



# Fiber News & Updates

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

## Looking Ahead ~

### **Tues. Jan 8: General Meeting**

**Note new date & 9:30 AM start time!**

Knitting Study Group Fashion Show "Ooh, La, La!"

### **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

**Note date change for January**

9:30 AM

**Note new start time**

17750 S. La Cañada Drive  
Sahuarita, AZ

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Membership \$25/year  
Guest fee has been waived

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## President's Message ~



Happy 2019! The Valley Fiber Art Guild has an amazing year planned for all fiber art enthusiasts. Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM, we will have a brief business meeting and then: "Ooh La La!!" The Knitters Study Group will strut their knitted wonders. There will be something to amaze and amuse everyone. We will not have SHOW and TELL at this meeting. Please encourage your friends to attend. There is no guest fee for this fashion show.

Thank you to Margalis Fjelstad and Pat Bencic for the most incredible Opportunity Basket fund raiser. We raised \$576.05 and had a great time "shopping the possibilities." The annual gift exchange was great fun and showcased our multi-talented membership.

Thank you as well to Marie Gile and her able elves (Sue Leassner, Donna Lambert, Elaine Cselenko, Julienne Valentine, Robin Henrikson, and Sue Betz) for setting up a festive and yummy holiday potluck.

Reminder: AZ Federation Meeting, Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, in Phoenix. Let Sue Durling or Debbi Brunner know if you have an interest in attending.

On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will lead a "Gem Show Field Trip" to the *Casino Del Sol* in Tucson for the *Three Shows in One: Colors of the Stone, To Bead True Blue, and Tucson Bead Design Show*. It is a free show hosting over 1000 exhibits and workshops. All three shows run concurrently and there are 500 workshops available (check them out online). Please contact me if you would be interested in joining this field trip. We can design our day to meet our needs. Please e-mail me by January 20, 2019.

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Happy  
New Year!

***(President's Message - - continued)***

February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM, our guild will host Robin Spady, who will present, *"The Devil is in the Details."* Robin is also teaching *"Extreme Warp Makeover,"* February 6-8. There were only four openings at last check. Robin will also be offering *"Taming of the Hue"* the afternoon of February 5<sup>th</sup>; a workshop in experimenting with color. Charge will be \$10.00.

Enjoy January in the desert - perfect weather and fiber pursuits. What could better!

*Kathe Alves*



Square Body Lady Dolls – Jennifer Gould  
(workshop on 3/5-6)

**IMPORTANT UPDATE****On Guild Workshops & Seminars!****Taming of the Hue: Techniques for the Color Challenged**

Feb. 5, 2019

Registration is open

**Extreme Warp Makeover**

Feb. 6-8, 2019

4 spaces remaining

**Square Body Lady Doll**

Mar. 5-6, 2019

2 spaces remaining

Visit our website for more information or contact:  
Debbi Brunner at: [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

**Library Notes**

As a guild member are you aware that we have close to 50 DVDs in the guild library? Some of the titles you might be interested in include:

- *Learn Beaded Kumihimo on the Marudai*
- *More Beaded Kumihimo on the Marudai*
- *Painting with Wool--how to create wool images using needle & wet felting techniques*
- *The Knitter's Companion Deluxe Edition*
- *Natural Dyeing*
- *Overdyeing with Natural Dyes*
- *The Fiber Artists Guide to Color*

Also many spinning & weaving titles.

I bring the entire DVD collection to each meeting. So stop by the library table & take a look!

Should be some new kumihimo books too.

Linda Verbiscar, librarian  
[verbiscarl@yahoo.com](mailto:verbiscarl@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto: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.



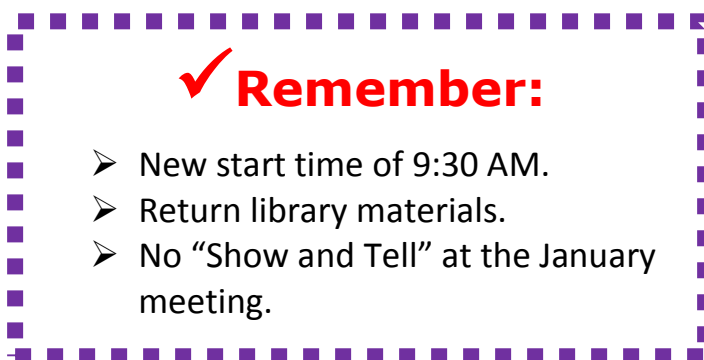
**January 8<sup>th</sup> Program**  
**9:30 AM**

**“OOH LA LA!”**

**Dim the lights!...**  
**Hit the music!...**  
**and... cue the models!**

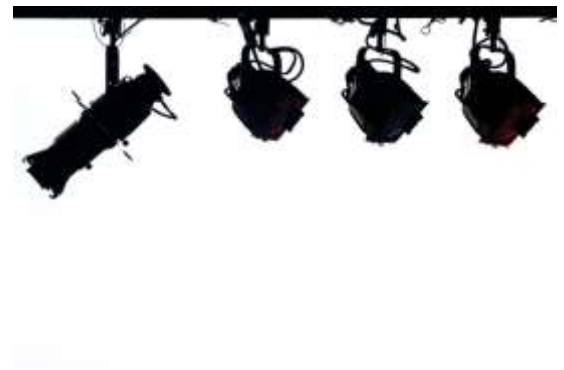
The Knit Study Group has been busy knitting, and will show off their many BEAUTIFUL creations with a SPECTACULAR fashion show.  
Don't miss this fun event!

The event will be open and free to the community – So invite a friend!  
There is no fee for guests!



**✓ Remember:**

- New start time of 9:30 AM.
- Return library materials.
- No “Show and Tell” at the January meeting.



**FEBRUARY 5, 2019 – 9:30 AM**

**“THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS”**

**Robin Spady**

February is “Robin Spady Month” at the Valley Fiber Art Guild! Robin will be our keynote presenter at the February 5<sup>th</sup> general meeting. On the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup>, she will lead a seminar, “*Taming of the Hue.*” Then, February 6-8, she will teach the workshop, “*Extreme Warp Makeover,*”

Check the website for more information: [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

### Traditional Rug Hooking With Yarn

**NEW!**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
(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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.vqgaz.com)



**INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS  
CONFERENCE**

**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](http://www.intermountainweavers.org)

## **"Taming of the Hue: Techniques for the Color Challenged"** **NEW!**

*A Seminar with Robin Spady*

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 PM**  
**Good Shepherd Church**  
**\$10/person**

Does incorporating more into your projects appeal to color you but leaves you feeling a little intimidated at the same time? Do you long to break out of a color rut? If so, you are not alone! In this seminar, a variety of tools and techniques will be covered to assist you in exploring different ways of incorporating color into your projects and give you more confidence in discovering new color horizons.

To participate in the hands-on portion, bring:

- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paint chips (like you find at a hardware store)  
*Minimum of 5 colors you like + 1 you don't like.*

*Interested?*  
Contact: Debbi Brunner or visit our website:  
[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

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Please contact Kathe Alves if you would be interested in joining this field trip. We can design our day to meet our needs.

Please e-mail her by January 20, 2019.

[Kathe.alves@icloud.com](mailto:Kathe.alves@icloud.com)



## 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](http://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 give-aways. 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](mailto:YarnFest@fwmedia.com). Or visit their website at [www.interweaveyarnfest.com](http://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

December 4, 2018

### Officers

|                 |                    |  |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| President:      | Kathe Alves        | <a href="mailto:Kathe.alves@icloud.com">Kathe.alves@icloud.com</a>           |
| Vice President: | Julienne Valentine | <a href="mailto:juliennevalentine@gmail.com">juliennevalentine@gmail.com</a> |
| Secretary:      | Ann Bont           | <a href="mailto:abont@comcast.net">abont@comcast.net</a>                     |
| Treasurer:      | Ann Pyper          | <a href="mailto:pyperann52@gmail.com">pyperann52@gmail.com</a>               |

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Members and guests welcomed.

**Secretary's report:** M/S/A as published in newsletter

**Treasurer's report:** A checking balance of \$10,637 was reported. M/S/A to approve.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Patricia Merritt reported current membership at 159, 1 new member today, 6 visitors.

Workshops: Debbi Brunner announced that 2 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 4 openings.

Library: Judith McIntyre is picking up returned items today.

AZ Federation: Next meeting is January 12.

Outreach: Outreach information is coming in January.

Special Projects: Preliminary counts show an income of about \$600 from the Opportunity Baskets.

### Old Business: Reminders:

- 1) Study group leaders are invited to attend monthly Board meetings. They are expected to provide a brief report at each guild meeting.
- 2) Guild meetings will start at **9:30 AM**, beginning in January.
- 3) The position Vice-President will be open in the spring. If interested, please contact President Kathe Alves.
- 4) A new rigid heddle group is forming. Meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the Kino Complex in Quail Creek. Contact Marilyn Wrucke for more information.
- 5) Pat Merritt is leading a rug hooking workshop on January 22. There is a wait list.

### New Business:

- 1) 2019 visitors will be charged \$5.00

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**(Meeting minutes continued)**

- 1) January 8 meeting is a fashion show presented by the knitting study group. Contact Kathe Alves if you have an item to wear or display.
- 2) Someone in Arivaca is looking for help in assembling a 40" Norwood Loom.
- 3) Send information on upcoming fiber events to Kathe Alves or Dagmar Munn, to be published in newsletter.
- 4) Contact Kathe Alves if you are interested in a field trip to the Bead Show on Feb.2.

**Study Groups:**

**Basketry:** Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

**Knitting:** There will be a meeting after Christmas to work on the fashion show.

**Program:** Holiday Gift Exchange – 29 participants  
Opportunity Basket drawing

**Show and Tell:** 7 members participated

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 for Holiday Luncheon in the Redmond Room

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bont, Secretary

**THE BORDERLANDS FORUM**

**THE MAGIC OF OAXACA PRESENTATION**  
PORFIRO GUTIÉRREZ - ZAPOTEC TEXTILE ARTIST

**TUESDAY JANUARY 15, 2019**  
**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**LOCATION:** Green Valley Recreation West Social Center  
1111 S GVR Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614

**REGISTRATION:** Reservations recommended through our website  
**Free event**

Border Community Alliance is Bridging the border and fostering community through education, collaboration and cultural exchange.

Border Community Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Tubac, AZ. We provide experiential education programs to residents and visitors of Southern Arizona.

[bordercommunityalliance.org](http://bordercommunityalliance.org)

**BCA** Border Community Alliance



### ~ 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday OTM; 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.  
Debbi Brunner – [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

#### **Beading:**

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

#### **Braided Rug:**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday OTM; at 9:00 a.m. Gretchen Ramsey - [grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net) or 393-6179

#### **Clothing:**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday OTM; at 9:30 a.m. at Desert Hills Lutheran Church. *If you'd like to participate in our annual fabric exchange and aren't on our email list, contact Pam.* Pam Smith - [qcreekpam616@gmail.com](mailto:qcreekpam616@gmail.com) or 775-770-4630.

#### **Crochet:**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m.; at Sunrise Point Clubhouse. Kim Keast - [kimkeastart@yahoo.com](mailto:kimkeastart@yahoo.com)

#### **Knitting:**

*Note: January meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (1/29).* Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes. Kathe Alves – [kathe.alves@icloud.com](mailto:kathe.alves@icloud.com)

#### **Kumihimo:**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - [roederers@gmail.com](mailto:roederers@gmail.com) or Diane Mikolyzk – [dianemik46@gmail.com](mailto:dianemik46@gmail.com)

#### **Marudai:**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday OTM; 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.; at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - [roederers@gmail.com](mailto:roederers@gmail.com)

#### **Mixed Media Fiber:**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday OTM; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Good Shepherd Church.  
Debbi Brunner - [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

#### **Rigid Heddle Weaving:**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; at , at Quail Creek Kino Center. Marilyn Wrucke - [mwrucke2@gmail.com](mailto:mwrucke2@gmail.com)

#### **Spinning:**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m.; at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - [pyperann52@gmail.com](mailto:pyperann52@gmail.com)

#### **Tapestry:**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday OTM, 1:00 p.m. April Boyson - [gaboysen1@gmail.com](mailto:gaboysen1@gmail.com) or phone: 720-545-7748, Lila Stoffel - [lstoffel@loretel.net](mailto:lstoffel@loretel.net) or phone: 520-648-0792.

#### **Weaving:**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. *NOTE – now meeting in the BMO Harris Bank meeting room.* Cindy Wolf – [pclobo2@gmail.com](mailto:pclobo2@gmail.com) or phone: 608-343-6765.

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