



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

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

Tues, Dec 6: General Meeting

3rd Annual Xmas Party and Scarf Exchange



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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 Ca 6nada Drive
Sahuarita, AZ

Membership \$20/year
Guest fee \$2/meeting

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Note from our President ~



What a wonderful array of fiber projects and fiber stories we had at our first meeting of the year! Everyone had something different to share. We saw, just to name a few, a very colorful weft-faced wool blanket; lovely sewn and quilted steering wheel covers; a beautiful tapestry; a sewn coordinated outfit of casual pants, a coordinating necklace from the pants material, and a re-purposed blouse; many examples of dyes, brushes and paper all made from nature; knitted and crocheted items; and delicate needle and beadwork examples. I'm always amazed at the variety of all our members do!

And that makes me think of the wide variety of study groups we have. As I write this today, I'm getting ready to attend the first meeting of the fall of the weaving study group. Although not everyone is back yet from our summer sojourns, our study group has set up a plan to get started on studying a specific weave structure, and it will be fun to get together each month and learn something new about that category of weaving and see what everyone has been working on and accomplished — not only over the summer — but throughout the year. Then during one of the meetings, we share finished projects from last year, along with swatches and threading information for those who participated in the exchange.

If you are a new member, or haven't decided on joining a study group, check out the listing of our 12 active groups on page 5 of this newsletter or on our website at:

<http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org/study-groups.html>.

Each leader's name and contact information is given so that you can contact them with questions you might have. Study groups are a good way to get to know members and have a good time learning a new fiber technique or expanding your knowledge in your areas of interest. And a great way to get new ideas for that scarf that I want to make for the Christmas exchange!! I enjoy each group I'm a part of and wish I had more days for all those I want to be a part of!

Marie

October Program

"DECONSTRUCTED SCREEN PRINTING: DIYA DUO DIVULGE DETAILS"

Our own guild members (and fiber enthusiasts!) Marie Gile and Sharon Laws will share their love of a relatively new dye printing process, Deconstructed Screen Printing, developed by noted fiber artist Kerr Grabowski. Unique and unusual images emerge with this printing technique! The process makes use of the resist properties of thickened dye that has dried on a screen, and is then used in printing images that are very natural, spontaneous and organic. Sharon and Marie will discuss how it all works and share examples of the entire process — and their results — in a PowerPoint presentation.

*They will also have a lot of examples
on hand for you to see!*



*Note: Per Guild policy
Guest fee is \$2/meeting*

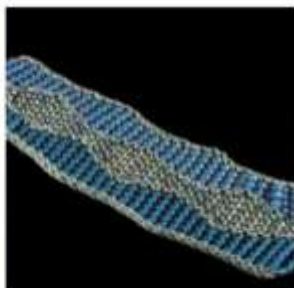
IT'S TIME TO SIGN-UP FOR WORKSHOPS!

Our guild workshops are listed complete with details on our website:

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

The selection is very exciting with new techniques and great teachers. Just look at these examples of what you can learn to create!

To register stop by the Workshop Table at our next guild meeting or use our convenient online form.



Member News



'A Fiber Art Journey'

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.
Bring your checkbook or cash!

The Countdown Continues 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!

~Exhibits, Shows, & Events~

October 1 & 2

Taos Wool Festival at Kit Carson Park, Taos, NM.

<http://taoswoolfestival.org/>

October 3-9

National Spinning & Weaving Week.

<http://www.weavespindye.org/spinning-weaving-week>

October 6-9

Verde Valley Weavers & Spinner's 'Fabulous Fiber Sale,' Sedona Art Center, Sedona.

<http://redrockbaskets.com/events>

October 15 & 16

Miniature Showcase show & sale at Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, Tucson.

<http://www.theminitimemachine.org/showcase/>

October 29

Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild
2016 Gala Event, 'A Palette of Fiber Arts.'

<http://www.thsg.org/>

WOW!! Watch this event on your T.V.

Fiber enthusiasts in Norway try to break the speed record for shearing, spinning and knitting wool into a men's sweater! Available on Netflix:

"Slow TV: *National Knitting Night*"

Nov 4-5

Lapidary Club Artisan's Festival, GVR West Center, Green Valley.

<http://www.gvlclub.org/festivals.html>

Nov 10-12

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Tucson Expo Center.

<http://quiltcraftsew.com/tucson.html>



**VFA Guild General Meeting
September 6, 2016**

OFFICERS

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Secretary - Sue Durling

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Business meeting opened by the president at 10:02 a.m.

Secretary's Report - M/S/A

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer reported a balance of \$5877 – M/S/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Elaine Cselenko reported 117 members paid before the several who renewed or joined today.

Library - Linda Verbiscar expects another good year for the library with many newly accessioned items available today. She asked the membership to submit suggestions for acquisition.

Programs – Marge Lind announced the program for next month, which will be about deconstructed screen printing presented by our own Marie Gile and Sharon Laws. Details are online and in the newsletter.

Workshops -One space is still available for the November workshop with Rick Rao. Check online and the newsletter for current information.

Website – No report.

AZ Federation – Donna Lambert reported that plans are underway for the Federation to bring in a nationally known presenter for Federation Day in 2018 and this person will be available for presentations and workshops for about three weeks for all the Guilds in Arizona.

OLD BUSINESS

The Fiber Art Journal has been completed and is available for sale today. They are \$15. The president recognized Debbi Brunner who produced the book and thanked all the members who contributed quotes and worked on production.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a new password for the Guild website. It is required only to access the member directory.

Marie announced that there will be a third annual scarf exchange at the Christmas Party and she encouraged members to get started on making a scarf well before December.

Marie discussed the Guild's history of outreach in the Green Valley and Sahuarita communities and asked for suggestions or ideas and also volunteers for continuing this program.

Marie has been working on a notebook of the Guild history and asked for help in this project. We particularly need photographs of founding members and/or Guild activities.

STUDY GROUPS

All the study groups announced their current meeting plans, including the new Clothing study group which met over the summer with an enthusiastic core group. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A number of announcements of various guild and museum activities throughout the state was made, and will be included in the next newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 a.m.

PROGRAM - Sharing what we did all summer.

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:

Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM, 9:30 a.m. The October meeting will be at Kim Keast's home. Kim Keast – kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Embellishment:

Note: Currently taking a break from meetings.

Felting:

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

Meets the 1st Thursday OTM, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Debbi Brunner – miskeyb@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., at 9:30 a.m. Gretchen Ramsey 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

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.



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

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