.**Workshops** – Debbi Brunner reminded members of the knitted beaded bracelet workshop coming up in February.**AZ Federation** – Donna Lambert said plans are underway for another Federation Day in February 2018.**OLD BUSINESS**

Kathe Alves reported on the TAG (The Art of Giving) program. Our contributions have gone into 93 gift bags assembled by the Valley Assistance League for distribution to households in our area.

NEW BUSINESS

Marie Gile asked for a volunteer to mentor with our webmaster, Fran Lunney, with the intention of taking over the position in due time.

Christie Furber presented information about her upcoming project at the Good Shepherd Church Border Conference in January. She and others will be wrapping a tree with fiber graffiti and she asked for any and all contributions of colorful knitted, crocheted, woven, felted, or any other kind of piece of fiber to be added to the tree.

Marie announced that our newsletter editor, Dagmar Munn, is competing in a blog competition and she requests that members vote for her blog every day between now and Dec. 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTSThere is a new shop in Tucson, *Upcycle Tucson*, at 924 W. Grant Rd., open Wed-Sat 10am – 5pm. They have all sorts of funky materials. upcycletucson.comThere are two felting and weaving workshops coming up in January in Tucson that could be of interest. THSG.orgThe Intermountain Weavers Conference is scheduled for July 27-30, 2017 in Durango, CO.
www.intermountainweavers.org

Check for fiber books at the Joyner Library annual holiday sale.

STUDY GROUPS

Please see the website for details about each study group: Knitting, Kumihimo, Felting, Weaving, Spinning, Crochet, Mixed Media Fiber, Beading, Tapestry, Clothing

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

(VFA 12/6/2016 Guild General Meeting continued)

ANNUAL GUILD FUND RAISER – OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

There were 26 categories with many contributions from former member, Meg Alstaetter. Approximately \$400 was raised at this fun event.

SHOW & TELL

SCARF EXCHANGE

This was the third annual scarf exchange and this year was held in the meeting room prior to the potluck luncheon.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

There were about 55 members at the potluck, held in the Redman Room.

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:

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:

Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m. Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Felting:

Meets the 1st Monday OTM, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd UCC. Sue Norris- norris201@gmail.com or 520-398-7150

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

Meets the 1st Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Debbi Brunner - miskeyb@gmail.com

Spinning:

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

Weaving (Off Loom) Tapestry:

New schedule! 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.