



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Thurs. Feb. 6: General Meeting

*Location: American Legion
VFAG Study Groups,
"The Big Reveal"*

Tues. Mar. 10: General Meeting

*Location: CPAC
Timothy J. Arand-McIlrath,
"Crochet"*

Thurs. Apr. 9: General Meeting

*Location: American Legion
Stash Sale & Members Picnic*

Tues. May 5: General Meeting

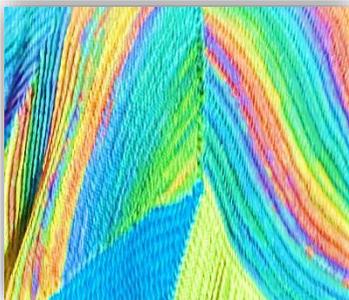
How to Wear Scarves

June – August:

*Summer Break – no meetings
scheduled*

Mon. Sept 7: General Meeting

*Location: CPAC
Program TBA*



Valley Fiber Art Guild

Membership \$25/year
Guest fee has been waived

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President's Message ~



The Valley Fiber Art Guild started 2020 out with a wonderful program on Sculptural Basketry presented by Toni Best, while sitting in a comfortable theater at CPAC with real sound technicians! We also had the opportunity to access our new rolling library that Melanie Fritz and her crew have been working to get thinned out and catalogued for the past several months. The ability to see the entire library and check out the books digitally was just awesome! The Show and Tell was outstanding - - check out the photos. A reminder to bring all library books back on February 6th.

February 6th (**NOTE: it is a THURSDAY**) brings on the BIG REVEAL – when all the Study Groups will strut their stuff. I am looking forward to seeing the creative efforts of our membership in one venue. The American Legion Post #66 is on Duval Mine Road, just off La Canada. The doors will open at 09:30 and a VERY brief (10 minutes tops) business meeting will take place, and then the fun begins. The BIG REVEAL committee has spent considerable effort to make certain that this event brings new ideas, new skills and lots of pizzazz for all of us to enjoy. There will be NO SHOW AND TELL. The BIG REVEAL says it all this month.

The American Legion offers lunch and we will attempt to get that information out to members prior to the meeting (what they are serving that day, cost and if sign-ups are needed) - likely as a web blast.

Our March 10th meeting will be held at CPAC at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and "Crochet" by Timothy McIlrath is scheduled. Also, this March meeting we will have a fundraiser. You can look forward to many Study Group donations that you can bid on in the Silent Auction. Gary Terlisner will be teaching "Diagonal Paper Baskets" after the meeting. Cost is \$15.00. Contact Debbi Brunner for information. In addition, the March meeting will have a BOOK SALE - bring money as there are some really great books that did not make the cut for the new library.

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(President's Message - - continued)

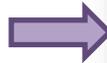
Debbi Brunner is planning a field trip to the Tucson Desert Art Museum probably in April. More details will be available as the date gets closer.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the February Study Group presentation **Thursday, February 6th** - 9:30 AM at the American Legion Post #66!

Kathe Alves



Right:
Presenter Toni Best, shares her passion for
"Sculptural Basketry"

**Library Notes*****Greetings from the Library!***

Our debut of the online library has been a big success! Thanks to everyone for patiently waiting to check out materials. It went slow due to having to input patron records while folks stood in line. I will try to look at ways to speed up that process.

Reminder: Materials that were checked out at the January meeting are due on Thursday, February 6th at the guild meeting that is being held at the American Legion. I will have a crate available for book returns. There will be no new checkouts at the February meeting since we are not at CPAC. Anyone wanting to renew items until the March meeting will just need to let me know.

New subscriptions/new book suggestions are welcome.

Currently I have one request for a new magazine subscription to *Vogue Knitting*. I'll post when that has been received and is available for checkout!

See you at the next meeting!

Melanie Fritz, Librarian
mlfritzi4@gmail.com



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February 6th Program

The Big Reveal!

**Meeting location: American Legion Post #66
on Duval Mine Rd. in Green Valley**

**Join us for our Open House featuring the creativity
and diversity of our Study Groups.
Displays, demonstrations, hands-on experience
opportunities ...and more!**

✓ Meeting Reminders:

- The meeting date is: THURSDAY, February 6th.
- Our start time is 9:30 AM.
- We are meeting at the American Legion, Duval Mine Rd, Green Valley.

March 10th Program

Crochet

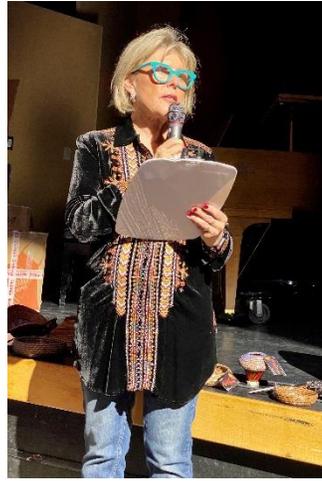
by Timothy J. Arand-McIlrath

Timothy is a retired Art Professor from Iowa State University. He spent 34 years there teaching two-and three-dimensional design studios as well as studio classes in all aspects of fiber art. His artwork has been shown in local, state regional, national and international venues.

“Initially, my interest in building three dimensional forms came from the need to learn basketmaking for my teaching. I began building forms, then began inhabiting the forms with crocheted webs and eventually incorporating found objects.”

Location: Center for the Performing Arts (CPAC) in Green Valley

SHOW AND TELL!





WEAVING STUDY GROUP – NAPKIN EXCHANGE



Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

January 7, 2020

Community Performing Arts Center

Officers

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

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

Secretary's report: December 3, 2019 minutes were M/S/A as written.

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$7290.11 was reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Pat Merritt reported membership at about 145.

Library: Melanie Fritz has completed moving the library materials to CPAC. Check-outs using the new on-line system began today.

Programs: Marge Lind reviewed the next few guild programs: February 6 - "The Big Reveal", *study group displays/presentations/demonstrations* (American Legion), March 10 - "Crochet" with Timothy McIlreth and fundraiser (CPAC), April 7- *Stash sale/picnic* (American Legion), May 5 - "How to Wear/Tie Scarves" (CPAC)

Workshops: Debbi Brunner reported 1 opening for Gourd and Pine Needle workshop with Toni Best on Jan. 8-9-10. February 24-25 will be 2 one-day nuno felting workshops taught by Patti Barker. Cost \$125. March 3 - Diagonal Paper Baskets with Gary Terlisner. Cost \$15.

Special Projects: Margalis Fjelstad announced the December the opportunity baskets/silent auction brought in \$1,132!

Outreach: Members are encouraged to create items to donate to Genesis House (local safe-house for abused women and children) and for TAG (for local low-income elderly).

Nominating Committee: Kay Miller, Marilyn Wrucke, and April Boysen are looking for members to fill the positions of president and secretary for a two-year term beginning May of 2020.

Old Business:

- 1) Reminder to renew your membership for the 2019-2020 year. See Pat Merritt at the membership table.
- 2) The February Guild meeting will be held on **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.
- 3) Mark your calendars for the Red Ruana Retreat, a regional fiber retreat sponsored by Valley Fiber Art Guild, November 12-15, 2020. Let Marie Gile know if you are interested in participating in the corresponding Guild show/sale.
- 4) Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.

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(Meeting minutes continued)**New Business/Announcements:**

- 1) The Guild is looking for field trip ideas for the coming months. Some possibilities include a quilt/craft show in Phoenix, Tucson Gem show.
- 2) Valley Presbyterian Church is having a special ‘patio sale’ of needlepoint supplies on January 25 from 10:00-3:00. Items for sale include canvases, frames, yarns, scissors, weights, laying tools, totes, books, containers for equipment.

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

Basketry: Continuing study of pine needle baskets and gourds. The February meeting will be on the first **Tuesday** at Debbi Brunner’s home.

Beading: Group is working on a layered pendant this month.

Clothing: This month Peggy McGaughey will demonstrate silk painting.

Knitting: The group will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday, this month at the home of Sharon Laws.

Kumihimo: Eileen Coyne will teach a ridged spiral bracelet.

Marudai: Reminder that the Guild has Marudais to borrow if you want to try braiding.

Mixed Fiber Media: Meeting this month at the Unity Church in Sahuarita.

Rigid Heddle: Contact Kay Miller for a supply list if you plan to attend this month.

Rug braiding: Meetings resume in February. Call Gretchen Ramsey if help is needed.

Spinning: Working on carding and preparation techniques at Ann Pyper’s house.

Tapestry weaving: Continuing work on a sampler.

Weaving: Napkin exchange.

Program: Toni Best on “Sculptural Basketry”

Show & Tell: There were 10 participants sharing 17 items.

Meeting adjourned: 11:40

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bont, Secretary

**Free-Form Pine Needle Coiling on
Gourd Piece Class
with Toni Best**



~ 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: Due to a conflict with the guild general meeting date, Basketry will meet on the 1st Tuesday in February.

Usually 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:

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.; at Sunrise Point Clubhouse. Contact: Toni Prutch –
portraitsbytoni@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:

NOTE: Due to a conflict with the guild general meeting date, Marudai will NOT meet in February. Meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 12:30-3:00pm at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

Note: February meeting only - - will meet at Unity Church. 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 - - in the conference room. 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., in the Conference Room of Quail Creek Kino Center. Cindy Wolf –
pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.



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