



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Looking Ahead ~

Tues. Jan 7: General Meeting

Location: CPAC

Toni Best, "Sculptural Basketry"

Thurs. Feb. 6: General Meeting

Location: American Legion

VFAG Study Groups,
"The Big Reveal"

Tues. Mar. 10: General Meeting

Location: CPAC

Timothy C. 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*



Valley Fiber Art Guild

Membership \$25/year
Guest fee has been waived

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President's Message ~

Greetings Valley Fiber Art Guild Members ~
And a the happiest 2020 to you all!

Our first meeting of 2020 will be at: the **Community Performing Arts Center (CPAC) Theater at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, January 7th.** CPAC is located at 1250 W Continental Road, Green Valley. There is plenty of parking and we will enjoy our speaker Toni Best, who will present "Sculptural Basketry." Toni Best is also providing a three-day workshop January 8-10. Bring your Show and Tell to share.

Our Red Ruana Show in December was spectacular - if you missed it - check out the pictures in this newsletter and on the website. Our members have such creative and amazing creations!

Margalis Fjelstad and Pat Bencic presented us with an amazing Silent Auction (thank you Dagmar for all the goodies!!) and wonderful Opportunity Baskets. We raised \$1132.00 with the Silent Auction, bringing in more than \$700.00 and the Opportunity Baskets making more than \$400.00. Thank you to everyone who participated and scored some wonderful treasures.

Valley Assistance Services sent a lovely thank you letter to the Guild for all the "beautiful shawls, scarves, mittens, lap quilts, purses, gloves and toiletries" that our membership created and thoughtfully donated to cheer the more than 120 Seniors in our community who receive gift baskets. Thank you for remembering TAG (The Art of Giving) in 2019. In 2020, Pat Bencic has outreach activities planned to several groups. So, stay tuned.

Melanie Fritz has been a whirlwind of activity; getting our library sorted and entered into the new on-line system. We re-located the books to the storage at CPAC and Melanie will be organizing the books for your viewing pleasure. A reminder to get your PATRON RECORD (your virtual library card) set up. Just email Melanie: mfritzi4@gmail.com – and she will set it up. Doing this ahead of time will speed up the process of check out.

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(President's Message - - continued)

To reserve library books prior to the meeting go online at: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/VFAG>

There are some great selections - Thanks again to Linda Verbiscar for her love of good books and to Melanie for taking on the huge job of librarian!

Our Board members emptied out the storage unit on Abrego in early December. Most all items were either sold or sent to Study Group Leaders for member's use. A huge thank you to Sue Durling for storing looms in her garage!

The AZ Federation has provided a traveling teacher from Washington - Patti Barker. She will teach Nuno Felting on Monday, February 24th. Contact Debbi Brunner for information and registration.

The International Gem Show is coming up - If anyone is interested in attending and would like to go as a group - let me know.

February 6th we will be at the Sahuarita American Legion, on Duval Mine Road, for our Study Group's "The Big Reveal." We will let you know what they will be offering for lunch.

Enjoy the remaining days (sunrises) and evenings (sunsets) of the wonderful desert we live in - Happy creating!

Kathe Alves

**FOR SALE**

LECLERC "FANNY" 4-H COUNTERBALANCE
LOOM,
45" weaving width.

It has LeClerc's Shed Regulator, 6 treadles, wire heddles, 2 aprons, plus a boat shuttle, bobbins, a reed and heddle hook, a Leclerc raddle, 2 lease sticks and a loom "helper" attachment for winding warps; also an 8, 10 and 12 dent steel reed; an iron bar for the beater to add weight for rug weaving ... and 38" wooden LeClerc open end bench with lift lid and side pockets. Excellent condition. Comparable purchase cost today is \$4320. I'm offering all the above for \$995 (less than 1/4 the current cost).

Contact: Marie Gile

Email: mgile117@gmail.com

Phone: 520-305-4680



Thanks, SO much to all who donated to TAG this year. Please know you helped brighten many lives this holiday season. The gifts were distributed the week of December 16th. I enjoy delivering the gifts to Valley Assistance, whose staff goes through each donation and decides who will receive and enjoy each particular item. Both hand-made gifts and toiletries are greatly appreciated. Thanks again! Jane Tempel



January 7th Program
“Sculptural Basketry” with Toni Best

Meeting location: **Center for the Performing Arts**
1250 W. Continental Road in Green Valley

Toni Best is one of the premier basketry artists in the United States, she has won numerous awards and is recognized for her creativity. We are excited to bring her to our area. See Toni’s work on her Facebook page: Toni Best Art and on her website <https://tonibest.online/classes/>

✓ **Meeting Reminders:**

- Our start time is 9:30 AM.
- We are meeting at the Center for Performing Arts, Green Valley.
- Bring your Show and Tell.

February 6th Program

THE BIG REVEAL!

Join us for our Open House featuring the creativity and diversity of our Study Groups.

Displays, demonstrations, hands-on experience opportunities ...and more!

Location: American Legion, Duval Mine Rd., GV

VFAG Equipment FOR SALE - *Updated*

This is the ***updated*** list of equipment available and sale prices. proceeds will go into the Guild Treasury. If you are interested in any of these items, please see Kathe Alves or Debbi Brunner at our next meeting or contact either by email. kathe.alves@icloud.com or misseyb@gmail.com

- 24” 4-harness Baby Macomber floor loom; includes 10, 12 and 15 dent reeds - - - - - \$300
- 28” 4 harness Dorset direct tie up floor loom; includes 6 and 10 dent reeds - - - - - \$250
- 2 card looms, your choice - - - - - \$5

Library Notes

Greetings from the Library and Happy New Year to All!

As of the 16th of December, the library has been moved to its permanent home!

However, I am in need of about 3 able bodied volunteers to help me get the collection sorted and organized. I would like to have a date set-up after the 1st of January and before our next meeting on the 7th, to get the collection in order. Please contact me @ mlfritzi4@gmail.com if you are interested in helping!

I estimate it will take about 3 to 4 hours at the most with several of us working on it. If possible, I could use several pairs of eyes to help determine what needs to be in the collection based on subject area of expertise. I already have a knitter volunteer, but could use someone from the weaving group, a spinner and one more "all around" fiber/needle arts person. We find that even though I have done weeding and assessment of the library collection; we are still beyond maximum capacity in our storage units!!

Please let me know ASAP if you can help, so that we can coordinate a day to get this accomplished.

I'd like to thank everyone for their continued interest and support. Having a working library is the heart of any organization and I look forward to ours being one of the best!

Have you checked out our new online library yet?? <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/VFAG>

Melanie Fritz, Librarian
mlfritzi4@gmail.com

✓ **Important:**

- Please read "Library Policies" and "How to Use the VFAG Library (on the next two pages).
- These documents will also be available on the VFAG website.



Above and below:
Kaye Miller demonstrating Danish Medallions method to members in the Rigid Heddle study group.



Left:
A happy Silent Auction bidder & winner!

Policies for the VFAG Library

The VFAG Library is available to all current members of the Valley Fiber Arts Guild. The membership year runs from May 1st through April 30th.

- All materials acquired for the library must be cataloged onto the online library system before being available for checkout.
- All library materials are housed in the library and are available for checkout at the general meetings.
- Library materials may be borrowed from September through April. Items may be requested prior to meeting dates using the online library request feature. Guild members may pick up material(s) at guild meetings.
- **All library materials that are currently on loan must be returned to the library by each May, before the guild goes on summer break.**
- Loan periods are for 30 days – including books, DVDs and magazines.
- Materials may be renewed for one consecutive month, if there are no other requests for that individual title.
- Overdue reminders will be sent via email by the librarian. If an individual has no email listed, then a notice shall be mailed. Any item that has been renewed once or is overdue for one month must be returned.
- Members are responsible for all materials checked out by them. Members will be held accountable for any library materials that are damaged, lost, destroyed or not returned. If an item remains outstanding longer than two months, said item is considered lost or missing. The borrower's library privileges will be suspended until such item[s] is/are returned or replaced. Bills for lost or damaged items will be sent via email or US Mail.
- Donations to the library are welcome and appreciated. The Librarian in consultation with subject experts within the guild will make the determination as to individual titles being added to the collection.
- If a donor wishes an acknowledgement note of the donation, the guild secretary shall write one that omits a value amount. The note will not include any statement claiming non-profit status nor value estimate.



Silent Auction & Opportunity Baskets

How to Use the VFAG Library

- ❖ To access the library, use the online VFAG library link <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/VFAG>
- ❖ Books may be searched by author, title or subject. For quick access, clicking on one of the enhanced scrolling book covers will link directly to the record for that title.
- ❖ Highlighted words within the library record will link to other books by an individual author, or other titles with the same subject headings.
- ❖ The advanced search function on the front search page can be accessed by clicking on the down arrow located at the end of the search box window.
- ❖ When multiple titles are retrieved by a subject search, clicking on individual titles will access the full library record. Most book records will contain the following information: Title, Author, Status (available, checked out, missing, etc.), a description of the contents of the book, Subject classifications, language, publication dates, publisher, etc.
- ❖ Please note that although a call number will be listed for most titles, the VFAG library collection is currently shelved by subject.
- ❖ Members who wish to check out specific titles will need to have a patron record input onto the library system. Member records will not be automatically loaded. Members who wish to check out books will need to contact the Librarian to activate their patron record.
- ❖ For questions about the Library, to activate a patron record, or how to use the search functions, please contact Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian, at: Mlfritzi4@gmail.com or phone: 602-697-2052

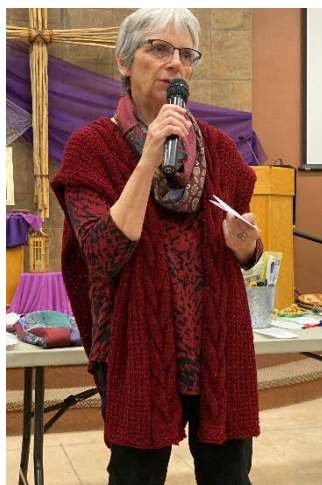


The Red Ruanas ----- Ready to Roll!

RED RUANA SHOW AND TELL!



EVEN MORE RED RUANAS!



Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

December 3, 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 called to order by President Kathe Alves at 9:34 AM. Members, including one new member, were welcomed.

Secretary's report: November 5 minutes were M/S/A as written.

Treasurer's report: A checking balance of \$7539.11 was reported.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Pat Merritt has updated the roster.

Library: Melanie Fritz has completed cataloging the library into the new on-line system. Check-outs using the system will begin in January.

Programs: Marge Lind reviewed the next few guild programs: January 7 - Toni Best "Basketry" (CPAC), February 6 - *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 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 \$100. March 3 – Paper baskets with Gary Terlisner.

Special Projects: Margalis Fjelstad explained the procedures for the opportunity baskets/silent auction being held today.

Outreach: Plan to make/donate items to Genesis House (for abused women) or YOTO (Youth on Their Own) beginning in January.

Old Business:

- 1) Reminder - to renew your membership for the 2019-2020 year. See Pat Merritt at the membership table.
- 2) The Guild move to CPAC begins with the January 7, 2020 meeting.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Send information on upcoming fiber events to Dagmar or Kathe.

New Business:

- 1) Tamara Poff, Tucson weaver and author, has donated copies of her two books on Rigid Heddle Weaving.

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(Meeting minutes continued)

2) Marie Gile, Christie Furber, and Sharon Laws are hosting a sale at Marie's home on December, 6.

3) Kathe Alves shared a brochure on Iona Island Weaving, a cottage weaving opportunity

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

Basketry: Continuing study of pine needle baskets and gourds. This month a former bead store owner is bringing beads to sell

Beading: Group will be working on making beads out of other beads.

Clothing: Due to Christmas, the group will meet on Dec. 19 this month. There will be a surface design demonstration.

Crochet: The new contact person is Toni Prutch. This month's meeting will be Dec. 11

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

Kumihimo: The group is eager to welcome new members

Marudai: No Dec. meeting

Mixed Fiber Media: Continuing exploration of books and techniques using Chinese thread this month

Rigid Heddle: Working on a Danish Medallion sampler this month.

Rug braiding: Meetings resume in January, but call Gretchen Ramsey if help is needed.

Spinning: Meeting at Ann Pyper' house Dec. 18.

Tapestry weaving: Meeting at Quail Creek's Kino Center.

Weaving: Continuing study from *Next Steps in Weaving*, looking at Shadow Weave this month.

Shopping Time – Opportunity Baskets and Silent Auction

Red Ruana Show: There were 26 participants sharing 32 items!

Business Meeting adjourned to Holiday Potluck

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bont, Secretary



PLUS A FEW MORE RED RUANAS!

~ 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 Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Kristine Sells and Paula Sween are the co-leaders. Kristine Sells – ksells1961@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



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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

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. 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., at the Ocotillo Room of Quail Creek Kino Center. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765. homes. Kathe Alves – kathe.alves@icloud.com

**ONE
LAST
RED
RUANA!**

Thank you
Debbi ♥

