



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues, Dec 6: General Meeting

3rd Annual Xmas Party and Scarf Exchange

Tues, Jan 10, 2017: General Meeting

Lori Lundy – Saori Weaveing

Tues, Feb 7, 2017: General Meeting:

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



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

As I'm writing this note to you, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, with Christmas not far away either! The weather has turned chilly and thoughts turn to all the holiday times of the past, and those that we'll be spending together this year with friends and family ... sharing all that good food and companionship.



Our December meeting and pot luck luncheon and gift time will be like that, too! We'll begin our time together with a great fund raiser - with *Opportunity Baskets* bursting with donated items, and many from our recent donation by former member Meg Alstaetter. I'm crossing my fingers that I'll be one of the lucky winners!! There is still time to donate something to these baskets if you'd like; contact Lynn Swan at swanbl@ruthventel.com Then following this fun time will be a delicious lunch (prepared by each of us, all who are such good cooks!) and social time; finally the unveiling of all those gorgeous scarves. What a perfect way to start our holiday season!!

See you there,
Marie

Art Classes at Common Ground

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

▪ **"Sahuarita Fiber Graffiti Installation: Piecing the Border Together"** We will be creating, assembling and installing a whimsical fabric installation at the church.
With Christie Furber.

▪ **"Found Object Fun for Adults"** We will be Creating/constructing a 2- or 3-dimensional form from found objects.
With Marie Gile.

For further information, contact:

Christie at: christiefurber@gmail.com, or
Marie at mgile117@gmail.com



***Holiday Potluck Luncheon
 Holiday Chances Drawing
 3rd Annual Scarf Exchange***



Join us for holiday friendship, celebration and FUN!
 Our December 6th gala begins at 10:00 a.m., with the general membership meeting. During the meeting we'll hold the Holiday Chances drawing; featuring several wonderful hand-made items donated by our members. Immediately following our traditional "Show & Tell," the party will begin. It's a potluck of tasty dishes along with our annual Scarf Exchange.

Holiday Chances Drawing!

The Holiday Chances Drawing will feature hand-made fabric art items donated by our members

Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
 Money from the drawing will go to the guild treasury.



**A BEAUTIFUL DAY
 FILLED WITH FIBER,
 FUN &
 FRIENDSHIP!**

**SCENES FROM
 THE NATURAL
 DYEING
 WORKSHOP WITH
 RIC RAO**



**~ 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://saorispirit.com/>

Library Notes:

There will be no library at the December meeting. However you may return books if you like. There will be a crate available at the usual spot near the front.

We'll have the usual variety at the January meeting, including some new surface printing books with accompanying DVDs, a few new weaving items and hopefully, *Threads* magazine.

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian



SAORI purses
& SAORI loom.
Featured in our
January 2017
program.



The Art of Giving (TAG) Reminder:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all who contributed to the TAG project this year. This year, we delivered 93 bags, that were filled with 3 or 4 wonderful hand-made gifts and toiletries. These gift bags delivered mid-December will bring happiness to many people in the area who have few resources to buy items that enrich their lives.

The Director and two of her assistants love going through the bags, deciding where to distribute them. They were filled with thanks and wonder at the varied and special gifts in each bag.

Your generosity has had a definite impact on some very deserving people. Thank you.

Jane Tempel, TAG Coordinator

~Exhibits, SALES & Festivals~

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!

Loom For Sale:

LE CLERC "FANNY" 4-H COUNTERBALANCE LOOM, 45" weaving width, with Shed Regulator; 38" wooden LeClerc bench with lift lid and side pockets; Raddle; Lease sticks and loom attachment for winding warps; 6, 8, 10 & 12 dent reeds. Excellent condition. \$1995. Contact Marie Gile at mgile117@gmail.com for more details and photos.



**VFA Guild General Meeting
November 1, 2016****OFFICERS****President** – Marie Gile**Vice President** - Ann Pyper**Secretary** - Sue Durling**Treasurer** – Debbi Brunner

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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 \$7169.00 – M/S/A**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Membership** – Elaine Cselenko reported 142 members including six new or renewing members today.**Library** - Linda Verbiscar reminded people of checkout policy: books check out for one month; due at the next meeting.**Programs** – Debbi Brunner talked about the Christmas Party...She sent around a sign up sheet for volunteers for set up and food. There will be a scarf exchange. She asked that all scarves be hand made and that the giver of the scarf include a tag with saying who made it as well as the fiber content.**Workshops** – Debbi Brunner showed a power point of the upcoming workshops with Mary Hettmansperger in January. We need three more sign-ups. There will be a free Ravelry Workshop after today's meeting. Other workshop sign-ups are available at the Workshop desk.**Website** – No report.**AZ Federation** – Donna Lambert reported that at the recent meeting planning proceeded for the next Federation Day. Committees have been formed and they are considering using the same hotel (Sheridan) as for the previous event.**OLD BUSINESS**

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

NEW BUSINESS

Opportunity Baskets for our Christmas Fundraiser will be available at the December meeting. Items included will be some of the things recently donated by Meg Alstaetter. Donations from members are still being accepted.

Former member Jean Wax recently passed away. Jean he was a valued member of the original Green Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild. Alice Prall spoke about her accomplishments and activities in the Guild.

STUDY GROUPS

Study Group information can be found on the website. The Clothing Group updated their information telling that they will meet the day after Thanksgiving at the home of Eileen Coyne.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:25 a.m.**SHOW & TELL****PROGRAM**

Ric Rao: Natural Dyeing

Respectfully Submitted

Marge Lind for 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.
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:

Note: The December meeting will be held on the 14th, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Usually 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

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:

New schedule! Meets every other Wednesday, at 1:00 p.m., at the East Villas Club Room (on Paseo Cerro).
December meetings will be: 12/7 & 12/21.
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.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR
VALLEY FIBER ART GUILD
MEMBERS!**