

Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues. Mar. 10: General Meeting

Location: CPAC

Timothy J. Arand-McIlrath,
"Free-Form 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

Mon. Oct. 5: 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 ~

March is on its way and it will be a busy time for guild members. We will meet the SECOND Tuesday - March 10, 2020, at the Community Performing Arts Center (CPAC), on Continental Road, from 9:30 to Noon:

~ Timothy McIlrath will be presenting "Free-Form Crochet," and it will be an amazing program. Timothy is a retired Art Professor from Iowa State University and his work has been shown in local, regional, national and international venues. He will bring many of his art pieces that some of us have enjoyed when they were hanging in the Redman Room last Spring.

~ Melanie Fritz will have a final book sale for this season. These are the most recent books culled from the library. You have one last opportunity to acquire that special book for your fiber library at a bargain.

~ Margalis Fjelstad has arranged for our Study Group donations to be available by Silent Auction as our last fund raiser for the season. There are wonderful fiber art creations that our groups have created - and, I am bringing my checkbook!

~ Show and Tell will be at the end of the program; remember to bring your items so we can *ooh and aah!*..

~ Last but definitely not least, Gary Terlisner will be teaching a "Diagonal Paper Baskets" workshop following the meeting. If you have signed up for Gary's class, bring your lunch and your painted paper, cut in strips as instructed.

NOTE: There will be NO meeting of the VFAG Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

The BIG REVEAL was a huge success February 6th, at the American Legion. Every Study Group had a great display of their talents. I believe everyone who attended was entertained and inspired. I know I was so proud to be a member of such a wonderful group and can't wait to repeat the event someday. Thank you to Marge Lind and her BIG REVEAL committee who piloted the program. Fabulous!!

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(President's Message - - continued)

April 9th (**this is a Thursday**), the VFAG will once again meet at the American Legion Post #66, on Duval Mine Road, for the STASH SALE. Anyone wishing to SELL at the Stash Sale must sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March Meeting and the *rules of engagement* will be given to each vendor. As the Stash Sale will be in one big room, all vendors MUST have their tables covered with sheets and NO sales will be possible until after the brief business meeting. We will need to have our annual election and vote on a new president and secretary. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathe Alves at the March meeting for information, and anytime until the April meeting.

April 16th, Debbi Brunner is planning a Field Trip to the Tucson Desert Art Museum. More information will be available at the March 10th meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at CPAC and enjoying a very busy and varied Fiber Arts event.

Kathe Alves

**The Art of Giving (TAG)**

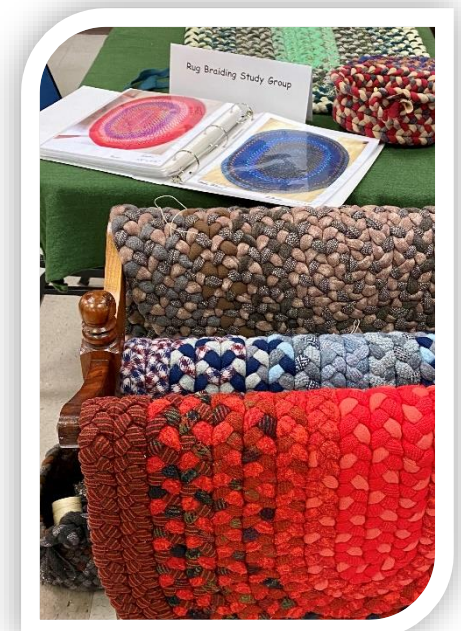
It's never too early to think about gifts for TAG! These gifts are distributed during the holidays and many of you provide lovely handmade gifts for the low-income elderly in the area. I always hesitate to recommend certain items because so many of you have provided gifts that are truly unique and appreciated by the recipients.

Each year, some of the favorite presents are lap blankets, fingerless gloves, shawls and cowls. This is a great time to buy fleece fabric at JoAnns, as they discount their inventory significantly in the spring. Smaller goods make great summer projects. Many of you have your specialties and all are welcome.

If you'd like to contribute but are short on time, toiletries are always welcome, especially shampoo, lotion, soap and toothpaste.

Thanks again to all of you who contributed last year and thank you in advance to those who will contribute this year. If you have items ready, and would prefer not to store them during the summer, please bring them to the March or April meeting, and I will be happy to store them.

Jane Tempel



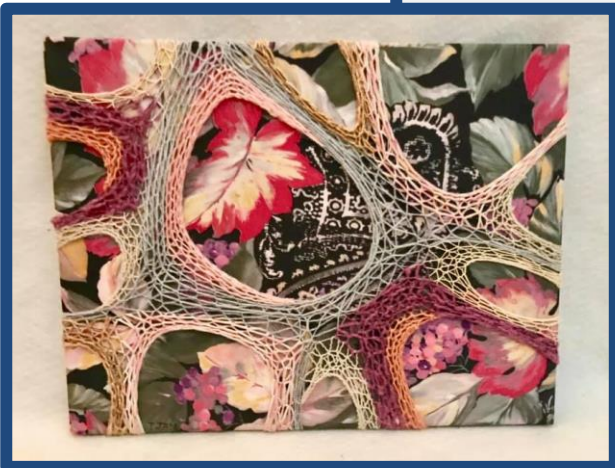


March 10th Program
Free-Form Crochet
by Timothy J. Arand-McIlrath

Timothy is a retired Art Professor from Iowa State University who has 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**



✓ **Meeting Reminders:**

- The meeting date is: TUESDAY, March 10th.
- Our start time is 9:30 AM.
- We are meeting at the Center for the Performing Arts (CPAC), Green Valley.
- Book Sale & Silent Auction - - bring cash & checks.
- Bring your show and tell.

April 9th Program

STASH SALE!

Meeting location:

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

- Stash sale of member’s fiber-related items.
- Election of new President & Secretary.

Library Notes

Greetings from the Library!

We will be back at CPAC for the March meeting, so just a quick reminder for anyone who still has library materials checked out from January, to make sure to return those items at the meeting, so you can check out more!!

We are having ONE LAST BIG book sale this month, of books that are no longer in the library collection. Please bring cash and checks, and help me finish emptying out my garage! There are lots of bargains to be had. Magazines are \$.25 and books are priced as marked. Nothing over \$5!!

See you at the next meeting!

Melanie Fritz, Librarian
mfritzi4@gmail.com



GVR Artesian Festival & Sale

Support our guild members: Marie Gile and Ellen Kelley, who will each have items for sale at the:

GVR West Center on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29.



Tucson Desert Art Museum Field Trip

- April 16, 2020
- Trip is limited to 20 participants
- Trip coordinated by Debbi Brunner
- Cost is \$8
- Sign-up will begin at the March meeting.

The Tucson Desert Art Museum, a non-profit museum, opened its doors to the public November 1, 2013. The Museum displays art and artifacts of the Desert Southwest and surrounding regions and educates guests about the history, cultures, and art of the region. The Museum includes 25,000 square feet of exhibit space. At the core of the Museum is one of the Southwest’s premier collections of Navajo and Hopi pre-1940s textiles, including displays of chief’s blankets, Navajo saddle blankets, optical art textiles and Yei weavings.

We will be treated to a docent to escort us through the Navajo and Hopi permanent collection, as well as two of the special exhibits: *The REDress Project*, and *Art is the Seed: Contemporary Native American Female Art*.

We will leave from the Fry’s Parking lot in Sahuarita at 9am. We will need 4-5 drivers if we have 20 people, please volunteer.

We will be very near the Udall Park, we could brown bag lunch and have a picnic!



The Van Helsland Studio presents 8 unique artists at one location on the 2020 Tubac Center of the Arts Open Studio Tour

March 13, 14 and 15

10am to 4 pm

See location on the other side



Gerri Bringman
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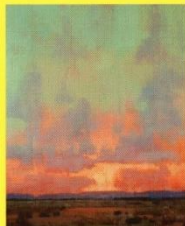
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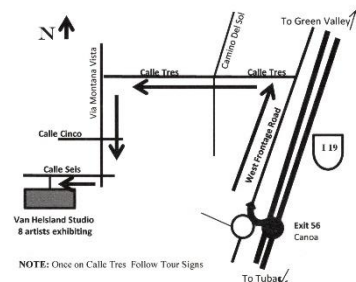


Karen Wolffis
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The Van Helsland Studio

4021 W Calle Seis
Green Valley, AZ 85622
(520) 399 2703

March 13, 14, and 15 from 10am to 4pm



Photos throughout newsletter: Credit & a big thank you to Suki Thomsen



“Simpler Ways?” A Dye Workshop

March 14, 8AM – 5PM

VIOLA JO STUDIOS (Owner: guild member, Lisa Dixon)

37 TUBAC RD, TUBAC, AZ 85646LA

<https://violajostudio.com/>

A Dye Workshop - By Mary Gavan Yarns

Have you ever wanted to create your very own hand-dyed yarn? Or explore the art of dyeing plant-based fibers? Then this is the class for you!

Our “Simpler Ways?” dye workshop will teach you the basics of color mixing while avoiding unnecessary muddling. We will explore the unlimited possibilities when applying dye to a skein of yarn. Each student will leave the workshop with two unique hand-dyed skeins.

Included in the cost:

- * 2 skeins of Canyon yarn (sport weight, 330 yards, 52% Cotton / 48% rayon)
- * 3 gallon-sized zipper bags
- * 2 disposable plastic aprons
- * 2 pairs of latex free gloves
- * Handout with written instructions for finishing your dyed yarn at home (the reaction between fibers and dyes takes 24 hours)
- * information Label for your dyed yarn (yardage, fiber content)
- * premixed dyes and mordant during the workshop
- *****additional skeins of Canyon yarn available @ \$14/each, up to 4 skeins per student

Cost per student: \$95. (includes materials)

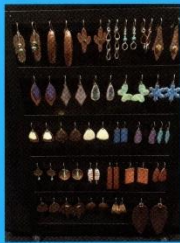
We try to limit classes to 12 students, but some classes may be larger—mostly dependent on table space. There is a minimum of 8 students for class to be held.

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**TaJe Creations Studio
Tubac Center of the Arts Open Studio Tour
March 13, 14, 15, and Monday 16, 2020**

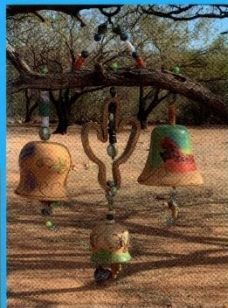


Tammy Hawkins

Studio Hours:
10am to 5pm



Joyce Grosch



Frances Sivertson

Studio directions
on back



Joyce Grosch

TaJe Creations Studio
15723 S. Avenida Cuaima
Sahuarita, AZ 85629
March 13, 14, 15 and Monday 16, 2020
(505) 217-5011
Studio Hours: 10am to 5pm



Directions: I-19 Take Exit 75 and follow signs to Sahuarita Road.
At Sahuarita Road: From Tucson: Head East or turn left
From Tubac: Head East or turn right
Drive 1.1 mile
Turn left onto La Villita Road
Drive 0.7 mile
Turn left onto W Paseo Celestial
Drive 0.1 mile (take the first left)
Turn left onto S Avenida Cuaima
Drive 0.1 To 15723 S Avenida Cuaima

~ 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:

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 2280 S. Cliff Drive for their annual "stash exchange." 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. Sarah Price - sprice1013@yahoo.com

Kumihimo:

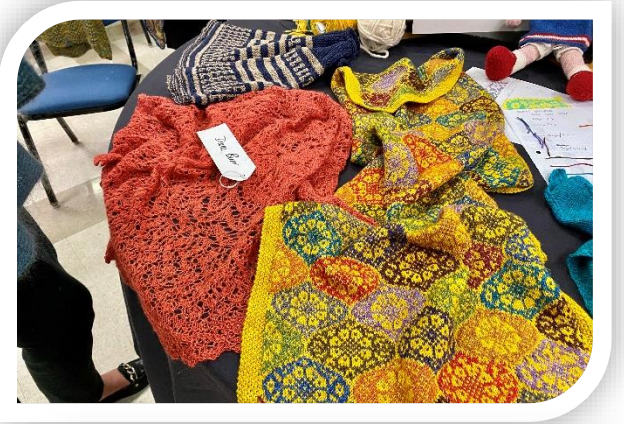
Meets the 4th Wednesday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; at Friends-in-Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com or Diane Mikolyzk – dianemik46@gmail.com

Marudai:

Meets the 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



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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:

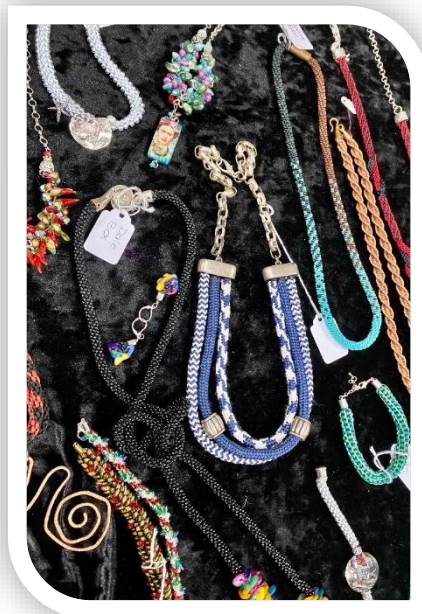
Meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m.; at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - pyperann52@gmail.com

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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