



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues. Dec 4, General Meeting

Opportunity Baskets, Gift Exchange and Holiday Potluck

Tues. Jan 8: General Meeting

Note new date & 9:30 AM start time!

"Knitting Study Group Fashion Show"

Tues. Feb 5: General Meeting

Robin Spady, "The Devil in the Details"

Tues. Mar 5: General Meeting

Jennifer Gould, "My Recent Textile Explorations"

Tues. Apr 2: General Meeting

Member's Stash Sale, Elections and Picnic

Tues. May 7: General Meeting

Member's Make and Take

June - August:

Summer Break - no meetings scheduled

General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month

10:00 AM

In 2019 meetings will begin at 9:30 AM

*17750 S. La Cañada Drive
Sahuarita, AZ*

Membership \$25/year
Guest fee \$2/meeting

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President's Message ~



The Holiday season is upon us and our Valley Fiber Art Guild is looking forward to a fun December meeting. The Opportunity Baskets are absolutely fantastic - come in early and see the selection! Margalis Fjelstad has been hard at work for weeks gathering fabulous fiber goods and baskets. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5, cash or check accepted. Anyone wishing to participate in the gift exchange that will follow the brief business meeting will need to bring a wrapped hand-made present. We plan to draw numbers for the order of gift choice and then, let the games begin!! We will take a short break to tour the Opportunity Baskets for a second time and then hold the drawing for basket winners. Wear your lucky socks or bring your lucky rabbit's foot and GOOD LUCK!! We will close the festivities with Show and Tell.

Lunch will be potluck, at noon in the Redman room. Marie Gile will gather her volunteers to produce a lovely space to share lunch with each other. I will be bringing a semi-legal gluten-free 'mac and cheese' casserole.

Our January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th and it will be a festive Knitting Fashion Show. The Knit Study Group has been busy knitting and deciding how best to show off our efforts. We will open the event to the community, so expect a larger meeting as it will be advertised in the Green Valley News and the Quail Creek Crossing. More information will be presented at the December Meeting.

Our own Patricia Merritt has graciously offered a "Traditional Rug Hooking with Yarn Workshop," on Tuesday, January 22, 2018. There is no charge for the class for guild members. There is a \$20.00 fee for the yarn and the linen. Pat is an Oxford Certified Instructor of punch hooking and she has been rug hooking for 20 years. Check page 4 of this newsletter or our website for a detailed class description. Email Pat if you are interested in taking the class: wayoutwest18@gmail.com.

Thank you to Linda Verbiscar for organizing the Book Sale last month. She was able to clean out items that no longer were of

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general interest to Guild members and make some cash for the treasury. Linda does a stellar job of finding great books and periodicals for our library.

SPLENDOR IN THE DESERT is the biennial quilt show March 16 & 17, 2019 at the Las Campanas GVR Recreation Center, in Green Valley. There will be an Opportunity Quilt Drawing on Sunday, March 17 at 3 PM. The Quilt Show is presented by the Valley Quilters Guild and Desert Scraprats. Contact Deanna @ (520) 664-5645 to purchase tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.

The AZ Federation meeting will be held in Phoenix, Saturday, January 12. Let Debbi Brunner (AZ Federation President), or Sue Durling (VFAG Federation Representative), or me, know if you would be interested in attending the meeting. I learned a lot in October about the fiber trails in Arizona.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you for December meeting in festive dress and ready to party! The Valley Fiber Art Guild Board wishes you and yours a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

Kathe Alves



L-R: Guild Program Chair Marge Lind, "Blue: Who Knew?" speaker Kay Jensen, and new member Karen Lukacs.



**CALLING ALL Rigid Heddle Weavers
and those who would like
to check it out! **NEW!****

You are invited to join our initial session on Monday, January 21, at Quail Creek Kino Center, from 1-3PM.

For our first project, Kaye Miller has prepared a lesson entitled "Using Clasped Weave to Design Rug Mugs." We ask that you come with your loom already warped so you will be able to share your tips and tricks and/or ask questions.

Just reply to Marilyn Wrucke at:

mwrucke2@gmail.com

You will be provided directions for both the location and for warping the rug mug project.

If you don't have a rigid heddle loom, please indicate that in your reply to Marilyn. We will see if we can borrow a loom for you to use.

We have the space reserved for the 3rd Monday of Jan, Feb, March and April from 1-3:00pm.

December 4th Program

Holiday Potluck Luncheon, Opportunity Baskets & Gift Exchange

Join us for holiday friendship, celebration and FUN!
Our December 4th gala begins at 10:00 a.m., with a short general membership meeting followed by our gift exchange. We'll then have a final review of the Opportunity Baskets with winners announced shortly after. A potluck luncheon follows and the festivities will end with our traditional Show & Tell.

The Opportunity Baskets will feature hand-made fabric art items and fiber related materials donated by our members.

Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Money from ticket sales will go to the guild treasury.

Per guild policy: \$2/guest

✓ Remember to bring:

- Your potluck dish.
- A hand-made wrapped gift.
- Extra dollar bills for purchasing Opportunity Basket tickets.
- Your show and tell item.



JANUARY 8, 2019 – 9:30 AM

KNITTING STUDY GROUP FASHION SHOW!

Dim the lights, hit the music and cue the models!

The Knit Study Group has been busy knitting, and will show off their many beautiful creations with a spectacular fashion show.

Don't miss this fun event!

The event will be open to the community - \$5/person.

Traditional Rug Hooking With Yarn

NEW!

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
(FREE for guild members)

You are invited to join Pat Merritt of *Way Out West Dye Studio*, for our initial session on Tuesday. This workshop will be held in a rug hooker's studio so there will be plenty of inspiration to go around. Students will be able to complete a mat or small wall hanging using hand dyed wool yarn and linen.

In class you will get a comprehensive overview of all facets of rug hooking including a historical perspective and use of a multitude of fibers and techniques including wool fabric strips, fancy yarns, proddy & punch hooking. You will learn how to transfer your own design to a foundation cloth, proper finishing techniques and you will receive handouts with sources for further learning and inspiration and places to purchase supplies.

Each student will be loaned a hook and frame which they can take home for two weeks to complete their project. Due to the holidays, a scheduled follow-up date will be determined for students to come in for a few hours to return their equipment, receive additional help if needed for finishing or have questions answered. Frames and hooks are available for purchase as well.

There will be a materials fee of \$20 payable to the instructor for the yarn and the linen. Students should bring scissors & notebook. Snacks, beverages & hot homemade soup are provided, bring a bag lunch.

Spaces are limited and registration can be accomplished by emailing Pat at: wayoutwest18@gmail.com

Pat Merritt is an active member of the Valley Fiber Arts Guild in Sahuarita and an Oxford Certified Instructor of punch hooking. She has been rug hooking using various fibers for a total of 20 years as well as dyeing wool fabric and yarn while being involved in other fiber arts for 35 years. While living in upstate NY she studied Historic Textile Identification at the NYS Historical Society & Farmers Museum in Cooperstown NY and had the opportunity to study historical hooked rugs in museum collections throughout the region.

Pat Merritt
217 E Paseo Churea
Green Valley, AZ
(607) 656-9795

Marudai Study Group to Launch in January! **NEW!**

As an extension of the VFAG Kumihimo study group, Pam Roederer and Barb Isle conducted a marudai workshop last spring. There was so much interest in using the marudai, that it was decided to start a new study group in 2019 just for the marudai. Pam Roederer will lead the group, and it will meet the fourth Thursday of the month from noon until 3:00 p.m., at Friends in Deed, beginning on January 24. All interested VFAG members who own or would like to learn to use a marudai are welcome to attend.

The guild currently has three marudais that can be loaned out on a month-to-month basis, depending on availability. Please contact Pam Roederer at roederers@gmail.com if you are interested in either borrowing a marudai or in joining the new study group.



Pam is pictured here braiding on her marudai.

Splendor in the Desert



Presented by:

Valley Quilters Guild
&
Desert ScrapRats



7th Biennial Quilt Show

March 16 & 17, 2019

Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm

**Las Campanas Recreation
Center**

565 W Belltower Drive

Green Valley, AZ

Over 100 quilts

Mini Raffle

Vendors

Food Available

Opportunity Quilt Drawing

Sunday, March 17 at 3pm

Admission \$8.00

At the door

www.vqgaz.com



July 25-28, 2019 in Durango, CO

The theme for the 2019 conference is "Fiber: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Join us in 2019 to look at where we have come from, where we are now and what the future holds for the fiber arts.

There are both 1 day & 3 day workshops. Including weaving, spinning, dyeing, embellishment, garment construction & more. Go to the [Workshops](#) page for a full description of each.

Registration for the conference will be in Feb 2019.

Website: www.intermountainweavers.org



**-Philanthropy Knitting-
The Mourning Project
"United Against Infant Mortality"**

Mary Vaneecke, Artist, Author, Teacher and Founder of TheMourningProject.com is asking for donations of handmade baby shoes in the colors of mourning: black, white, and gray. Her vision is that each of the infants lost in a given year will be remembered with a unique, handmade, heartfelt little elegy. She is asking the fiber art community to come together to make 23,000+ pairs of baby booties, which is the number of American infants who die every year from birth defects, SIDS, maternal complications to name a few.

Mary is collecting 23,000 baby booties from Labor Day, 2018, until Mother's Day, May 12, 2019. Once these booties are collected, she will create a travelling art installation designed to advocate for policy changes that can save lives.

Learn more at:

TheMourningProject.com

3 FIBER ARTS COURSES

at Pima Community College West

Tuition is half-price for students over age 55!

As part of the “Spring 2019 Fibers Program” being offered at Pima Community College West Campus.

Weaving 1 (ART 180), Weaving 2 (ART 280) and Mixed-Media Fibers (ART 181) will be offered on Mon. & Wed. from 11:15-1:30pm.

Use this link to for class schedule:

https://bannerweb.pima.edu/pls/pima/az_tw_subcrse_catalog.p_subjcrse_list?p_subject_code=ART

Registration begins: November 5, 2018

For more information
please contact instructor: Jennifer Eschedor at:
jheschedor@pima.edu.



Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat “Meet, Greet, and Retreat” with Us

January 16-19, 2019!

Arizona Fiber Arts Retreat is an event for fiber and textile enthusiasts of all types, from AZ and beyond, to connect with each other. Make new friends, learn new skills, and just enjoy some quiet time in a beautiful desert setting in **Prescott, AZ**.

Check out this year’s retreat on our website at AFAR. Online registration for January 2019 will open on October 1, 2018.

We look forward to seeing you!

<https://www.arizonafiberartsretreat.com/>



Yarn Fest is Coming!! March 27-31, 2019

Located in Loveland, Colorado, and sponsored by *Interweave* magazine, *Yarn Fest* is an amazing fiber arts festival for knitting, crochet, spinning, and weaving of all types.

The dozens of workshops are either half or whole day and taught by the best fiber arts teachers from around the world. They have a gigantic Marketplace with looms, spinning wheels, patterns, and yarns made from all kinds of fibers—many locally produced in Colorado. In addition, there are raffles and other great giveaways. Every year it gets bigger!

Yarn Fest is held at the *Embassy Suites*, where you can also stay. Shuttles from the Denver Airport run nearly every hour and the trip takes only about 45 minutes for a cost of less than \$40. Cost of workshops run about \$120 each.

It’s a great place to meet other fiber artists from around the country, and there are lots of places to hang out and talk. Be prepared for both warm and cold weather during the *Fest*.

To get on the mailing list send an email to: YarnFest@fwmedia.com. Or visit their website at www.interweaveyarnfest.com.

Let me know if you want more information. I’ve gone for the last three years and love it!

Margalis Fjelstad

VALLEY FIBER ART GUILD MEETING

October 30, 2018

OFFICERS

President – Kathe Alves kathe.alves@icloud.com

Vice President – Julienne Valentine juliennevalentine@gmail.com

Secretary – Ann Bont abont@comcast.net

Treasurer – Ann Pyper pyperann52@gmail.com

Program: “Blue:Who Knew?” presented by Kay Jensen, docent, Tucson Museum of Art

The business meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM. Members and guests welcomed.

Secretary’s report: M/S/A as published in newsletter.

Treasurer’s report: Ann Pyper reported a checking balance of \$9575.29, as of October 11, 2018.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Patricia Merritt reported current membership at 150, 2 new members today, and at least 6 visitors. Elaine Cselenko was thanked for her service as membership chair.

Program: Marge Lind, no report.

Workshops: Debbi Brunner announced that 4 places remain in Jennifer Gould’s doll class. All of her other workshops are full, but wait list names are being taken. Robyn Spady’s weaving workshop has 7 openings.

Special Projects/Fund Raising: Margalis Fjelstad is accepting items for December’s Opportunity Baskets. She thanked members for them many items already donated.

Newsletter: Dagmar Munn is always looking for photos of guild members and related activities.

Library: Linda Verbiscar announced that items checked out today will not be due until January. A box will be available at the December meeting to return items.

AZ Federation: Donna Lambert was thanked for representing VFAG at the AZ Federation. Debbi Bruner reported that the Federation is focusing on education, helping local groups provide opportunities.

Old Business: Reminders:

- 1) Holiday Gift Exchange at December 4 Guild meeting, please bring a wrapped hand-crafted gift.
- 2) It was decided by the membership to begin Guild meetings at 9:30 AM, beginning in January.
- 3) The positions of Treasurer and Vice-President will be up in the spring. If interested, please contact President Kathe Alves.

New Business:

- 1) Sign-up sheets sent around for Holiday Potluck Committee (Kathe Alves), Rug Hooking Workshop (Pat Merritt), Rigid Heddle Weaving group (Marilyn Wrucke).
- 2) Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar, or Kathe.
- 3) Reminder that all members are welcome to attend VFAG Board meetings. Study group leaders are especially encouraged to attend.

Announcements:

- Valley Quilters and Desert ScrapRats are offering tickets for an Opportunity Quilt.
- Membership agreed to donate leftover 30th Anniversary bookmarks to TAG.
- Art Sale at Harlowe Nursery, Nov, 2, 3.
- Quail Creek Art Show, Nov. 2, 3.
- GVR Art Show, West Center, Nov. 9, 10.

Show and Tell: 16 members participated.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52

Respectfully submitted, Ann Bont, Secretary



Show and Tell photos courtesy of:
Marge Lind
Karen Lukacs
Suki Thomson
Dagmar Munn

~ Study Groups ~

Study Groups are open to all **current guild members**. 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."

Basketry:

Meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.
Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Meets the 2nd Thursday 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:

Note: Clothing will meet on the fourth Thursday; December 27th. Contact Pam for location details.

Usually meets the 4th Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m. at Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Pam Smith - qcreekpam616@gmail.com or 775-770-4630.

Crochet:

Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m.; at Sunrise Point Clubhouse. Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Meets the 4th Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes. Kathe Alves – kathe.alves@icloud.com

Kumihimo:

Note: The December meeting will be 12/19 from 9:00 AM to noon, at the usual location. Usually meets the 4th Wednesday OTM, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com or Diane Mikolyzk - dianemik46@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

Meets the 1st Monday OTM; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Good Shepherd Church.
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

Tapestry:

Meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 1:00 p.m. April Boyson - gaboysen1@gmail.com or phone: 720-545-7748, Lila Stoffel - lstoffel@loretel.net or phone: 520-648-0792.

Weaving:

Meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. *NOTE – now meeting in the BMO Harris Bank meeting room.* Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.