

Fiber News & Updates

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Looking Ahead ~

Tues. Dec 3: General Meeting

Location: Good Shepherd UCC
Celebrating the Red Ruana
and Member's Holiday Potluck

Tues. Jan 7: General Meeting

Location: CPAC
Toni Best, "Basketry"

Thurs. Feb. 6: General Meeting

Location: American Legion
"VFAG Study Groups
Extravaganza"

Tues. Mar. 10: General Meeting

Location: CPAC
Timothy C. McClrath, "Crochet"

Thurs. Apr. 9: General Meeting

Location: American Legion
Stash Sale & Members Picnic

Tues. May 5: General Meeting

How to Wear Scarves



Don't forget your Red Ruana!

*We want you to share your
version whether it be wearable
or an objet d'art.*

Celebrate the season with Red!!

President's Message ~

Holiday Greetings to all Fiber Folks!

It is always a surprise to turn the calendar page to December. The holidays are busy - making gifts for loved ones, holiday get-togethers and travel for many of us. Some of us in the Valley Fiber Art Guild are putting the finishing touches on our **Red Ruanas** (that would be me!); to show and tell our fiber friends what wonderful gifts we have created for ourselves. I am so looking forward to seeing the show - truly it is always amazing to see what our membership creates on a continuum! The Opportunity Basket Fund Raiser is being created by Margalis Fjelstad and friends. We will also have some special items for the Silent Auction - so bring your check book and cash for great fiber art finds.

We will then have a small feast to top off our meeting - remember the potluck lunch will be served following the meeting and EVERYONE is invited.

Our guild librarian Melanie Fritz, has been working away daily to enter our fiber books and magazines into a computer program that will serve us well - to be unveiled in January. Ann Pyper has been busy getting our storage unit ready to close it down by December 20th. Debbi Brunner and her committee are full speed ahead for the *Red Ruana Retreat*, November 12-15, 2020, at Canoa Ranch Golf Resort. Marge Lind and Debbi Brunner have been busily scheduling guild Programs and Workshops for 2020. *Whew!*

Beginning January 7, 2020, the Valley Fiber Art Guild will begin meeting at the Community Performing Arts Center (CPAC) on Continental Road.

We will hold our meetings in the theater, with support from the CPAC's sound technician; to help us see and hear the programs. Parking is plentiful and there is handicapped parking close to the theater. January's program is Toni Best - "Basketry" and she will be presenting a three-day workshop: January 8-10.

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(President’s Message - - continued)

February’s meeting on **THURSDAY** the 6th, at the American Legion, will highlight on our many creative Study Groups.

The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the December 3rd general meeting. Three Members are required to nominate candidates for President and Secretary for 2020-2022. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this process.

So, closing out 2019 - I wish you and yours a peaceful and blessed holiday season and a bountiful and happy 2020.

Kathe Alves



Congratulations Gary!



SHOW AND TELL!



Above:
Congratulations to VFAG member Gary Terlisner for receiving “Best Weave” blue ribbons at the Arizona State Fair!

December 3rd Program

Celebrating the Red Ruana (Show & Tell) and Member's Holiday Potluck

Join us for holiday friendship, celebration and FUN!

Our December 3rd gala begins at 9:30 a.m., with our **Red Ruana Show & Tell**. A short general membership meeting will follow. Then, we'll have a final review of the Opportunity Baskets and Silent Auction, with winners announced shortly after. A potluck luncheon concludes our day's events.



✓ Meeting Reminders:

- Our start time is 9:30 AM.
- Bring cash & checkbook for the Silent Auction and Opportunity Baskets fundraisers.
- And...don't forget your Red Ruana!

Silent Auction and Opportunity Baskets

This year's event is going to be a big one! We have a lot of beads, yarn, jewelry, and even a mink stole due to a generous donation from Dagmar Munn. Guild members have donated quilts, a large braided rug, a cross stitch frame, sweaters, shawls, tons of buttons, kumihimo jewelry, and of course yarn of every color.

We'll be selling tickets for the opportunity baskets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. But we are also having a Silent Auction for the larger finished pieces. These will be priced for immediate sale, or you can bid on them and maybe get a real bargain.

So, be sure to bring your checkbook or cash. There'll be some great opportunities this year for Christmas Gifts or future projects.

Money from both fund raisers will go to the guild treasury.



January 7th Program

"Basketry" with Toni Best

Meeting location: **Center for the Performing Arts**
1250 W. Continental Road in Green Valley

Toni Best is one of the premier basketry artists in the United States, she has won numerous awards and is recognized for her creativity. We are excited to bring her to our area. See Toni's work on her Facebook page: Toni Best Art and on her website <https://tonibest.online/classes/>

Library Notes

Greetings from the Library!

I'm happy to announce that the library collection is fully cataloged and ready for its new home!! Over the course of a few weeks (after Thanksgiving, of course) books will be relocated to the CPAC, and ready for their debut at the January meeting!

Anyone wishing to check out materials in January may email me @ mlfritzi4@gmail.com and I'll get your patron record set up in advance. It will save time at the meeting if I have patron records input prior to our meeting! And for your browsing pleasure, here's a link to the new online library:

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/VFAG>

Please note that the magazines will still be by manual checkouts. All current titles will be available at the meetings.

I am still in the process of working through some of the settings, so if there are titles that you wish to check out in January, please send me an email and I'll have them pulled and available for checkout at that time. Also, please be aware that while the library is still in transition, books will not be available for checkout in December.

Melanie Fritz, Librarian
mlfritzi4@gmail.com



FOR SALE

LECLERC "FANNY" 4-H
COUNTERBALANCE LOOM,
45" weaving width.

It has LeClerc's Shed Regulator, 6 treadles, wire heddles, 2 aprons, plus a boat shuttle, bobbins, a reed and heddle hook, a Leclerc raddle, 2 lease sticks and a loom "helper" attachment for winding warps; also an 8, 10 and 12 dent steel reed; an iron bar for the beater to add weight for rug weaving ... and 38" wooden LeClerc open end bench with lift lid and side pockets. Excellent condition. Comparable purchase cost today is \$4320. I'm offering all the above for \$995 (less than 1/4 the current cost).

Contact: Marie Gile
Email: mgile117@gmail.com
Phone: 520-305-4680



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Announcing the inaugural **Red Ruana Retreat!** Sponsored by the Valley Fiber Art Guild

A new fiber art event in Southern Arizona!
Featuring classes and workshops with a
Southwestern theme: colors, techniques and
projects reminiscent of Southwest style and
culture.

Location: Canoa Ranch Golf Resort
Date: November 12-15, 2020.

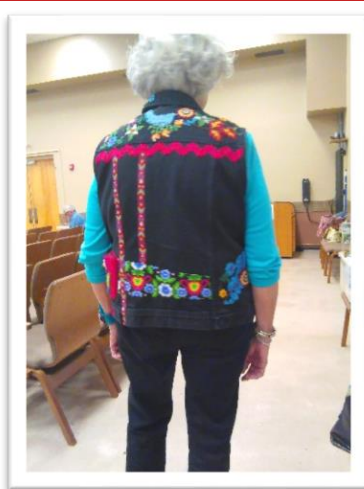
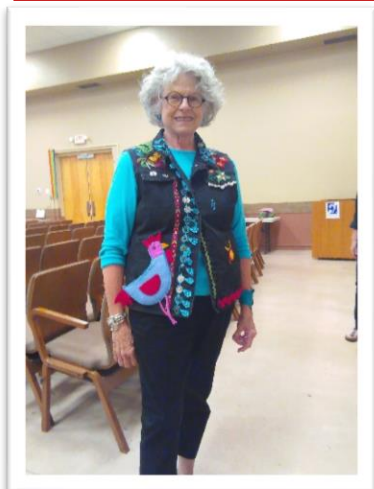
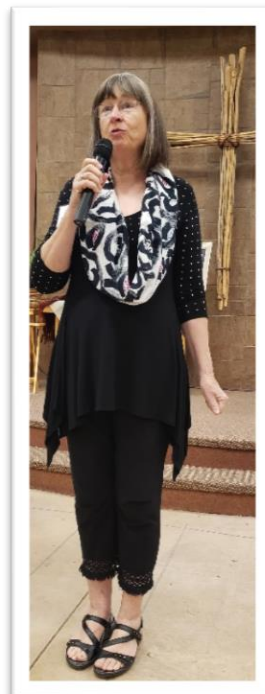
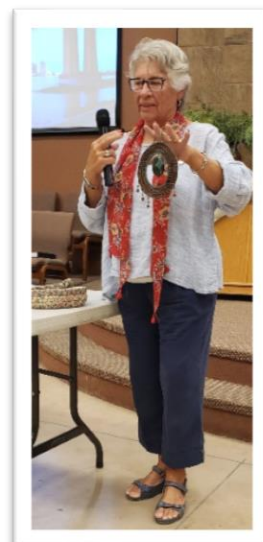
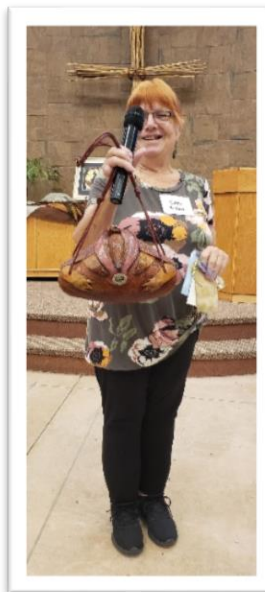
We are calling on the talent and expertise of
our guild members to submit proposals for half-
day classes on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Deadline extended to November 30, 2019

Use the form available on our website. Just
print it off, complete and bring to the next
meeting. Or email the retreat committee at:
misseyb@gmail.com

More details will be announced
as our planning progresses!

**MORE
SHOW
AND TELL!**



VFAG Equipment FOR SALE - *Updated*

The VFAG Board has decided we will close our storage unit which has housed our loan equipment and various 'Stash' due to lack of use. We will still have an 8-harness floor loom with an assortment of reeds and warping board for weavers to borrow. There will also be a spinning wheel and wool cards available to loan. The rest will be sold and proceeds will go into the Guild Treasury.

This is the **updated** list of equipment available and sale prices. If you are interested in any of these items, you may arrange to see them and make your purchase. Please see Kathe Alves or Debbi Brunner at our next meeting or contact either by email. kathe.alves@icloud.com or misseyb@gmail.com

All will be sold first come first serve, hurry! We hope to close the storage unit by November 30th.

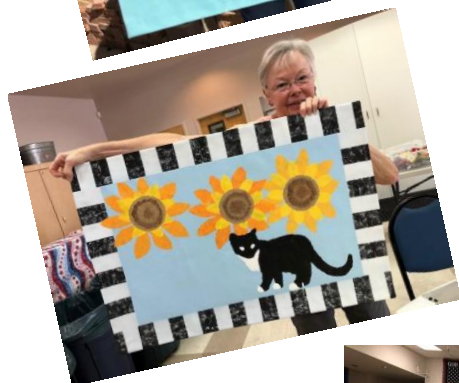
- 24" 4-harness Baby Macomber floor loom; includes 10, 12 and 15 dent reeds - - - - - \$300
- 24" 4 harness Dorset direct tie up floor loom; includes 6, 10, 12 and 15 dent reeds - \$200
- 28" 4 harness Dorset direct tie up floor loom; includes 6 and 10 dent reeds - - - - - \$250
- 24" 8-harness LeClerc Table Loom - - - - - \$125
- 2 card looms, your choice - - - - - \$5



Painted Floor Cloths Workshop

With Shirley McFerron

Merry Warner, Marie Gile, Rita Vail, Kathe Alves, Anita Sharples and Diane Tepe



Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

November 5, 2019

Officers

President:	Kathe Alves	Kathe.alves@icloud.com
Vice President:	Margalis Fjelstad	Margalisf@yahoo.com
Secretary:	Ann Bont	abont@comcast.net
Treasurer:	Ann Pyper	pyperann52@gmail.com

The business meeting was called to order by President Kathe Alves at 9:32 AM. Members, six guests and one new member were welcomed.

Secretary's report: Correction to the October 1 minutes: the floor cloth workshop is being held on November 7, not October 7. M/S/A as corrected.

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$6171.01 was reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Pat Merritt reported current membership at 122.

Library: Melanie Fritz reminded members that the Guild library will be moving its location to CPAC. This move should be completed by January. The transition to an on-line system should be completed by the end of November.

Programs: Marge Lind reviewed the next few guild programs; December – *fundraiser/holiday party, Red Ruana Gift to Self*, January - Toni Best "*Basketry*", February - *study group displays/presentations/demonstrations*, March – "*Crochet*" with Timothy McIlreth and fundraiser, April - *Stash sale/picnic*, May – "*How to Wear Scarves*"

Workshops: Debbi Brunner announced some upcoming workshops; November 7 – painted floor cloth with Shirley McFerron, January 8, 9, 10 - Toni Best on Gourd and Pine Needle baskets, March 3 – Paper baskets with Gary Terlisner.

Newsletter: Editor Dagmar Munn is always looking for photos for the newsletter.

Special Projects: Margalis Fjelstad is collecting donations for the December Opportunity Basket event. Handmade finished projects are especially appreciated. Study groups are asked to donate items for the March fund raiser.

Website: Kay Burrows is always looking for photos to include on the website. A link to the new library website will be added soon.

Outreach: NR

AZ Federation: The Federation will bring a traveling teacher in February, Patti Barker, a nuno felter from Washington. She will probably teach in Green Valley towards the end of February, 2020.

Old Business:

- 1) Reminder to renew your membership for the 2019-2020 year. See Pat Merritt at the membership table.
- 2) December meeting includes a holiday potluck and gift to yourself with a 'red ruana' theme
- 3) The Guild move to CPAC begins with the January 7, 2020 meeting.
- 4) The February Guild meeting will be **Thursday, February 6 at the American Legion Post #66 on Duval Mine Rd.** Study groups are asked to share their craft by showcasing various methods and techniques, displaying finished products, providing demonstrations and hands-on opportunities where possible.

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(Meeting minutes continued)

5) TAG (The Art of Giving) - Reminder to turn in small gifts for the low-income elderly, to be shared through Valley Assistance Services.

6) Mark your calendars for the Red Ruana Retreat, a regional fiber retreat sponsored by Valley Fiber Art Guild, November 12-15, 2020.

7) Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.

New Business

- 1) Contact Marie Gile if you are able to help with the Holiday Potluck at the December meeting.
- 2) VFAG is now a member of the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Study Groups: See valleyfiberartguild.org for meeting times, locations, and contacts.

Basketry: Continuing study of pine needle baskets and gourds. Meetings are held at Quail Creek's Kino Center, Mesquite Room. This month Debbi Brunner will demonstrate Danish cord.

Beading: Group is working on a bracelet project.

Clothing: Due to Thanksgiving, the group will meet on Nov. 21 this month. There will be a surface design demonstration.

Crochet: The new contact person is Toni Prutch. This month's meeting will be at Lynn Swan's home to work on a freeform brooch in 3 colors.

Knitting: The group will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday and will continue to mentor guild members who want to learn/relearn to knit.

Kumihimo: NR

Marudai: NR

Mixed Fiber Media: Continuing exploration of books and techniques to use with books.

Rigid Heddle: NR

Rug braiding: No official meeting in November and December, but call Gretchen Ramsey if help is needed.

Spinning: Meeting at Ann Pyper's house.

Tapestry weaving: Meeting at Quail Creek's Kino Center. Topic this month is 'beginning tapestry weaving'.

Weaving: Continuing study from *Next Steps in Weaving*, looking at Summer and Winter this month.

Show and Tell: There were 9 participants sharing 19 items.

Business Meeting adjourned at 10:08

Program: Kay Jensen, Tucson Museum of Art docent – "*In Praise of Hands*"

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:

Note: Will not meet in December. Usually meets the 4th Monday OTM; at 9:00 a.m. Please contact leader if interested in attending. Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net (393-6179)

Clothing:

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

Crochet:

Meets the 3rd Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m., contact: Toni Prutch – portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Note: Due to holiday date conflict, this group will meet on Tuesday, December 10, same time and location. Usually meets the 4th Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes. Kathe Alves – kathe.alves@icloud.com

Kumihimo:

Note: Due to holiday date conflict, this group will meet on Thursday December 19th; same time and location as usual.

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

Marudai:

Meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 12:30-3:00pm 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 Weaving:

Meets the 2nd Wednesday from 9:30 to 12:00 at Quail Creek Kino Center. Contact Debra Brown - debrabrown15@icloud.com or Lila Stoffel - lstoffel@loretel.net (520-648-0792) or April Boysen - gaboysen1@gmail.com (720-545-7748).

Weaving:

Meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m., at the Ocotillo Room of Quail Creek Kino Center. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.

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