



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

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

Membership \$25/year
Guest fee has been waived

www.valleyfiberartguild.org

President's Message ~



Spring is coming *thank goodness!!* And it's time to start cleaning out your stash for the April Stash Sale - - I just wanted to get this said, because I have A LOT to go through before the April 2nd Stash Sale.

March will be a lovely month, with many great fiber art events. Jennifer Gould will be here to present five (5!!) days of great design fun. Jennifer will be presenting the March 5th program: *My Recent Textile Explorations*, followed by a two day workshop: *Square Body Doll*. Monday, March 4th, Jennifer will present *Monoprinting*. On Thursday, Jennifer will present *Surface Design on Fabric*, and Friday will be *Contemporary Embroidery*. Check with Debbi Brunner if you are interested as there are some last minute cancellations.

Our March meeting will offer five lovely appliquéd pillows assembled by Ann Pyper from donated blocks for our *Opportunity Pillows* event. Bring your cash or checkbook. Someone will take home these lovely pillows. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Debbi Brunner will be hosting a guild field trip to the *Amerind Museum*, Tuesday, March 26th. The museum is a fantastic experience - - especially if you are interested in Southwest Art; baskets, pottery, weaving and paintings. It is a unique and beautiful area of Southern Arizona. Cost is \$8.00, to be paid when registering and is limited to 20 people. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Be sure and stop in at the Library - - Linda Verbiscar has been shopping and there are new magazines and at least 14 NEW books as well as a DVD on Basketry for you to check out. Linda does such an amazing job of finding great resources! We will also have a Library sale at our March meeting - - another good reason to bring \$\$\$!

It seems like 2018-2019 has just flown by - we have only 3 more meetings this year and many of our members will be packing up in a few weeks to head to cooler climates. So enjoy the fun of communing with friends and the visual and tactile feast of our monthly SHOW and TELL! Bring it on!

Kathe Alves

Amerind Foundation Museum Field Trip!



Where: Dragoon, Arizona (65 miles from Sahuarita)

Date/Time: March 26, 2019, 8:30am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$8/person

Registration will be at the March 5th meeting only, cash or check due at that time.

Limit 20 people - - we will also need at least 4 people as volunteer drivers.



Our field trip to the Amerind will include a tour of the galleries and exhibits by one of the museum docents. It is a wonderful opportunity to discover this treasure if you have never been and a pleasure to revisit. We will meet in the Fry's parking lot and leave at 8:30am. Bring a brown bag lunch and drinks to enjoy al fresco after our tour, then have a chance to re-examine any exhibits you wish, walk the grounds and/or shop in the museum store before we head home between 2:30-3pm.



The Amerind Foundation was founded in 1937 by William Shirley Fulton (1880-1964) as a private, nonprofit archaeological research institution. A native of Connecticut, Fulton became interested in archaeology as a young man. Several trips to Arizona between 1906 and 1917 captured his attention in the Southwest's past and present Native cultures. Throughout the 1920s Fulton regularly traveled west from his New England home, heading into the southwestern mountains, canyons, and plateau country to explore for archaeological ruins and expand his Native American collections.



Today, Amerind Museum exhibitions tell the story of America's first peoples from Alaska to South America and from the last Ice Age to the present. Amerind's [Fulton-Hayden Memorial Art Gallery](#) features works on western themes by such artists as Carl Oscar Borg, William Leigh, Frederic Remington, and Andy Tsihnhajinnie, and one room in the Art Gallery is reserved for the presentation of contemporary Native American art. A [museum store](#) offers southwestern arts, crafts, and books on prehistory, history, and Native American cultures.

LAST CHANCE!!

TO CHECK OUT LIBRARY BOOKS FOR THIS SEASON!

- ✓ March is the last month we will have the library available at the meeting to check out books.
- ✓ ALL library materials must be returned at the April meeting.
- ✓ Also, a big REMINDER to those that have items checked out. There are many, many books that are OVERDUE. These need to be returned at the March meeting!!!

Linda Verbiscar, Librarian
verbiscarjl@yahoo.com





March 5th Program

“MY RECENT TEXTILE EXPLORATIONS”

Jennifer Gould

*Jennifer Gould will be our keynote speaker on March 5th
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.jennifergould designs.com/>

LIBRARY SALE! SALE! SALE! MARCH 5TH

In addition to our regular library table
we will have a book/magazine sale
at our March 5 meeting.

Books will be individually priced.
Most magazines will be only 25 cents.
Please bring small bills & change for your purchases.



Needles Up!

The guild is looking for members to teach small workshops or share their knowledge with our own members. Volunteers will be recruited at guild meetings and through study groups. Subjects may include beginning knitting, sock knitting, finishing techniques for knitting, etc.

Contact: Kathe Alves
kathe.alves@icloud.com



*Photos above & below:
The new Marudai study group getting the “hang of it!”*

Study Group Leaders!

A reminder to all study group leaders that they are asked to take attendance at study group meeting. And at all guild meetings they are to give a brief report of the group’s activities.



Membership Renewal Reminder!

Yes, it is *early*, but it’s never too late for a reminder that your Guild membership for the 2019-2020 year will be due at the May meeting. Annual membership is \$25.00

Our April 2nd program will be:
Member Stash Sale,
Elections & Picnic!

Right:

Kumihimo study group
creating the “Cluster
Necklace.”

Images: Pam Roederer



“Opportunity Pillows”

Don't miss this special event at the March 5th meeting!



You could go home with one (or more!)
of these beautiful five pillows!

Appliquéd and dyed by Maureen Carlson and assembled by Ann Pyper,

These pillows will be awarded individually. Tickets are \$5 each.

No limit on number of tickets you can purchase or number of “chances.”

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Call for Entries: DEADLINE – Wednesday, March 20, 2019 please have entries submitted by 10:00a.m. on Thursday 3/21/2019

ON THE DESERT AN EXPLORATION OF FIBERS

Exhibition Dates: April 25 – July 31, 2019

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 5:30 – 8:00pm

Woven, torn, pulped, beaten, soaked, stained, dried, drawn, simulated, stitched, painted, printed, turned, found, photographed, felted, braided, knitted, knotted, collaged, carved, burnt, abraded, cast, cut, folded, flocked, hooked, pressed, laced, spun, sewn, etc.

Fiber can be and do so many things. For artists - it is a medium and a process - it is natural and synthetic - it is crafted by hand and industrially machined - it is everywhere and in everything - (like Pima Cotton) it is the fabric of our lives.

ON THE DESERT: An Exploration of Fibers will take to the desert in search of traditional and experimental artworks that are made of, on, and about any and all things fiber while simultaneously exploring (perhaps, redefining) the definition(s) of Fiber Art.

Artists are asked to employ every fiber of their being and contribute art works that are focused on the very fibers they are made with. The possibilities are endless. Artists from the region are invited to submit 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional works in any media for consideration in this curated exhibition.

For more information: <https://tohonochul.org/galleries/upcoming-events/>

For full PDF with artist details:

<https://tohonochul.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/OTD.-AN-EXPLORATION-OF-FIBERS.-Call-for-Entries-edit.pdf>

Knitting Study Group -- Fashion Show!

Volume 2 (January 8, 2019)

Thank you Kay Burrows, Suki Thmson & 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



Gerri Bringman
[flickr.com/photos/geribringman](https://www.flickr.com/photos/geribringman)



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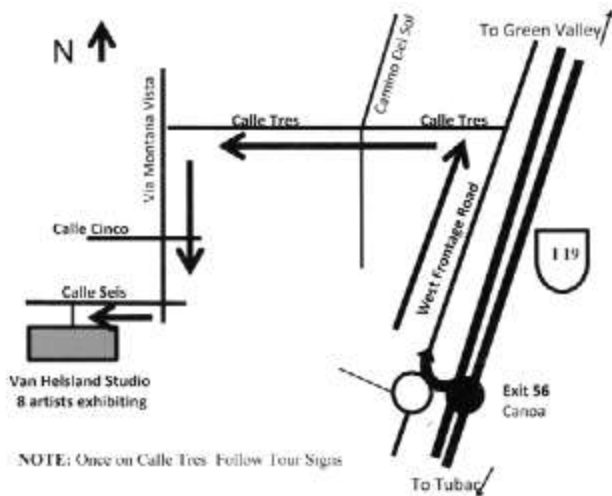


Brenda Peo
brendapeoart.com

The Van Helsland Studio

4021 W Calle Seis
Green Valley, AZ 85622
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March 15, 16, and 17 from 10am to 4pm



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

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

2019 INTERWEAVE
YARN FEST

MARCH 27-31 | EMBASSY SUITES LOVELAND HOTEL | LOVELAND, CO

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. 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

February 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 9:32 AM by vice-president Julienne Valentine. Members and at least 12 guests welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$12,092.49 was reported. Treasurer Pyper noted that much of this money is committed to paying workshop and facility expenses. M/S/A as reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Patricia Merritt reported current membership at 166.

Program: The March speaker will be fiber artist Jennifer Gould, who will share her lifelong fiber journey.

Workshops: Debbi Brunner announced that there have been a few cancellations for Jennifer Gould's workshops. See Debbi if interested in filling those openings.

Library: Linda Verbiscar announced that there is about \$400 remaining in this year's library budget. She welcomes suggestions of items to purchase. THE COMPLETE PHOTO GUIDE TO KNITTING is missing. Does anyone know of its whereabouts? There are 2 DVD's on Marudai braiding and also one on rug hooking. There will be another book sale in March.

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

Arizona Federation: Debbi Bruner announced that the Federation is looking for a new President. The focus of the group is helping local guilds bring educational opportunities to Arizona.

Old Business:

- 1) Margalis Fjelstad has agreed to take on the position of Vice-President for the next two years. Thank you Margalis!
- 2) A huge thank you to Kay Miller for teaching the Mug Rug class to the rigid heddle study group.
- 3) Thank you to Pat Merritt who taught 8 women rug hooking and rug punching. It was a total feast for the senses.
- 4) A field trip to three bead shows at Casino del Sol Saturday, Feb. 2 was enjoyed by all who attended.

- 5) 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.

New Business

- Debbi Brunner will be organizing a field trip to the Amerind Museum this spring. Watch for details.
- Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.
- Scholarship funds are available for members to take classes outside of the Guild. The application is on the website. Participants will be asked to report back to the guild.
- Ann Pyper displayed several pillows which will be auctioned off at next month's Guild meeting. Applique blocks were donated and Ann assembled them into pillows.

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.

Beading: The group has been working on beaded buttons. This month they will work on peyote earrings.

Clothing: NR

Crochet: NR

Knitting: Meets February 26, 9:30 to noon to weave baby booties for the Mourning Project.

Kumihimo: Last month the group worked on a cluster necklace. This month they will work on a herringbone cord. A **new!** Marudai group began meeting in January at Friends in Deed.

Mixed Fiber Media: The focus this year and next is on books.

Rigid Heddle: New! This group meets at the Kino Complex, Quail Creek, 1:00-3:00 PM. Contact Marilyn Wrucke for information

Rug braiding: NR

Spinning: This year's focus is a fiber study

Weaving: This month will be a presentation on Monk's Belt by Donna Allen

Meeting adjourned: 9:49 AM

Program: "The Devil is in the Details" by Robyn Spady

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. 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:

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:

Note: No March meeting. Members on the email list will get an assignment to practice at home. Usually 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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