



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Sept 6: General Meeting

Guild Members Share:
"What I Did Last Summer"

Tues., Oct 4: General Meeting:

"Deconstructed Screen Printing:
Diva Duo Divulge Details," with
Marie Gile & Sharon Laws

Tues, Nov 1: General Meeting

"Natural Dyeing," with Ric Rao



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

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Note from our President ~



It's almost September and I'm getting excited that we will be meeting soon. Can't wait to see what we all have been creating over the summer, whether it's something handmade or discovered in travels. As I think about my summer, it went so fast!! ...but I did make some neat things: a crocheted top and knitted garment, a few screen printed tops and hopefully a finished linen, pearl cotton and metallic table runner. I am weaving a runner in these fibers to give as a wedding gift (and another for me!). Isn't it true that we so often give away or let go of our handmade fiber treasures and don't keep one for ourselves? This time I'm making a duplicate! Can't wait to see the special one(s) you've made!!

Members have been working hard this spring and summer, working on fund raising, planning programs and workshops, updating library and membership records, etc. Our newest fundraiser will be available: a specially designed Valley Fiber Art Guild journal with a quotation on every page...stop and purchase one or two for yourself, or as a gift! Check out the great upcoming workshops on our website that Debbi has been organizing. And don't forget the journals at the sale table!

On a different note, we'll be passing around some sign-up sheets for guild positions that need filling. Please consider adding your name when the clip boards come around, as we need your help to make our guild the special guild it is! We need volunteers to keep our guild vibrant and interesting. It's a special place where we can meet new friends, learn new arts and crafts, and enjoy a wonderful resource library. We gather in small groups to study/learn a craft...and share among ourselves and share with our community. Please be a part of helping keep our guild strong by volunteering!!

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Marie

September Program



“WHAT I DID LAST SUMMER”

Members will showcase their summer projects and accomplishments. Please bring examples to show and share as you tell us all about your summer adventures....fiber related and other.

THE JOURNALS ARE HERE! *THE JOURNALS ARE HERE!*

The VFAG fund raising journals are ready! Copies will be available at the September 6th General Meeting.

‘A Fiber Art Journey’ will be a constant companion. Each of its one hundred pages has ‘Inspiration, Tips, Tricks and Sage Advice’ to make it a perfect source book as well as a gift for all your fiber friends. You’ll find the spiral bound journal the perfect place to write notes for projects and workshops, store swatches, yarn samples and all those ‘idea’ clipping from magazines.

Available in 10 colors @ \$15.00 each.
 Bring your checkbook or cash!



WE HAVE WORKSHOPS!

The selection for the coming year is very exciting with new techniques and great teachers.

Only two more spaces remain in the Natural Dyeing workshop with Ric Rao, November 3-4.

Details and the complete list of 2016-17 workshops are on our website.

<http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org>



Member News

Library Notes

The library will be "open for business" at the September meeting.

What a chance to catch up on all those magazines the guild has been receiving late spring/all summer. In addition we have several *Stampington/Somerset* publications available. Also there will be many, many newly accessioned donations in all categories.

The library is usually set up about 9:30. So, come early for the best selection.

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian
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The Art of Giving (TAG)

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I cannot believe how quickly the time flew by. I still have a small box to unpack that I brought back from Arizona!

It will be good to see everyone in Arizona. I've missed the Guild meetings, especially the creativity of the members. Although I will miss the September meeting, a couple of members will be happy to receive any items you have for TAG. Sharon Laws and Elaine Cselenko will hold anything until my return in early October.

As a quick reminder: hand-made items are very welcome. They can be anything that an elderly person can use or enjoy. Hopefully, some of the items shown at Guild meetings will provide an idea or inspiration, if you are interested in giving. Personal care items are also appreciated. Additional suggestions can be found on the Guild's website.

Thanks to all who provide gifts for the elderly in the Green Valley area during the holiday season.

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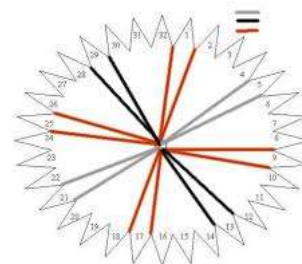
The Countdown Begins for Our 3rd Annual Xmas Party Scarf Exchange!

A special reminder to all our members that in just three months we will hold our 3rd annual Xmas party scarf exchange.

Now is the time to finish (or maybe start?) your project. Weave it, knit it, felt it, crochet it, paint it, etc., etc. - - we'll "ooh and ah" at what you created and it will be cherished by the lucky recipient. Plus, you'll go home with a unique one-of-a-kind creation!

History Tidbits

Founding members of our guild, husband and wife Shelby Adams and Zoey Adams, were avid fiber artists. They were both weavers - Shelby a very good weaver, weaving beautiful Navajo style rugs, and Zoey particularly loved to spin. She would spin anything! As told by Shelby to members including Evelyn Britten (she joined the guild in 2000), Zoey would save cotton from the tops of medicine bottles and spin the cotton on her special spinning wheel, the charkha, similar to the one used by Ghandi. Then she would use these spun threads in making tapestries.



**VFA Guild General Meeting
May 3, 2016**

OFFICERS

President – Marie Gile

Vice President - Ann Pyper

Secretary - Sue Durling

Treasurer - Gretchen Ramsey

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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 \$3732 – M/S/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Elaine Cselenko reported 110 members paid for the new year plus 4 visitors today.

Library - Linda Verbiscar reported another good year for the library. Checkouts have remained strong and recent book sales netted \$165.

Programs - Marge Lind reminded members that the September meeting will be a time for us to share what we did during the summer. Presentations are not required to be fiber related.

Workshops - 3 spaces are left for the November workshop with Rick Rao.

Website – Frances Lunney has upgraded the website. She went online and projected the website for all to see and demonstrated all the links and information available. All information is available to the public except the member directory, for which a password is required.

AZ Federation – Donna Lambert reported that the recent Federation Day in Phoenix came in under budget and that they are planning for 1918 already and are hoping to attract a nationally known speaker. There are 12 guilds in Arizona with a total membership of 1069. She encouraged all our members to join the Federation Forum, an online service where members can sell (or buy) looms and other fiber equipment.

BUSINESS

Debbi Brunner reported that the new Fiber Journal is well underway and will be available for purchase in the fall.

STUDY GROUPS

All the study groups announced their plans to meet or not to meet over the summer. Please see the website.

Knitting, Kumihimo, Felting, Weaving, Spinning, Penny Rug, Crochet, Mixed Fiber Media, Beading, Rug Braiding, Tapestry, Clothing

SHOW AND TELL

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55

MAKE AND TAKE PROGRAM: BOOK FOLDING

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

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:

Note: Meetings will resume in October. Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m., at Sunrise Point clubhouse. Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Embellishment:

Note: Currently taking a break from meetings.

Felting:

Note: Meetings will resume in October. Meets the 1st Monday OTM, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 noon, at Good Shepherd UCC. Donna Lambert – donnado3203@gmail.com

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

Note: Meetings will resume in October. Meets the 1st Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Debbi Brunner - misseyb@gmail.com

Penny Rugs:

Meets the 3rd Monday OTM, at 10:00 a.m., Rachel Cleary – raecleary@cox.net

Braided Rug:

Meets the 4th Monday OTM. Gretchen Ramsey grandmagretchen@cox.net or 393-6179

Spinning:

Note: Meetings will resume in October. 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 first 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.

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July 27 – 30, 2017 workshops now listed on website:
<http://www.intermountainweavers.org/>