



# Fiber News & Updates

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

## Looking Ahead ~

### **Tues. Feb 5: General Meeting**

Robyn 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

### **Tues. Sept 3: General Meeting**

*Topic to be Announced*



General meetings are held the  
first Tuesday of the month

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

**[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)**

## President's Message ~



A huge thank you to everyone who got the  
Knitters Fashion Show down the runway!

Twenty-eight outfits were modeled by nine  
Knitting Study Group members: Jan King, Fran  
Lunney, Barb Ellis, Sue Leassner, Sharon Laws,  
Margalis Fjelstad, Barbara Copeland, Jane  
Tempel and Kathe Alves. And from the feedback, I believe  
everyone had a great time!

The sock dancers (Elaine Cselenko and Ann Pyper) showed off a  
fun variety of socks - my favorite was the "Pair Plus-a-Spare,"  
made by Ann Pyper - so fun to have three socks in three colors! A  
huge thank you goes to Marge Lind for doing such a great job as  
our mistress of ceremonies, also to Kay Burrows for taking photos.  
Behind the scenes, Karen Lukacs was chief dresser and Donna  
Lambert sent the models on their way in order. Thanks as well to  
Marie Gile and Karen Samson for bringing in display stands.

"Tom the Cat Who Wears Hats," was a humorous and totally  
charming slide show thanks to Barbara Copeland; who knew the  
cat - made the hats - and documented them for us. Fran Lunney  
(thanks Fran!) arranged the photos into a program so we could all  
enjoy Tom the Cat. The Knit Study Guild also brought the  
marvelous knitted creations to share around the room - such a  
great show and tell.

So on to February 2019! The shortest and perhaps the sweetest  
month - hearts, flowers and chocolates! I will be cruising the North  
Sea and hopefully experiencing the Aurora Borealis in the  
Norwegian Arctic. Julienne Valentine our Vice-President will be  
running the meeting.

At our February 5th general meeting, Robyn Spady will present  
"The Devil is in the Details." Remember to bring your Show and  
Tell. Robin will also offer an afternoon seminar from 1-3 in the  
church: "The Taming of the Hue: Techniques for the Color  
Challenged." \$10.00 per person.

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the field trip to *Casino del Sol* for the  
bead shows. Contact Kathe Alves if you are interested - no charge.

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

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 26th from 9:30 to Noon. The Knit Study Guild will host a KNIT-IN to make white, gray, and black baby booties for the *Mourning Project*: Mary Vaneecke has envisioned a traveling memorial of 23,000 baby booties - the number of babies born in the United States that die every year. Tucson will be the first stop for the installation. For more information go to Ravelry. Please let Kathe Alves ([kathe.alves@icloud.com](mailto:kathe.alves@icloud.com)) know if you plan to attend the KNIT IN - we may outgrow my house and need a larger space. Patterns and yarn will be available at the KNIT-IN.

Enjoy all the pleasures of February in the desert - - the sun should shine! I look forward to seeing you in March.

*Kathe Alves*



Photo above:

Pat Merritt leads the popular Traditional Rug Hooking with Yarn workshop, held on January 22, at Pat's *Way Out West Dye Studio*.

*Image courtesy: Maryilyn Wrucke.*

## Join our "KNIT-IN"

To learn more about the *Mourning Project*:

[TheMourningProject.com](http://TheMourningProject.com)

To RSVP for KNIT-IN:

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

## Bead Show Field Trip!

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Guild President Kathe Alves will lead a "Bead 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*.

This 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 Kathe Alves if you would be interested in joining this field trip. We can design our day to meet our needs. [Kathe.alves@icloud.com](mailto:Kathe.alves@icloud.com)

## IMPORTANT UPDATE

### On Guild Workshops & Seminars!

Extreme Warp Makeover - Feb. 6-8, 2019

Only 4 spaces remaining

Square Body Lady Doll - Mar. 5-6, 2019

Only 2 spaces remaining

For more information: [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

or contact: Debbi Brunner [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

## Library Notes

A summary of library checkouts for the last 4 years:

2017-2018	355 Items	Average: 60/meeting
2016-2017	292 Items	Average: 49/meeting
2015-2016	266 Items	Average: 44/meeting
2014-2015	260 Items	Average: 43/meeting

So far, in 2018-2019 season, 166 items have been checked-out = 41/meeting.

February and March usually have lower numbers of checkouts, so our totals for this year will probably be less than 225.

I am considering a book sale in March. Stay tuned!

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

February 5th Program

**“THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS”**

**Robyn Spady**

- ~ *Would you like to find ways to make your fiber art projects more intriguing?*
- ~ *See different ways to incorporate fiber into other projects?*
- ~ *Or look for simple ways to improve your projects and set yourself apart as a fiber artist?*

**Sometimes the most understated detail or accent can make the difference between something ordinary and something extraordinary.**

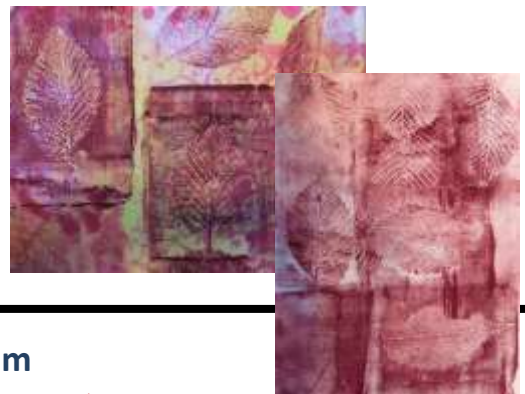
**In her address, Robyn will present us with a variety of fiber techniques for adding a little detail to our work to create exceptional results.**



Image: <https://spadystudios.com>

✓ **Reminder:**

- **Our new start time of 9:30 AM.**
- **Return borrowed library materials.**
- **Bring your “Show and Tell”**



March 5<sup>th</sup> Program

**“My Recent Textile Explorations”**

Jennifer Gould will be our keynote speaker on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and will lead us on her *Journey as a Fiber Artist*. Jennifer grew up playing with fabric, thread, and yarn. She learned to sew at an early age making clothes for dolls, her mom and herself as well as ties for her dad. In the early 1980s, after spending years both hand-spinning wool and tapestry weaving she began designing dolls. Doll making has allowed her the opportunity to explore her love of fabric. She works creating hand printed and hand painted fabrics. Her fabrics appear in her dolls as well as on collage cards and small abstract studies. Jennifer Gould’s website: <https://www.jennifergouldsdesigns.com/>



### Rigid Heddle Study Group Holds its First Meeting!



Twelve weavers and three observers attended the first meeting of the Rigid Heddle Study Group.

Kaye Miller provided the demonstration and led members in using the plain weave with clasped Weave to design four mug rugs.



The February project will use Pick Up Sticks.

The Study Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Feb, Mar, & Apr, from 1-3 PM at the Quail Creek Kino Center. Contact Kaye Miller or Marilyn Wrucke if you are interested in joining.

### Weaving Study Group - - Towel Exchange!



Each hand-woven towel was put into a paper bag to add to the mystery and surprise.

There were many different patterns and colors!

Each of the eleven participants received three towels to take home and treasure.

*Images: Marge Lind*



*Dear Guild Members,*

*Once again I want to thank all of you who donated thoughtful, beautiful gifts to TAG this year.*

*The staff at Valley Assistance continues to enjoy seeing the gifts and deciding where they will be enjoyed. They also send their appreciation for these wonderful gifts that make a difference to so many in the community that they serve.*

*Your efforts touched the lives of 80 recipients.*

*Jane Tempel  
TAG Chairperson*



*Through TAG many low income elderly will enjoy fun and useful gifts over the holidays, thanks to efforts of the Valley Fiber Art Guild. We coordinate our efforts through Valley Assistance as they have the knowledge and the network to provide the contacts for us to distribute our presents.*

*"A growing body of research shows that giving a gift, as well as volunteering or donating to charities, has a positive impact on your physical and mental health and can contribute to a longer life."*





# Knitting Study Group -- Fashion Show!

Additional photos will be included in future newsletters! Thank you Kay Burrows, Suki Thomson & Marie Guile for sending in their photos!





# The Van Helsland Studio presents 8 unique artists at one location on the 2019 Tubac Center of the Arts Open Studio Tour

March 15, 16 and 17 10am to 4 pm each day

See location on the other side



Geri Bringman  
flickr.com/photos/geribringman



Mariah Clearwater  
mariahclearwater.com



Dikki Van Helsland  
vanhelslandart.com



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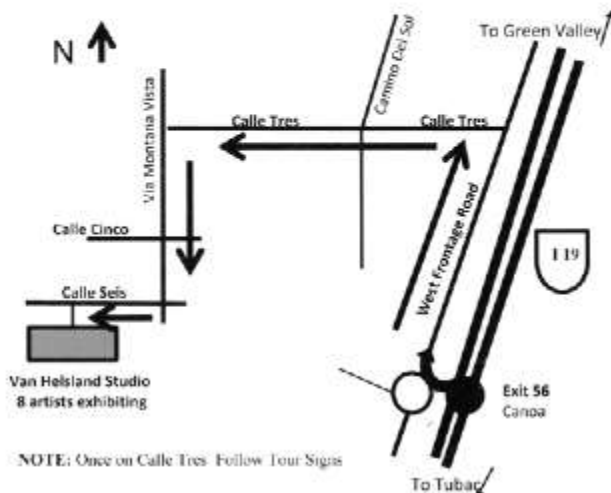


Brenda Peo  
brendapeoart.com

## The Van Helsland Studio

4021 W Calle Seis  
Green Valley, AZ 85622  
(520) 399 2703

March 15, 16, and 17 from 10am to 4pm



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)

**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)



## ***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](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

### January 8, 2019

#### 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 9:33 AM. Members and at least 19 guests welcomed.

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

**Treasurer's report:** A checking balance of \$10,434.21 was reported. Treasurer noted that much of this money is committed to paying workshop leaders and other expenses. M/S/A to approve as reported.

#### Committee Reports:

Membership: Patricia Merritt reported current membership at 160.

Program: February's speaker will be Robyn Spady, "The Devil is in the Details". She will also conduct a seminar during the afternoon entitled "Taming of the Hue". Cost is \$10. Sign up with Debbi Brunner.

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 "Extreme Warp Makeover" has 4 openings.

Library: Linda Verbiscar reviewed the library policy of one month book check-out. Twenty new books are available today to check out.

Special Projects: Nearly \$600 was take in from the December Opportunity Baskets.

Newsletter: Editor Dagmar Munn is always looking for photos to include.

#### Old Business:

- 1) The position of Vice-President will be open in the spring. If interested, please contact President Kathe Alves.
- 2) Pat Merritt is leading a rug hooking workshop on January 22. There is a wait list.
- 3) A field trip to three bead shows at Casino del Sol Saturday, Feb. 2 is being organized. There is no charge. Contact Kathe Alves if interested.

*Minutes continued on next page*

***(Meeting minutes continued)*****New Business:**

- The Board discussed the visitor fee policy. It was decided that visitors attending Guild meetings is an excellent community outreach. There will no longer be a guest fee for our visitors.
- Debbi Brunner will be organizing a field trip to the Amerind Museum this spring. Watch for details.
- Study Group leaders will be asked to make a brief report of the activities of their group at each meeting starting in February, 2019. Reminder that Study Groups are for Guild members only. Visitors may attend only once without acquiring a Guild membership.
- Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.
- Debi Brunner has donated a Show Tent to the Guild. It is being kept in our storage unit. Contact Donna Lambert or Kathe Alves if you would like to use this tent.
- Information on the **Mourning Project** was presented. This will be an art installation of black, white, and grey baby booties in memory of US infants who have passed away during the first year of life. There is additional information on Ravelry. A **Knit-In** for these booties is being planned for Tuesday, February 26, 9:30-noon. Please contact Kathe Alves if you plan to attend so an appropriate venue can be arranged.

**Study Groups announcements:**

Rigid Heddle: **New!** This group will meet January 21, Kino Complex, Quail Creek, 1:00-3:00 PM. Contact Marilyn Wrucke for information

Knitting: Meets January 29.

Kumihimo: The disc group will work on a cluster necklace, January 23. The **new!** Marudai group will meet January 24 at Friends in Deed.

Rug braiding: Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9:00 AM at 3503 S. Waterfall.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:49 AM

**Program:** Fashion Show presented by the Knitting Study Group

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bont, Secretary



### ~ 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. 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:**

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

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:**

*Note: currently on break and not holding meetings.*

Usually 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:**

*Note: due to a conflict at the BMO Harris Bank meeting room, the February meeting will be held at the home of Cindy Wolf, 1775 E Coastland Dr., GV.*

Usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m., at

the BMO Harris Bank meeting room. Cindy Wolf -

[pclobo2@gmail.com](mailto:pclobo2@gmail.com) or phone: 608-343-6765.

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