



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Mar 7: General Meeting

Judith Shangold presentation,
"Weave-Knit-Wear"

Tues, Apr 4: General Meeting

Member Stash Sale and
Spring Brown Bag Luncheon

Tues, May 2: General Meeting

Member Make-and-Take:
"Stick-Wrapping"

June - August:

Summer Break – No meetings
scheduled



Image: Knithacker

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 ~

It's that time of the year to start cleaning out our closets and storage spaces — and getting ready for our Member's Stash Sale that will take place at the April meeting! Are there any yarns or needles or hooks or books that you no longer love, but someone else in the guild might! Put those aside and bring them to sell in April.



For our 30th anniversary celebration - *coming soon!!* - we have two committees busy working on ideas and also collecting memories from past and present members. Please share your memories (see "Saving Memories" on page 3) and send them to Sharon Laws via email: expressionsaz@cox.net or by regular mail.

I recently connected with the Michigan State University Museum, where I had worked with the textile collection, and learned of their relatively new blog that you may enjoy:

<https://msumuseumdress.wordpress.com>. The authors of the blog have taken garments, analyzed and photographed them, giving interesting historical information. Check out the post from December 2016 about "earmuffs" - that are not earmuffs! Also check out the four references at the end of the write-up. Very interesting ... and great photos!

This coming month's program should be very special. Judith Shangold, author of *Weave-Knit-Wear*, will present a power point talk about her woven textiles and patterns for the clothing featured in her book. You will be able to touch, examine, and even try on the garments from her book.

See you there!

Marie

Visit Linda and share your enthusiasm for Art!

STUDIO 38

In the Green Valley Village

Open Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Collage + Altered Books + Papier Mache + Mixed Media

-MARCH PROGRAM-

**Judith Shangold
“Weave-Knit-Wear”**

Judith has been a weaver and knitwear designer for over 40 years. Her main focus now is designing woven garments that require little cutting and sewing. Some of her designs incorporate knitted elements to add shaping and style.

Her book, *Weave • Knit • Wear*, <http://judithshangold.com/> features 30 garments and accessories, all created on a rigid-heddle loom.

Judith will share tips and techniques for creating fabric to turn into wearables along with numerous ideas from her book.

She will also bring samples of the clothing pictured in her book...the audience will be able to see close up and even try on these pieces.



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

BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE!

Books and magazines will be on sale at our March meeting. Magazines will be 25 cents, books individually priced, but very reasonable. Proceeds will be added to the library budget so we can purchase more items for the library.

Please bring small bills and change for your purchases.



MEMBER'S STASH SALE -- NEXT MONTH!

It's time to start culling your fiber stash!
What ball of yarn or piece of fiber equipment in your stash needs a new home?
April is the Member's Stash Sale!
Details coming soon!

A NEW Study Group: Smocking

We welcome the newly formed Smocking Study Group to our guild's fine selection of fiber interests.

They will be meeting the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the "Community Connect" (next door to CVS) in the Continental Shopping Center.

Members interested in joining should contact the group's leader, Reba Ashmore - reba99@cox.net.

Saving 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

Three of our study groups will be participating in a special outreach project for La Posada residents on March 17th from 1-3 p.m.

Led by our Vice-President Ann Pyper, members of the Mixed Media Fiber, Spinning and Weaving Study Groups will be on hand to both demonstrate as well as help those interested in trying out these fun fiber arts.

✓ *Be sure to check out the last page of this newsletter for a listing of great fiber-related happenings and events!*

The Art of Giving (TAG) Reminder:

2016 was a great year for TAG. We were able to distribute 95 full bags for the holidays! Thanks to all who contributed!

For those of you that are new to the Guild, TAG is a project that provides gifts to the low income elderly in the Green Valley area during the holidays. Many of the lovely gifts from members are hand-made. We also include toiletries and other items that are of use for those on a limited income. The local firemen deliver the gifts and tell us how everyone delights in receiving them.

I'm hoping we will again have a successful year in 2017. There is a suggestion list on the website, by no means exclusive. We have found that members are very creative and generous. Regardless of your craft or art, there are many things these people enjoy and need. Whether the gifts focus on warmth, or function, or decorative; all are appreciative.

I can accept gifts during the March or April guild meeting, and again in October or November. Thanks again for participating.

Jane Tempel
TAG Coordinator

Library Notes

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March is the last time the library will be available to check out items for this season. ALL materials checked out must be returned at the April meeting.

One note--there are several members with library materials overdue. PLEASE return those items at the March meeting.

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian

**VFA Guild General Meeting
February 7, 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

Business meeting opened by the president at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report - M/S/A

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer reported a balance of \$5799 – M/S/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Elaine Cselenko reported 161 members and 14 guests today.

Library - Linda Verbiscar reminded members that the meeting next month will be the last opportunity to check out materials before the summer hiatus. She also announced that there will be a small book and magazine sale at next month's meeting. In addition, she reported that a large gift of relevant materials has been received from a member, Toni Prutch. Linda also said that the Sahuarita Public Library has a large collection of knitting and crochet materials for loan.

Workshops – Debbi Brunner said that the spring workshops are all fully subscribed. She announced that a Saori workshop will be held in the fall and it will be limited to eight participants. Interested members may contact Debbi to get on a list.

Arizona Federation – Donna Lambert reminded members of Federation Day on February 24, 2018. Each guild in Arizona will have a booth where members may sell their creations.

OLD BUSINESS

Ann Pyper told members that a reporter from KGVY 1080 Radio, Steve Wagner, attended last month's meeting and is now including Guild activities on the KGVY Facebook page. Reba Ashmore sent around a sign up sheet to assess interest in starting a new smocking study group.

NEW BUSINESS

Marie Gile announced plans for celebrating the Guild's 30th anniversary in February of 2018 and she passed around a sign up sheet for people interested in being on the Celebration Committee. Plans include obtaining oral histories from early members of the Guild. A VFA Guild Ravelry Group has been established and all members are invited to join. Elaine Cselenko and Fran Lunney are the coordinators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming events were announced and details of these are included in the newsletter.

STUDY GROUPS

There were no special announcements made by study group leaders.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 a.m.

SHOW & TELL**PROGRAM**

Yumiko Alexander, founder of Dan Doh Designs Knit and Crochet. Presentation and Trunk show. Several guild members modeled the garments she brought and she gave great tips for success in knitting and crocheting garments.

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 - misseyb@gmail.com

Spinning:

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

Smocking

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.

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.

~Area Exhibits & Happenings~

January 20 to March 19, 2017

Open Studio Tour Preview An exhibit of artwork representing Open Studio Tour artists (tours are March 17-19th, 11 am to 4 pm) Tubac Center of the Arts.

March 1, 2017

Navajo Rugs: The History, the Artistry and the Contemporary, Joyner Green Valley Library.
A talk by Linda Friedman, Docent Council of the Tucson Museum of Art. Free (seating FCFS) 2:00 p.m.,
Phone: 594-5295

Now through March 12, 2017

"Shaped by Hand | Works on and of Paper" at Tohono Chul Galleries, 7366 North Paseo del Norte, Tucson, AZ 85704, ph: 520-742-6455. A survey of artwork by PaperWorks the Sonoran Collective for paper and book artists.

Now through March 28, 2017

Sally Hall and Susan Thompson's Spirited Hands Studio's First Solo Fiber Show. The show will be up through March 28, 2017 Questions: contact Sally Hall or Susan Thompson 873-7388; Location: Sonoran Desert Center for Spiritual Living 2450 Territory Lane, Amado, Az. (EXIT 48 off I-19 Go east under the highway (From Sahuarita/Green Valley, turn left) Continue onto Territory Ranch Area on your right. Turn right into the Placita del Sol Ranch. Green trimmed and roofed buildings—the largest building is the Show).

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>