

Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

~ Looking Ahead ~

Mon. Nov. 16: General Meeting

Online: ZOOM

Tamara Scott Anderson,
Fiber Artist

December

No meeting scheduled

2021

Mon. Jan. 18: General Meeting

Online: ZOOM

Kaye Miller

Mon. Feb. 15: General Meeting

Online: ZOOM

Spinning Study Group
Presentation

Mon. Mar. 15: General Meeting

Online: ZOOM

Vintage Knitting

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~ President's Message ~

Greetings to Everyone,

I cannot believe that we have made it to November, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I thought summer was going to last all year!



Last month the Valley Fiber Art Guild held its second meeting on Zoom. It truly was a major accomplishment and was well attended.

Marie Gile did a fabulous presentation on how to tie scarves and she is giving us a special treat next month. Check out her advertisement in this newsletter. It is always so fun to see everyone's projects that they completed and also see their cheery faces. I am always amazed at how talented everyone is in our guild.

November's Zoom meeting will be on the 16th at 9:30 a.m. If you still are unsure about going on the computer or tablet to join us, please check out this YouTube video and see how easy it is. The video is only 12 minutes long! Come on and join our adventures on the "VFAG Yacht" to the many sights and sounds of lands unknown.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0EI>

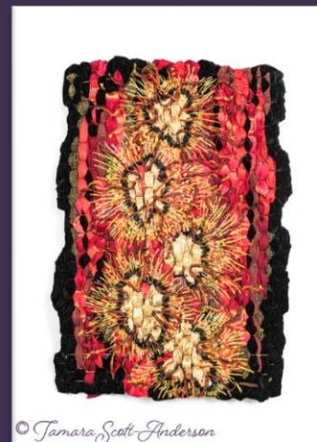
I have been so inspired by all the Zoom meetings I am attending that I do not have time to clean, cook, or grocery shop.... not really, but it sure makes my days go faster with a lot of joy.

I truly appreciate and miss all of you (in person). One day, sooner or later, we will see each other again at the CPAC auditorium. Keep safe and well everyone with smooth sailing right into 2021!

Your captain,
Peggy McGaughey

Stay close to the people who make you feel like sunshine.

Author unknown

November 16th Program

Tamara is a Tucson artist who has always had a passion for fabrics and textures. She has developed her own distinctive form of weaving fabrics into a structure of hardware cloth creating unique 3-dimensional textile wall sculptures.

Tamara Scott's website: <https://www.tamaraartist.com/>

This meeting will be on Zoom: Monday, November 16th at 9:30 a.m. (Arizona time)

Important information:

- Prior to 11/16 you will receive an email that contains the Zoom meeting link. Save this email.
- On the day of the meeting, click the Zoom link and you will be taken to our Zoom meeting site.
- Click "join meeting" and in a few seconds your computer screen will appear and we can see you.
- Be sure to have your video and microphone turned "on."

If you do not know how to use Zoom on your tablet or computer, there are many how-to videos available. We suggest you watch this YouTube video on "How to Do Zoom" <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E> Be sure to download the Zoom app to your device and take the time to set your camera and audio (microphone and speakers) prior to the meeting.



- WORKSHOPS -

Tie One On: Learning How to Wear a Scarf ~ ~ with Marie Gile

Did you enjoy Marie's demonstration of creative ways to wear a scarf or shawl and want to learn a few more of her unique tips? Then join Marie at *either* of the two FREE workshops to be held at her home.

Monday Nov. 9 or Wed. Nov 18 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Limited to 8 people per workshop

Pre-registration required: Marie Gile - 520-305-4680; or mgile117@gmail.com

TAG (The Art of Giving)



It's that time of the year!

I'm collecting donations for TAG in early November. For those able to deliver to my home, I will be accepting donations November 3rd through the 6th, between the hours of 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. AND, while supplies last, I will have several boxes of yarn that you can choose from for your efforts. Some boxes have partial skeins, others full skeins and multiple skeins. There will also be a box of fabric samples and scarves, some silk. Please feel free to help yourself!

My address is: 1075 W. Placita Inspirada, which is in Portillo Hills II.

Directions: Go west (away from the mountains) on Esperanza until it forces you to turn left onto Holgado. Drive approximately 2 blocks and there will be our pink house on your right across from an arroyo. There is a front courtyard with high walls. Enter through the gate and the table of free yarn will be there. You can leave your donations by the front door. I will try and watch for people, but can't promise to be there all the time.

If you would prefer, you can send me an email that you would like me to pick up your donation. Please enter the word (TAG) in the subject line. My email address is: tempelj@aol.com. I would like to deliver the items by November 11th, at the latest.

Thanks to all,
Jane Tempel

Library ALERT!

Several members with overdue library materials have not responded to numerous reminder messages! Invoices will now be sent to these individuals!

Questions? Please contact:
Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian
mlfritzi4@gmail.com



Soft sculpted dolls by Anita Garrett



Above: Cigar box art by Marie Gile



Below: Cigar box art by Debbi Brunner



CIGAR BOX CHALLENGE

The Cigar Box Challenge was presented to the Mixed Media Study Group in the Spring of 2020 as a summer project. It was *makers' choice* with no parameters or rules to follow. Since we were sheltering in place due the Covid-19 health crisis we thought it a great way to do something constructive to share with one another.

The project deadline was the first Mixed Media Fiber meeting in October 2020. Little did we know we wouldn't be able to meet in person by then!

As it turned out many members went right to work and actually finished early in the summer and began to share their projects via email. We are hoping to see more before the end of the year - - there's always time for one more project!

Perhaps the pictures will inspire more VFAG members to make their own Cigar Box Art. A simple cigar box is a wonderful container with many uses: along with being great storage containers, they provide opportunities for a myriad of media applications.

What could be more fun?!



Cigar box art by Ann Pyper





Cigar box art by Anita Sharples



OPEN HOUSE – HOLIDAY ART SALE

I invite you to my home for a Holiday Art Sale of screen printed & dyed silks; bamboo & rayon scarves & garments; jewelry; wall art (collage & encaustic); & woven gift items.

Dates:

Monday, Nov. 9th, 2020 from 10 AM to 3 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 10 AM to 3 PM

Address:

3581 S Via De La Gaviota ~ in Canoa Hills Town Homes - on the SW corner of Pato and Gaviota.

Treat yourself or buy a gift for a friend.

Cash, checks and VISA accepted.

Marie Gile - 520-305-4680; mgile117@gmail.com

Did You Know?

Video presentations featured by our speakers in our Zoom meetings can now be accessed on our website. *Just go to the home page, scroll to the bottom of Upcoming Programs and click “View Past Program Videos.” (your VFAG member password is required)*

October Zoom **Show and Tell...**



*Blankets & Color Shifting Shawl
- Margalis Fjelstad*



*Debbi Brunner - The pattern is
Nightshade Shawl designed by
Andrea Mowry.*



*Marie Gile – Kimono, “it will be
completed by stamping a dark golden or
orange color on the turquoise areas.”*



Debra Brown – Woven wedge piece.



Left: Debra Brown – rigid heddle fabric and dyed fabric beads listing extinct birds.



Above: Tiny pocket purses & hand-dyed modules with embroidery stitches - by Peggy McGaughey

Sue Durling – 4 of her 9 woven scarves made to donate this fall in Amado.





Jane Tempel – Front & back of 2 (of the 15) rigid heddle woven pouches (TAG donations). Below right: rigid heddle woven valence.



“Sweet Caroline” by Marie Gile

VFAG member Marie Gile has entered her Encaustic Monoprint Collage in the juried show at TCA.

Tubac Center of the Arts 2020 Members Juried Exhibit

Friday, November 20, 2020 - Sunday, January 10, 2021

Opening Reception and awards announcement will be held on Friday, Nov. 20th at 5pm. The reception will be virtual on ZOOM webinar and Facebook Live.

For hours of operation to view this exhibit or learn more:
<https://tubacarts.org/>



**Meet Your Board Members for
2020 – 2021**

President, Peggy McGaughey

Vice-President, vacant

Secretary, Martha Fine

Treasurer, Ann Pyper

Federation, Donna Lambert

Programs, Marge Lind

Workshops, Debbi Brunner

Webmaster, Kay Burrows

Library, MizMelly Fritz

Equipment Loan, Donna Lambert

Membership, Pat Merritt

Newsletter, Dagmar Munn

Member-at-Large, Kaye Miller

Contact emails for our Board are available on the VFAG website:

<https://valleyfiberartguild.org/board-information>

VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2020

This meeting was held via Zoom

The meeting convened at 9:37 via Zoom

Kay has stepped up to be “2nd Captain” of the VFAG “yacht.” She will control the technical aspects of the Zoom meetings so Peggy is freed up to captain our ship.

Membership has dwindled to 77 members most likely due to Covid. Many members have opted to stay in their northern homes for the winter and we may have fallen off their radar. Current members are urged to encourage any former members they may be in contact with to rejoin and meet with us virtually.

The new password for members has been initiated.

Committee News:

Marie Giles, as historian, would like members to keep her updated as to newsworthy activities they have participated in.

Program Committee: Tamara Scott Anderson, a fiber artist, is next month’s guest speaker.

Study Groups: The Guild is purchasing ProZoom memberships for interested study groups. This will permit groups to have unlimited Zoom time.

Now that the weather is cooling off, Desert Meadows Park is a lovely spot for in-person meetings. There is a covered pavilion that is shaded during the morning hours and has tables and chairs available. Reservations can be made at DMParkreservations@greenvalleygardeners.com

Debra Brown informed us that Keynote works great on Macs for sharing photos.

Basketry: Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 9 am via Zoom.

Beading: No report.

Clothing: No report.

Crochet: meetings will resume in November.

Knitting: has not held any meetings yet they will try for an outdoor meeting in November.

Kumihimo: will try a November Zoom meeting.

Mixed Media: This group has it together! They are working from the book *Surface Treatment Workshop*. Last month they chose the theme Arizona/Southwest. Members explore this theme using surface embellishment in any way they choose. Each month they will choose a new theme to explore.

Rug Braiders: Did not hold monthly meetings last year but will resume meetings if people are interested. Contact Gretchen if you would like to join this group.

Rigid Heddle: meetings deferred until January.

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Spinning: will meet in the park for the next few weeks.

Tapestry: may start in January via Zoom. Debra showed us her newest Mirrix loom. These looms are made by disabled people. If you can hold off purchasing one, they go on sale on Black Friday on their website

Weaving: had their first Zoom meeting and it was so enjoyable and productive they will use their \$100 allotment to continue on Zoom.

The meeting took a brief break from 10:06 – 10:11.

After the break we were treated to Marie Gile's video "Tie One On". The video was shot in the lovely Desert Meadows Park. After surmounting many myriad technical difficulties Peggy, her husband George, Kay and myself were only able to launch the second half of the 17-minute video. Thankfully, Marie was able to give us a live demonstration of the missing tape. Marie showed many different and creative ways to wear a scarf that would complement any outfit from bathing suit to jeans to ball gown. During the Q&A following the video Marie revealed that she prefers to hang her scarves organized by color rather than fold them. Marie has generously offered to hold two free workshops at her home on Monday, November 9 and Wednesday November 18 both from 10-11 am. Interested participants can bring their own scarves and shawls for an interactive session on learning different ways to wear your prized items. If you would like to reserve a spot for either of these workshops contact Marie at mgile117@gmail.com. As an added bonus Marie is holding her annual holiday open house to show and sell the items she makes, on those same days following the workshops.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Pyper reported the current balance \$9661.43

Debbi Brunner made a motion to approve last month's minutes, Marge Lind seconded and the members voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Show & Tell

Gretchen Ramsey has braided a rectangular rug runner using blue and white strips from an old blanket. An old blanket has never looked so good. She showed a photo of a circular braided rug and is currently working with braiding leather.

Dagmar Munn modeled her brightly striped shrug with a deeply ribbed shawl collar. This was to be her "pandemic project" unfortunately the pandemic is lasting longer than expected and Dagmar will need to start a new project.

Marie Gile modeled a long silk kimono style jacket and showed another using the same pattern but using Guatemalan cotton fabrics. This shows us that the simplest of styles are the most versatile and can be made and remade using different fabrics to achieved very different effects.

Margalis Fjelstad showed a long knitted multicolor shawl. She is knitting bias blankets for her sons-in-law who are living up north and will certainly appreciate these warm and cozy blankets. Margalis shared that working with large size 15 needles on heavy blankets is hard on her wrists. She was advised to work at a table, letting the table take the weight of the knitting off her hands and wrists.

Martha Fine has declared October to be "Spooktacular knitting month" and showed a knitted alligator, a bat and a spider. She also showed a photo of an intarsia knitted coming home blanket for her granddaughter who has been in the NICU since late August and has yet to see the sky.

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Jane Tempel wove 15 (yes 15!) pouches on a miniature rigid heddle loom. They have multicolor stripes and varied textures. She also wove a valance for her husband's bathroom to replace the pink valance that is not to his taste.

Debbi Brunner knit a mosaic stitch shawl with lovely color shifts in muted blue, rusts, greens and grays. The pattern is by Andrea Mowry and is available on Ravelry. She showed her flock of birds made from fabrics, many handwoven. The pattern information is in the September newsletter.

Jolene Northrup, our newest member introduced herself and showed her hand-dyed yarn which she uses to weave beautiful shawls. As she spoke, we were all entranced by the wall hanging in back of her of Mimbres pottery motifs applied onto wool from old wool garments. Welcome Jolene we are so pleased to meet you.

Fran Lunney wove a shawl fringed with 250 twisted strands in black, rust and grey stripes. We are amazed and impressed that she hand-twisted 250 fringes! She modeled a beautifully intricate peyote stitch beaded necklace that is surely a statement piece.

Sue Durling is weaving towels using the Moscow Nights pattern on an 8-shaft loom. She also wove 10 scarves from wool yarn as gifts. (How do we get ourselves onto her Christmas list?) She showed us a denim bedspread that is appliqued with patches from her travels. It is a lovely addition to her guest room. And the best part is there is still room for more patches from future travels.

Peggy McGaughey is working on a teepee for her mixed media group using a southwest theme. She is using hand-dyed embellishments. The teepee will be assembled from triangular modules each featuring a different embroidery stitch. She is also sewing necklace bags of printed and embellished fabrics.

Debra Brown is exploring a new technique, wedge weaving, which is an eccentric weft tapestry weave. This results in a scalloped edge. It is woven horizontally on a tapestry loom. She has made a very powerful statement wall hanging that features the name of extinct birds. Each name is printed and rolled onto hand-dyed fabric and attached to a rigid heddle woven banner.

Marie Gile has made a "Quarantine" wall hanging of 13 "families" of bundled seed pods with a big red X painted over them. This is a powerful metaphor for the isolation imposed on us by the Covid pandemic.

Dagmar Munn would like to remind all members to send her a photo of their show and tell item(s) for the newsletter.

Cindi Wolf will send membership renewal reminders to all the members of her study group. Perhaps all of the study group leaders could do the same to get our ranks up to normal and to make sure we don't lose touch with our valued members and friends as we socially isolate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fine, 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. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and national recommendations for social distancing, all in-person study group meetings have been suspended.** 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:

Will be meeting via Zoom on the 1st Thursday OTM at 9 AM, to share techniques, book reviews, and show and tell. Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

No meetings scheduled due to continued closure of Friends-in-Deed. Leader welcomes suggestions for restarting from interested members. Usually meets the 2nd Thursday OTM; 9:00 a.m. Karen Gabriel – karengary115@gmail.com

Braided Rug:

Instruction offered on an individual need to learn basis. If interested, please contact: Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net (393-6179)

Clothing:

Currently not holding meetings. Usually 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:

Meetings will resume in November. Usually meets the 3rd Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m.; at Sunrise Point Clubhouse. Contact: Toni Prutch – portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com

Knitting:

NEW – Planning to meet outdoors in November. Usually meets the 1st Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in members' homes. Sarah Price - sprice1013@yahoo.com

Kumihimo:

Due to the continued closure of Friends-in-Deed, this group will suspend all in-person meetings until further notice. Leaders will be in touch with the group with other possible meeting ideas at a later date. Usually meets the 4th Wednesday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Co-leaders: Eileen Coyne and Judy Model. Group Contact: Diane Mikolyzk – dianemik46@gmail.com

Marudai:

Due to the continued closure of Friends-in-Deed, this group will suspend all in-person meetings until further notice. Usually meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 12:30-3:00pm at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

Holding monthly meetings on Zoom. Meets the 2nd Thursday OTM; 1:00 p.m. To join, contact co-leaders: Donna Lambert - DonnaDo3203@gmail.com and Elaine Cselenko - elaine52@yahoo.com

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

No meetings scheduled. Will defer making a decision until January. Meeting times changed to the 3rd Tuesday OTM; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marilyn Wrucke - mwrucke2@gmail.com

Spinning:

NEW- November and December we'll meet in the park- Robin will be providing the details. Please contact group leader for current update on activities and plans. Usually meets the 3rd Wednesday OTM, 10:00 a.m.; at Ann Pyper's home. Ann Pyper - pyperann52@gmail.com

Tapestry Weaving:

Currently not holding meetings. Looking at Zoom opportunities. Usually 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:

Meeting monthly via Zoom. Usually 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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