



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

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

Membership \$25/year
Guest fee has been waived

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President's Message ~

Greetings Fiber Friends!

The STASH SALE is coming - ready or not! I love the Stash Sale almost as much as I love Show and Tell. Tuesday, April 2nd we not only get both Show and Tell and the Stash Sale ~ we also have a picnic (bring a brown bag lunch) and the Guild provides dessert (think fruit pizza) and bottled water. We have the Redman Room reserved for the picnic - plan to attend and socialize with fellow "fiberistas" - many of whom will be departing for cooler climates soon.

The Stash Sale set-up will begin at 9:00 AM and the Redman Room will be closed to sales (no early bird sales) until the sale opens at 9:30 AM. The Sale will close at 10:30. We will take a break to allow sellers to pack out anything not sold. Please let me know if you need table space and have not already contacted me. Let me know if you need ¼, ½ or a full table for your sale items.

At 10:50 AM we will start our business meeting with election of officers. Here is the slate of officers for 2019-2021:

~ Margalis Fjelstad is the candidate for Vice President

~ Ann Pyper is the candidate for Treasurer (incumbent)

Additional nominations will be entertained from the floor before the final vote takes place.

Then we will have Show and Tell and finally, adjourn for lunch.

* Several Guild members attended Jennifer Gould's 4 workshops March 4-8 and everyone enjoyed learning new skills.

* We have a new service for Guild attendees thanks to Margalis Fjelstad. She thought it would be a friendly outreach to have greeters at the door to assist visitors and new members. Thank you Margalis and our greeters!



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(President's Message - - continued)

* April is our “member renewal month.” Check in with Patricia Merritt to renew your Guild membership - \$25.00; cash or check. Thank you for joining the Guild - it is a privilege to meet with others who love color, fiber and fun.

* Flagstaff, AZ, will be the location for the *Flag Wool and Fiber Festival*, June 1st and 2nd, 2019. <https://www.flagwool.com/> This the 5th festival and it will be based at the Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff. They are looking for demonstrators, vendors and anyone desiring to engage in workshops. Vickie Howell will be the Keynote Speaker. I am interested in guild participation - please contact me ASAP if you would enjoy a trip to Flagstaff! They should be registering attendees mid-March. There is also a Fiber Arts Competition in the Coconino Center for the Arts Theater.

Festival Contact:

<https://www.flagwool.com/contact.html>

Flag Wool and Fiber Festival, 4405 S Lance Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86005-9368

The Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild, Bisbee, AZ, will have their regional workshop June 21-23.

<https://www.bisbeefiberarts.com/fiber-arts-retreat> Louis Garcia is the Keynote Speaker and this retreat has several interesting workshops that will fill up quickly if the prior year is any indication of its popularity.

Happy spring to all.

Kathe Alves



Photos above & below: Marie Guile with Jennifer Gould & Jennifer's Square Body Dolls



Library Notes

ALL CHECKED OUT MATERIALS MUST BE RETURNED AT THE APRIL MEETING!

While I try to be reasonable about members who forget to bring returns to the meeting - - and also know that we don't all attend every meeting, this year we have some major lapses in returning items within a reasonable time frame.

Anyone with items that were due at the January or February meeting that aren't returned at the April meeting will be charged the full replacement amount

Linda Verbiscar, librarian
verbiscarjl@yahoo.com



April 2nd Program

STASH SALE 2019!

Location: **Redman Room**

Stash Sale set-up: 9:00 a.m. *Only vendors will be allowed in the **Redman Room** until 9:30 when the sale begins.*

Stash Sale begins: 9:30 a.m. **Redman Room doors open**

NO early-bird sales!

Sale will last approximately 1 hour

Guidelines:

- Let Kathe Alves kathe.alves@icloud.com know if you intend to sell so that enough tables can be set up: 1/4... 1/2or whole table. Depending on participation, whole tables may be limited. Please be flexible.
- Sell fiber, yarns, fiber related implements and your hand-made items.
- Mark all items clearly.
- Whether you are a seller or a buyer, bring enough small bills and change to facilitate sales.
- Bring your own shopping bags; you never know what you will take home!

Following the Stash Sale: In the **SANCTUARY**

1. Business meeting with election of officers
2. Show & Tell.
3. Brown Bag Picnic in the **Redman Room**. (or the church courtyard, if weather permits. Bring your own lunch plus a project to work on or just relax and chat. Dessert will be provided.



Membership Renewal Reminder!

Time to RENEW Your Membership! Your \$25.00 annual membership for the upcoming 2019-20 year is due at the April and May meetings. A new membership form needs to accompany your payment. Download and print the form our website. Complete the form and turn everything in at the Membership Table. Thank you!

Christmas in July!

Some of you are starting to leave for the summer. This is to remind you that for the December *Opportunity Baskets*, we're encouraging you to donate finished items that you've made as well as items from your stash. So, over the summer, keep the Guild in mind as you work away at your chosen art form - - and pick out something wonderful that you're ready to share.



Photos above & below:
Scenes from the Rigid Heddle study group

Sale in Tubac!

Linda Peter, who owns **Pajolo Alpacas Store** in Tubac is having a season and, 50% off sale of all yarns during the month of April.

Linda has raised Alpacas since 1996 and all of the Alpaca fiber is from her herd.

Email: pajolo_alpacas@yahoo.com

Phone: 507-440-1603



Make Fiber Friends!

Invite your fiber friends to join
the Valley Fiber Art Guild



Right:

We "oohed and ahhed"
at Show and Tell!



“Yarn Feathers”

MAKE and TAKE

Our May program will be a Make and Take - - we'll learn how to create yarn feathers. They can be used as all kinds of decorations. Adorn a purse, use as a key chain, hang multiple feathers from a stick as wall decor OR whatever your creativity dictates.

Supplies needed will be: any yarn from your stash, scissors, glue stick, small comb and for the center of the feather a small stick, pipe cleaner or floral wire.



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TheMourningProject.com
United Against Infant Mortality

Your are invited to a panel discussion on

Infant Mortality: Problems and Solutions

Free and open to the public

Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

at the Frances McClelland Community Center
YWCA Main Campus, 525 N. Bonita Avenue

Panelists include Bonita Katz, President of the International Childbirth Educators of America, Laura Vargas, March of Dimes Gretchen Carlson Advocacy Fellow, and Stacie Wood, Perinatal Safety Officer at TMC
Moderator: Dr. Linda Lumsden, Professor, UA School of Journalism

In conjunction with *Little Elegies*, the inaugural exhibit of The Mourning Project, a community art project to raise awareness about U.S. infant mortality. The exhibit runs April 2-5, from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at the YWCA address above.

Show and Tell



Thank you, Suki Thomson & Karen Luckacs, for sending in their photos!



Photos above
Jennifer Gould and views of her workshop

Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

March 5, 2019

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

The business meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM by president Kathe Alves. Members and at least 9 guests/new members welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$9,233.95 was reported. M/S/A as reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Donna Lambert reported current membership at 167

Library: There is a book sale today. Linda Verbiscar announced there are two new kumihimo books and that Anna Elias Sesnik will be donating a number of items to the library. Reminder that library items may be checked out for one month. If not returned after 3 months, you will be charged the replacement cost of the item.

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

Outreach: A preview of next year's outreach activities will be available at the May meeting.

Special Projects: Margalis Fjelstad organized the opportunity drawing for 5 appliqued pillows and a Ukrainian egg kit. Appliqued blocks were donated by Maureen Carlson and assembled into pillows by Ann Pyper.

Website: Let Kay Burrows know if you are having trouble accessing the website.

Old Business:

- 1) Mary Vanecke, a Tucson fiber artist is accepting white, grey, and black baby booties for her first installation in Tucson in March. Her goal is 23,000 pairs of booties. This is the number of babies who die in their first year of life.
- 2) Debbi Brunner is organizing a field trip to the Amerind Museum on March 26. Cost is \$8.00, bring your own lunch.

New Business

1. Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.
2. The Knitting Study Group will mentor any members desiring one-on-one basic knitting instruction. Sock knitting and finishing techniques will be offered Fall of 2019. Contact Kathe Alves if interested.
3. April 2, 2019 program includes the Annual Stash Sale, election of officers and a Brown Bag Picnic. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Announcement: Long-time member Doris Tufte passed away on February 22. Plans for a memorial service are pending . Contact Kathe Alves if interested in attending.

Study Groups announcements: Meeting times and locations are listed on the Guild website.

Basketry: The group focus is on pine needle basketry and gourds this year and next.

Beading: This month they will work on finishing peyote earrings.

Clothing: This month's topic is boro stitching.

Crochet: NR

Knitting: The group is working on baby booties for the Mourning Project and planning to mentor interested Guild members.

Kumihimo: Last month the group worked on a cluster necklace. This month they will work on a herringbone portion of the 3-cord necklace.

Marudai: The group is working on a three-strand necklace.

Mixed Fiber Media: The next meeting has been delayed until March 18.

Rigid Heddle: This group is working on mug rug techniques. No meeting this month.

Rug braiding: The group is learning braiding techniques that apply to rugs or mats.

Spinning: This year's focus is a fiber study, working on samples of different types of fibers.

Weaving: This month will be a presentation on Summer and Winter weave structure by Ann Pyper.

Opportunity drawing: Names were drawn for the 5 appliqued pillows and the Ukranian egg kit.

Show and Tell: Sixteen members participated.

Meeting adjourned.

Program: "My Recent Textile Explorations" by Jennifer Gould

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 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:

Meets the 4th Thursday OTM; at 9:30 a.m. at Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Kristine Sells and Paula Sween will be co-leading. Kristine Sells – cksells1961@gmail.com Paula Sween - sweenpaula@gmail.com

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:

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

Marudai:

Meets the 4th Thursday OTM; 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.; at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@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

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

Meets the 3rd Monday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; at Quail Creek Kino Center. Marilyn Wrucke - mwrucke2@gmail.com

Spinning:

Meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m.; at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - pyperann52@gmail.com

Tapestry:

Note: currently on break and not holding meetings.
Usually 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., at the BMO Harris Bank meeting room. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.

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