



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues. May 7: General Meeting

Member's Make and Take

June - August:

Summer Break - no meetings scheduled

Tues. Sept 3: General Meeting

Member's Show and Tell

Tues. Oct. 1: General Meeting

Shirley McFerron
"Painted Floor Cloths"

Tues. Nov 5: General Meeting

Kay Jensen
In Praise of Hands,

Tues. Dec 3: General Meeting

Member's Holiday Party



General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month

9:30 AM

17750 S. La Cañada Drive
Sahuarita, AZ

Membership \$25/year
Guest fee has been waived

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President's Message ~

Welcome to the Merry Month of May!

Many of our group are already in cooler places and others are getting ready to fly away. 2018-2019 has been a fun and busy year for the Guild and plans are in place for more fun and creative pursuits 2019-2020.



Thank you to Gretchen Ramsey, Elaine Cselenko, Peggy McGaughey, and Marilyn Wrucke for their help setting up and taking down the "April Picnic," which was enjoyed by about 30 attendees. The Stash Sale was well attended and lots of great stuff was re-distributed to happy fiber artists.

Speaking of Stash Sales ~ There will be a pop-up stash sale at the May meeting. Stephanie Fischer has gifted the Guild with the remains of her fiber/craft store in Oregon. So, plan on being in the acquisition mode and bring cash (small bills unless you are a big spender) or checks. Yarn and roving will be sold by weight - such a great deal!

Marge Lind has arranged for a great Make and Take for the May 7th meeting: "Feathers and Leaves from Yarn." Bring: yarn from your stash or buy something at the pop-up sale; small sticks, pipe cleaners or floral wire; glue stick; small comb; scissors. I am looking forward to making them.

Thank you to Julienne Valentine for her gifting us with two years of Vice-President duties - Julienne has already left for home but we will see her in the Fall. Thank you as well to Margalis Fjelstad for taking on the Vice- President duties for 2019-2021.

Thank you to Ann Pyper for her gift of two years of Treasurer duties and agreeing to take on another two years as Treasurer. Ann does an amazing job of keeping the dollars and cents accurate.

Some study groups meet through the summer - so join in if you are interested. For those of us who love the desert year-round ~ Happy monsoons and enjoy the warm!

Kathe Alves



Guild members stop to enjoy the scenery in Dagoon, while on the Amerind Foundation Museum trip in March.

Membership Renewal Reminder!

Time to RENEW Your Membership! Your \$25.00 annual membership for the upcoming 2019-20 year is due at the May meeting.

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!*



Everyone was happy at the April Stash Sale & Brown Bag Lunch! *Photo courtesy Marilyn Wrucke*

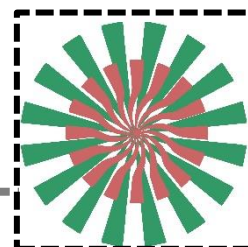
May 7th Program

"Yarn Feathers"

Our May program will be a *Make and Take* - - we'll all 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:

- 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.



"Flash Stash Sale!"

Stephanie Fischer is a Guild member who brought her stash from her craft/fiber store in Depoe Bay, Oregon when she moved to Green Valley - - thinking she might open a business again...Stephanie has very generously donated this amazing stash to the Valley Fiber Arts Guild and it will go on sale Tuesday, May 7th at 9:30 am at the Guild meeting. Bring cash and a carry home bag. *We thank you Stephanie!*

Here are a few teasers: ~ Several huge bags of wool roving undyed, dyed as well as hemp and silk - this will be sold by weight ~ 10 sizable bags of very nice yarn - sold by weight ~ Patterns for sewing and felting ~ Fusing and interface ~ 2 large bags ribbon ~ 3 large bags of trim - all sorts - sold by weight ~ 1 large bag of Firestar nylon glaze - sold by weight ~ 4 scarf kits = up cycled silk ~ Mannequin upper body and full body display ~ Brand new Lap Loom ~ Portable steamer on wheels.

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.



Above: Rigid Heddle study group



Above: Spinning study group

Congratulations & Thank You!

Join us in extending a hearty welcome to our new guild Vice-President, Margalis Fjelstad along with our continuing Treasurer, Ann Pyper. Their terms will run May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021.

A big thank you goes to our out-going Vice-President, Julienne Valentine. We appreciate the time, energy and passion you gave to our guild during your tenure!

In Memorium

Our thoughts and hearts are with the family and friends of Doris Tuft.

Doris was one of our guild's founding members.



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2019 Flag Wool and Fiber Festival June 1-2, 9am to 4pm

This the 5th year for the festival and they are looking for demonstrators, vendors and anyone desiring to engage in workshops. Vickie Howell will be the Keynote Speaker.

Learn more at:

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

Loom for Sale

LECLERC “FANNY” 4-H COUNTERBALANCE LOOM, 45” weaving width; loom depth is 37 1/2”; becomes 25” when closed. It has LeClerc’s Shed Regulator, 6 treadles, wire heddles, 2 aprons, plus a boat shuttle, plastic bobbins, a reed and heddle hook, a Leclerc raddle, 2 lease sticks and a loom “helper” attachment for winding warps; also a 12 dent steel reed and 38” wooden LeClerc open end bench with lift lid and side pockets. Extra 6, 8, 10 reeds available. Excellent condition. Comparable purchase cost today is \$4160. I’m offering all the above for \$1385 (about 1/3 the cost).

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



Left and below:
Members share
at Show and Tell.



2019 Bisbee Fiber Arts Retreat & Gathering

June 21-23, 2019

- Fiber Retreat
- Fibers Vendors
- Keynote Speaker, *Louie Garcia*
- Banquet
- Handspun Yarn Competition

The event will be held at the Seven Sister’s Studio at 72 Erie Street in the historic Lowell district of Bisbee.

Learn more and register at:

<https://www.bisbeefiberarts.com>



The latest project from the Beading study group.

Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

April 2, 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 annual Guild stash sale opened at 9:30 AM in the Redmond Room.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:51 AM by president Kathe Alves. Members, guests, and new members welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$5,018.02 was reported. M/S/A as reported.

Election of officers: The slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year was Margalis Fjelstad for Vice-President and Ann Pyper for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Members voted and the slate was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Pat Merritt reported current membership at 173 plus a few new members today.

Library: The March book sale took in \$57.05. Reminder that all library items are due in May. If not returned, you will be charged the replacement cost of the item.

Workshops: Debbi Brunner reported that workshop plans for next year are in progress, with an emphasis on local talent to teach.

Programs: The May program is making feathers and leaves from yarn. Marge Lind announced the program line-up for 2019-2020: September - *Show and Tell*, October – Shirley McFerron "*Painted Floor Cloths*", November – Kay Jensen "*In Praise of Hands*", December – *fundraiser/holiday party*, January – Toni Best "*Sculptural Basketry*", February – Study Groups present *Demos and Displays*, March – Timothy Arand McIlrath "*Crochet*", April – *stash sale/picnic*, May – "*How to Wear Scarves*"

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

Special Projects: Margalis Fjelstad is looking for donations of finished items for the December Opportunity Basket event. The newest project is the addition of greeters to help people as they arrive at Guild meetings. That began today.

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

AZ Federation: The next meeting of the Federation is Saturday, April 6.

Old Business:

1) Mary Vanecke, a Tucson fiber artist will present the inaugural exhibit of the Mourning Project, a community art project to raise awareness of U.S. infant mortality. Several VFAG members have contributed baby booties. The exhibit runs April 2-5 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the YWCA. More information can be found in the newsletter.

2) Debbi Brunner reported that the field trip to the Amerind Museum was very successful.

New Business

1. Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.
2. Reminder to renew your membership for 2019-2020. See Pat Merritt at the membership table. Dues are \$25.
3. Flag Wool and Fiber Festival talks place June 1-2 in Flagstaff. Workshops are offered and VFAG is considering having a presence there.
4. Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild will have their regional workshop June 21-23. Refer to the newsletter for more information.

Announcements:

- Kay Burrows has been asked to teach/demo some late 19th century skills, such as quilting, weaving spinning, embroidery at Rocky Mountain National Park this summer. She is looking for donations of materials such as yarn, embroidery floss, fabric scraps, etc.
- Marie Gile and Christie Furber are having a sale on April 8 at Marie's house from 9:00-1:00.
- The Tucson Guild will be displaying items at the Pima County Fair, April 20-21 from 10:00 to 6:00. They are also hosting a fiber show and sale on October 26. A silent auction, demonstrations, door prizes, and a special exhibit based on African inspired work will also be offered.

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

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

Beading: This month they will work on "Ray of Light" necklace

Clothing: NR

Crochet: NR

Knitting: Members of the group have volunteered to mentor guild members who want to learn/relearn to knit. They hope to offer sock knitting and finishing techniques in the future.

Kumihimo: NR

Marudai: NR

Mixed Fiber Media: The group will continue their 'book' study into next year.

Rigid Heddle: If there is enough interest in meeting this month the group will continue their study of mug rug techniques. Let Marilyn Wrucke know if you plan to attend this month.

Rug braiding: Let Gretchen Ramsey know if you are interested in attending. She will help you start a rug, chair pad or basket.

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

Weaving: The April meeting will be a planning session for next year.

Show and Tell: Sixteen members shared over 42 items!

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 to our brown bag picnic lunch in the Redmond Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bont, Secretary

~ Study Groups ~

ALL Study Groups (except those noted below) will be taking a break over the summer months. No meetings are scheduled May – August. Please check with the Study Group Leader regarding informal summer get-togethers or for the first meeting scheduled in the fall.

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:

Note: Will have last meeting in May before the summer break. Usually meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Debbi Brunner - miskeyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Note: Meetings will resume in November. Usually meets the 2nd Thursday OTM; 9:00 a.m.; at Friends in Deed. Karen Gabriel - karengary115@gmail.com

Braided Rug:

Usually meets the 4th Monday OTM; at 9:00 a.m. Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net or 393-6179

Clothing:

Note: Will meet in May and will continue meeting through the summer. 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:

Usually meets the 3rd Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m.; at Sunrise Point Clubhouse. Kim Keast - kimkeastart@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Usually meets the 4th Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes. Kathe Alves - kathe.alves@icloud.com

Kumihimo:

Note: Meetings will resume in October. 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:

Note: Meetings will resume in October – with the NEW meeting date of the 1st Thursday OTM; 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

Usually meets the 1st Monday OTM; 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon at Good Shepherd Church. Debbi Brunner - miskeyb@gmail.com

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

Note: Meetings will resume in September. Usually meets the 3rd Monday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; at Quail Creek Kino Center. Marilyn Wrucke - mwrucke2@gmail.com

Spinning:

Note: Meetings will resume in October. Usually 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:

Note: Meetings will resume in September. Usually 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.