



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

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

Celebrating the Red Ruana
and Member's Holiday Potluck

Tues. Jan 7: General Meeting

Toni Best, "Basketry"

Thurs. Feb. 6: General Meeting

Location: American Legion
"VFAG Study Groups
Extravaganza"

Tues. Mar. 10: General Meeting

Timothy C. McIlrath, "Crochet"

Thurs. Apr. 9: General Meeting

Location: American Legion
Stash Sale

Tues. May 5: General Meeting

Annual Member's Picnic



President's Message ~

It seems like yesterday that we had our May Guild meeting and dispersed for the summer. A few study groups have been active while many of you have been off gallivanting around. Clothing, Basketry and Knitting are the three study groups that come to mind. Debbi Brunner and Pat Merritt have been actively investigating the fall 2020 Retreat: *The Red Ruana*. Our December holiday focus will be on a gift we make for ourselves: *A Red Ruana*. Debbi Brunner sent out a message on our website July 24th, setting the stage for some seriously creative work in progress.



I have finished a free-form, red, knitted and felted wool ruana which I will bring for SHOW and TELL at our September 3rd meeting; commencing at 9:30 AM. I am also working (struggling) with a linen red ruana, with the most challenging lace I have ever experienced. My focus leaves a lot to be desired. We'll see how far I get towards finishing it for the meeting. I am also nearly finished with my wool *Swoncho* which goes with me mid-September to Norway and on to Canada (yep -50th Anniversary).

I attended the *Flag Wool and Fiber Festival*, June 1st, in Flagstaff, and made a nuno felted silk scarf in under two hours (!!). I also attended the *Bisbee Fiber Art Guild Regional Workshop*, and got to hear Louie Garcia (a native cotton fiber artist) twice, and I would travel to hear him speak again. Perhaps we will be blessed to have him speak at one of our future programs. Debbi Brunner taught a Boro class, and Pat Merritt and Gary Terlisner were also in attendance.

I have been busy working two days a week in Juvenile Detention, biking six islands in six days in Tahiti (50th Anniversary, still) and learning to make pine needle baskets in preparation for the upcoming workshop in January, by Toni Best: "Gourd and Pine Needle Baskets."

Word has it that Toni Best will also be teaching in Bisbee this winter.

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(President's Message - - continued)

Sudie Durham will lead a workshop October 1st, on making a wildflower brooch. October 7th, will be a painted floor cloth workshop with Shirley McFerron. Debbi Brunner will be available September 3rd with information on available workshop openings - bring your cash or check-book, as workshop spaces go fast.

Your Board has been busy getting **2019-2020 Programs and Workshops** ready. Here is the lineup of Programs:

September 3: *SHOW and TELL*

October 1: *Painted Floor Cloths* Shirley McFerron

November 5: *In Praise of Hands*, Kay Jensen

December 3: *Celebrating the Red Ruana and Member's Holiday Potluck*

January 7: *Basketry*, Toni Best

February 6: *VFAG Study Groups Extravaganza!*

(Note: This is a Thursday and will be held at the American Legion)

March 10: *Crochet*, Timothy McIlrath – with workshop to follow.

April 7: *STASH SALE* at the American Legion

May 5: *Annual Picnic*

The membership may look forward to a few field trips and free workshops hosted by members. The Knit Study Group will begin *Knitting Socks* - let me know if you are interested in this fun skill. *Finishing Techniques* will also be considered if there is interest - this would be beneficial not just for knitters or crocheters.

See you Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:30, for the VFAG first general meeting for the year and of course ~ SHOW and TELL. Bring it on!

Kathe Alves

Library Notes

Been missing reading all those awesome library books over the summer?

Now is the time to catch up by stopping by at the library table at the September meeting!

New issues of our magazines will be available including:

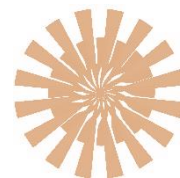
- *Threads*
- *VAV--new weaving subscription*
- *Spin Off*
- *Handwoven*

Also, many, many recently accessioned books-- thanks to donations by Judy Archambeau and Anna Elias-Cesnik. Most of those are beading and knitting. But as usual I will have a selection from all of categories of our collection.

And, looking forward--a book sale in October!!

See you September 3rd!

Linda Verbiscar, librarian
verbiscarjl@yahoo.com



September 3rd Program

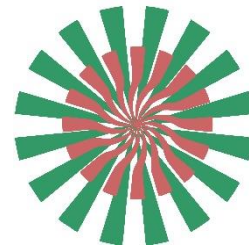
“SHOW & TELL”



Members will showcase their summer projects and accomplishments. Please bring examples to show and share as you tell us all about your summer adventures! Fiber-related and... other!

✓ **Reminder:**

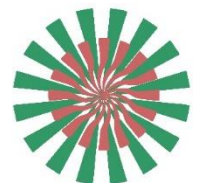
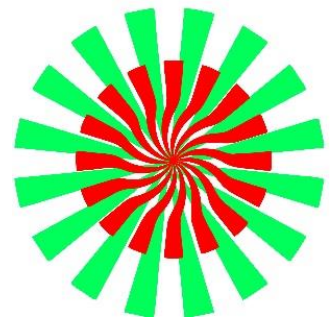
- Our start time is 9:30 AM.
- Have you renewed your membership for 2019-2020?
- Bring your “Show and Tell”



October 1st^h Program

“Painted Floor Cloths”

Shirley McFerron is known for her beautiful, designer floor cloth creations. She will be our speaker for the October 2019 meeting which will give you a first-hand look at her art. This will be followed by her workshop on November 7th, 9am-4pm. Workshop information will be available at the September meeting (and is currently available on our website).



Celebrating the Red Ruana

As announced at the May meeting, the VFAG Board has decided to change things up a bit for our Holiday meeting and luncheon. In the past, we exchanged handmade gifts, then had three years of scarf exchanges. After some thought and consideration, we believe it would be fun to give ourselves a gift: a handmade Red Ruana, perfect for the holidays and the cooler weather that follows. It may be felted, knitted, crocheted, woven (see the newest issue of Handwoven magazine, talk about timing), you name it, size doesn't matter. Think about that, all you mixed media and beading folks!

If you're not familiar with a Ruana, it is a wrap to cover the shoulders and drapes the body. It has many names; American-Spanish Ruana, Mexican Serape, Peruvian Manta just to name a few. It is used to keep a person warm; not only as a cloak but as a blanket. It may be wrapped and tied to carry a load of goods, even a baby. A versatile textile of varying sizes, it may be square, rectangular, short or long and most often slit open down the center front. Ruanas were first woven and worn by the poor as they had many utilitarian purposes and they were long wearing. Today's Ruanas are a fashion statement, so make your statement and celebrate creativity with fellow members December 3rd! Only three months to go!

Let me know if you have questions.

Debbi Brunner

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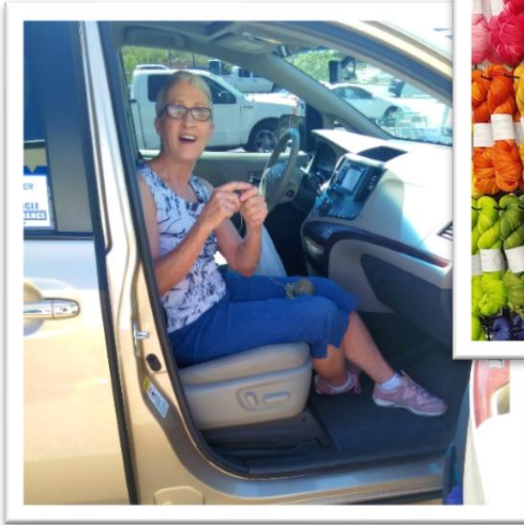
Peggy McCaughey, Kris Sells, Ellen Kelley, Sharon Laws

"After our last meeting of our clothing study group, a bunch of us decided to go to the Tohono Chul Gardens in Tucson, for the 'Exploration of Fiber' exhibit. It ran from April 26 thru July 31.

Here are the pictures we took of some of the items on display. The giant quilted cactus was on display in a separate room at a quilt exhibition.

We had a FABULOUS day and we would encourage anyone to attend. We had an excellent lunch on the patio at the restaurant afterward...also FABULOUS." Peggy McCaughey





Where Were YOU on June 8th?
"World-Wide Knit in Public Day"

Dagmar Munn was knitting on-the-go.
Kay Burrows was knitting at, where else but... the
Estes Park Wool Festival in Estes Park, Colorado!



Tucson Handweavers & Spinners Guild
A Fiber Arts Community
INVITES YOU TO

**FIBER
ARTS
2019**

SHOW & SALE
FABULOUS HOLIDAY GIFTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
NOON to 6:00 pm
DUNBAR CENTER
LANDER AUDITORIUM
325 W. 2nd Street, Tucson
Enter through parking lot on N. Main
FREE and Open to the Public
WWW.THSG.ORG info@thsg.org

BOUTIQUE • GALLERY
DEMOS • DOOR PRIZES
SILENT AUCTION

Jozarelli's Italian Street Food Truck
Peddler on the Path, Mobile Cafe

Bring your friends and family.
CELEBRATE THE FIBER ARTS!

Yarn Sale

Come to this HUGE coned yarn sale to get fantastic prices on coned yarns!
Huge variety of fibers!!! Good for weaving, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, felting, etc

Bring a friend and come on by!

CASH PREFERRED AND ENCOURAGED.
4% fee for credit cards

When:
Wednesday, September 4th
9am - 12pm

Where:
6463 E Camino Aurelia
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
Terri: 520-405-5200

fibers include...
COTTON
SILK
WOOL
RAYON
CASHMERE
ALPACA

Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

May 7, 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 preceded by a sale of items donated by member Stephanie Fisher.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by president Kathe Alves. Members and 1 guest were welcomed.

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

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$5,008.56 was reported. The 2019-2020 budget has been approved by the VFAG Board. M/S/A as reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Pat Merritt reported current membership for the new year at 88.

Library: Circulation has been fairly consistent over the last few years. Since we are beginning a new fiscal year, there are funds available for new materials. Ideas are welcomed.

Programs: Marge Lind reviewed the fall program line-up: September - Show *and Tell*, October – Shirley McFerron “*Painted Floor Cloths*”, November – Kay Jensen “*In Praise of Hands*”, December – *fundraiser/holiday party*.

Workshops: Debbi Brunner announced some upcoming workshops: October 1st, Sudie Durham will lead a workshop on making a wildflower brooch following the Guild meeting. On October 7, there will be a painted floor cloth workshop. In January Tony Best will lead a workshop on Gourd and Pine Needle baskets

Newsletter: NR

Special Projects: Margalis Fjelstad is looking for donations of finished items for the December Opportunity Basket event. Study groups are asked to donate items for the March fund raiser. The newest project is the addition of greeters to help people as they arrive at Guild meetings. Contact Margalis if interested in being a greeter.

Website: NR

Outreach: Pat Bencic is working with the library to plan activities for next year.

Federation: NR

Old Business:

1) Mary Vanecke, a Tucson fiber artist, shared that she continues to collect knitted baby booties for the Mourning Project, a community art project to raise awareness of U.S. infant mortality. She currently has 5000 pair. She is looking for other fiber organizations to contact.

2) The knitting group will continue to mentor Guild members in basic knitting instruction over the summer. Contact Kathe Alves if interested. Sock Knitting and Finishing Techniques will be offered in the Fall of 2019.

3) Reminder to renew your membership for the 2019-2020 year. See Pat Merritt at the membership table.

(Meeting minutes continued)

- 4) The Flag Wool and Fiber Festival takes place June 1-2 in Flagstaff. Some great workshops are being offered. A VFAG presence is being considered. Let Kathe Alves know if you might be interested.
- 5) Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild will have their regional workshop June 21-23. Refer to the newsletter for more information.

New Business

- 1. Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.
- 2. **The Red Ruana** - Debbi Brunner announced plans for the annual December holiday party. Rather than a gift exchange, we will gift ourselves with a red ruana. Several members shared their ruanas to get everyone thinking. A red ruana could be a garment, a piece of jewelry, a sculptural piece, a wearable accessory, an object d’art Get creative and see what you can come up with to share in December!

Study Groups announcements: Meeting times, locations, and contacts are listed on the Guild website. Most groups will not meet over the summer.

Basketry: Will meet informally over the summer.

Clothing: The group will continue to meet throughout the summer.

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

Rug braiding: The group will not meet but Gretchen Ramsey will be available to help.

Show and Tell: There were 5 participants

Meeting adjourned at 10:44

Program: Make and Take “Yarn Feathers”

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bont, Secretary



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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~ 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:

Note: Meetings will resume in September.

Meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Note: Meetings will resume in November

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:

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; 12:30-3:00pm at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

Note: Meetings will resume the first Monday in October. Usually 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: Meetings will resume in September. Meets the 3rd Monday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; at, 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 Weaving:

Note: Meetings will resume in September. 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. 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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