



# Fiber News & Updates

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

## Looking Ahead ~

**Tues, Nov 1: General Meeting**  
"Natural Dyeing," with Ric Rao

**Tues, Dec 6: General Meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Xmas Party and  
Scarf Exchange

**Tues, Jan 10, 2017: General Meeting**  
Mary Hettmansperger –  
Free Range Fiber Artist

**Tues, Feb 7, 2017: General Meeting:**  
Yumiko Alexander –  
"DanDoh Designs: Designs to  
create unique and versatile  
pieces" And TRUNK SHOW.

## Note from our President

I've been enjoying working and creating outdoors now that the weather has cooled. Fall is a wonderful time to be outdoors, dyeing and printing those garments and accessories! As I work, my mind is whirling about what type of scarf to make for the Christmas exchange – something I'm familiar with or something new? I hope you aren't having that problem—and have already created your scarf and set it aside for our Christmas party. It's so much fun to get a new scarf from someone in our guild.



Making items for someone else makes me think of our TAG project (The Art of Giving). **What a great way to make someone else — and ourselves — happy!** If you would like to donate one or more handmade items to be given during the holidays for those elderly in need in our community, our last collection day is this coming guild meeting day, November 1st. If time for you is too limited to make something handmade, there are other ways to give to this project. See our website for ideas at:

<http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org/tag--the-art-of-giving.html> .

We have a great program coming in November too — Ric Rao, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, who has been featured on PBS for his innovative dye garden, will be talking about natural dye stuffs and their use in his presentation "Natural Dyes from Garden to Cloth." You won't want to miss it!!

See you then!

Marie

pine needle baskets Earl Eyre  
fiber silk Christie Furber  
clay Marie Gile  
jewelry Barb Hunt  
Rebecca McElfresh

## Art Sale

The Good Shepherd  
United Church of Christ  
17750 S. La Canada Drive  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Friday, November 11th  
9:30 — 2:00 pm

*Come and meet  
the artists*

General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month,

September – May 10am

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ

17750 S. La Canada Drive

Sahuarita

Membership \$20/year

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~ November Program ~

*Natural Dyeing with Ric Rao*

Ric Rao has been involved in fiber arts for more than 35 years and he has been experimenting with natural dyes since 1975. Ric started a dye garden in 2000 in Las Cruces New Mexico and it was showcased on the PBS Series, "Southwest Yard & Garden," under the subheading, "Innovative Gardeners," in the fall of 2002. Ric had an article on dyeing published in the Spring - 2016 issue of Cotton for *Ply Magazine*.

Ric will speak to us about how to grow a dye garden with easy to grow garden plants, both annual and perennial. The dried dyestuffs will be shown along with samples of the colors achieved with each dye/plant. He will also talk about plants that can be harvested from the desert (be sure to check with local BLM to see where this is possible in your state) as well as dye sources from plants and bugs that must be purchased from foreign sources.



NEW!

Bring your lunch, stay with us a little longer and learn how to navigate Ravelry.com!

At 12:30 PM, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, following the day's meeting and presentation, Elaine Cselenko & Fran Lunney will lead a reprise of last year's workshop **Introduction to Social Media for Fiber Addicts: Exploring Ravelry.com**.

Participants should bring their laptop, tablet or other device. This workshop is free.



Our Valley Fiber Art Guild fund raising journals will continue to be available for your purchase at the general membership meetings.

'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' clippings from magazines.

Available in 10 colors @ \$15.00 each.

## Library Notes:

A few reminders regarding the VFAG library:

- ☞ All items from the library are checked out for one month, due at the next guild meeting.
- ☞ Loan renewal for a successive month is allowed, as long as no other person has requested the item.
- ☞ You can check with the librarian via e-mail prior to the meeting, or ask at the meeting prior to returning the item.
- ☞ All VFAG library items need to be returned to the Guild library or librarian.
- ☞ Our library is totally independent and NOT part of the Pima Cty. system. If items are returned to the Green Valley or Sahuarita libraries we will probably never see them again.
- ☞ All items checked out at the November 1st. meeting will not be due until the January meeting, as there will be no library at the December meeting.

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian

## The Art of Giving (TAG) Reminder:

Can you believe that the holidays are almost upon us? At the November meeting I will be gathering gifts for our charity project, benefitting the low income elderly in the area. They enjoy our gifts so much and appreciate the hand made gifts and other items in their holiday bags.

If you didn't have time to make a last minute gift, but still want to donate something; items such as lotion, soap or other toiletries are something they need. We work with Valley Assistance and the local Fire Departments to deliver gifts.

Thanks so much to all that contribute to this cause. You do make a difference to these people and put smiles on their faces.

Jane Tempel, TAG Coordinator



## ~Exhibits, SALES & Festivals~

### October 29 ♥

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild 2016 Gala Event, *A Palette of Fiber Arts*. Fiber art, demonstrations, displays, boutique & raffle. 1-6 pm, <http://www.thsg.org/archives/11572>

### Nov 4-5 ♥

Lapidary Club Artisan's Festival, GVR West Center, Green Valley. Hand crafted items on sale. 11/4 (9 am-4pm), 11/5 (9am-3pm) <http://www.gvclub.org/festivals.html>

### Nov 5-6 ♥

Quail Creek Fall Festival Arts & Crafts Fair – 9-3 pm, Madera Clubhouse, 2055 E Quail Crossing Blvd., Green Valley.

### Nov 5-6

Chris Bubany's *Holiday Marketplace*. 75+Artisans Harlow Plant Nursery, 5620 E Pima, Tucson. 9 am-3 pm.

### Nov 11 ♥

Art Show – Earl Eyre, Christie Furber, Marie Gile, Barb Hunt, Ed Hunt and Sharon Laws. Pine Needle Baskets, Fiber, Silk, Clay, Metal Prints and “bit of bling.” Good Shepherd UCC, Sahuarita. 9 am–3 pm.

### Nov 18-Dec 30 ♥

Tubac Holiday Artisan Market - Fine craft and unique gift items by regional artists. Opening reception on 11/18 (5-7 pm).

<http://tubacarts.org/event/holiday-artisan-market/>

♥ = Guild member participating in this event!

**VFA Guild General Meeting  
October 4, 2016****OFFICERS**

**President** – Marie Gile  
**Vice President** - Ann Pyper  
**Secretary** - Sue Durling  
**Treasurer** – Debbi Brunner

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The business meeting was opened by the president at 10:05 a.m.

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

**Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer reported a balance of \$5170 – M/S/A

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** – Elaine Cselenko reported 133 members including five new members today.

**Library** - Linda Verbiscar said she brought many new magazines today from subscriptions received over the summer. She encouraged all the study group leaders to make suggestions for new acquisitions.

**Programs** – Marge Lind announced the program for next month, which will be about natural dyes presented by Rick Rao, a well-known artist/craftsman from Las Cruces, NM. Details are online and in the newsletter.

**Workshops** – Debbi Brunner reminded members that details and space availability for all the upcoming workshops is online. She announced a new one for November, however. Elaine Cselenko and Fran Lunney will do a reprise of last year's Ravelry workshop after the November meeting. A signup sheet was passed around. Participants should bring their lunch and a laptop, tablet or other device for the workshop that will begin about 12:30 or 1:00 on November 1. There will be no charge for the Ravelry workshop.

**Website** – No report.

**AZ Federation** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Fiber Art Journal is available for sale for \$15.

Members were reminded of the Christmas Party in December and to get busy making a scarf for the third annual scarf exchange.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Marie Gile announced that the Guild has received a gift of two Dorset floor looms and a large variety of weaving equipment and some yarns from the family of Meg Alstaetter, one of the founding/early members of the Green Valley weaving guild. Meg has moved to an assisted living facility.

Marie also announced the recent gift of a collection of small looms and associated pattern books from Audrey Shepelak. These Heir Looms were popular in the 1970's. There are also some steel weaving looms for pot holders.

Both of these gifts are available for loan to members.

**STUDY GROUPS**

All the study groups announced their current meeting plans. Please see the website for details about each study group: Knitting, Kumihimo, Felting, Weaving, Spinning, Penny Rug, Crochet, Mixed Fiber Media, Beading, Rug Braiding, Tapestry, Clothing

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:25 a.m.

**PROGRAM**

Deconstructed screen printing by Marie Gile and Sharon Laws.

**SHOW & TELL**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. OTM, 9:00 a.m., at Friends in Deed. Karen Gabriel – [karengary115@gmail.com](mailto:karengary115@gmail.com)

### Clothing:

*Note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please email Pam for information about meeting time and location.* Usually 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:

Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m. The October meeting will be at Kim Keast's home. Kim Keast - [kimkeastart@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dianemik46@gmail.com)

### Mixed Media Fiber

*Note: No meeting in November.* Usually meets the 1st Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Debbi Brunner - [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

### Braided Rug:

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday OTM., at 9:30 a.m. Gretchen Ramsey [grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net) or 393-6179

### Spinning:

Meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m., at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - [pyperann52@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pclobo2@gmail.com) or phone: 608-343-6765.

## ~ December 6<sup>th</sup> Program ~

### Holiday Potluck Luncheon Holiday Chances Drawing 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scarf Exchange



Join us for holiday friendship, celebration and FUN!

Our December gala begins at 10:00 am, with the General Membership meeting. During the meeting we will hold a drawing called Holiday Chances, featuring several wonderful handmade items donated by our members. Then immediately following our traditional "Show & Tell" the party will begin. It's a potluck of tasty dishes along with our annual Scarf Exchange.

Don't miss this FUN filled event!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!