



Fiber News & Updates

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~ Looking Ahead ~

2021

Mon. May 17: General Meeting

Online: ZOOM

*"Make n Take:
Weaving/Wrapping Rocks"*

June – August:

*Summer Break – no meetings
scheduled*

Mon. Sept. 20: General Meeting

Location: TBA

Topic: TBA

Mon. Oct. 18: General Meeting

Location: TBA

Topic: TBA



Valley Fiber Art Guild



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~ Vice-President's Message ~

While our guild President is away and tending to some family matters, Jol'ene Northup, our new Vice-President, has offered to step into this space to tell us about herself and her fiber interests.



Hello fellow artists,

The Board of our Valley Fiber Arts Guild (VFAG) thought this month's newsletter would be a good opportunity for me to introduce myself. As you may know I have volunteered to be the Vice-President for the next two years. My husband and I have just recently moved to Green Valley as full-time residents. I have been active in my local guilds since retirement and thought this would be a good way to start meeting people of like interests.

My principal art form is Weaving. After receiving my BFA from the University of Wisconsin with a concentration in weaving, I went on to several careers over the years: fabric designer, retail buyer, and textile sales to name a few, all involved fiber or fabric. After retiring I was able to spend more time doing my own weaving, and establish a studio in Central Oregon where I taught weaving for several years. I have enjoyed participating in National and Regional conferences and discovering new and exciting ideas.

I am excited to be a part of VFAG and look forward to becoming active in several of the groups. Hopefully this next season will find us able to meet in person and share our respective talents.

I look forward to meeting you,

Jol'ene Northup

*Wishing all our guild members and their families
~ a fun, safe, and healthy summer ~*

May 17th Program

“Weaving/Wrapping Rocks”

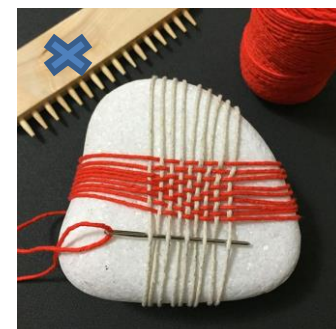
Our May program will be a *Make n Take* -- we'll learn how to create decorative wrapped rocks. They can be used as decorations in your home, garden, grouped in a bowl OR, whatever your creativity dictates.

Supplies to have on hand:

1. Several rocks... minimum size of 3-inches
2. Materials to weave or wrap with, such as:
 - Thin yarn (for warp) and thicker yarn (for weft)
 - Leather cord (1mm – 2mm)
 - Small sticks... 2-inches longer than your rock (something smooth like a skewer)
 - Heavy string
 - Para cord
 - Thin reed (must be damp and bendable)
 - Satin cord (can sometimes be too slippery)
3. Other tools:
 - A needle that fits your wrapping material
 - Scissors
 - Lacing fid (or something to get under your wrap to lift it)
 - Masking tape
4. And for the center of the feather, a small stick, pipe cleaner or floral wire.

Marge Lind and her committee shared what they learned as they practiced:

“The process challenged us! ... Materials that “stick” to the rock work best so we suggest you have yarn at hand ... The design should be simple It took us several tries and multiple viewing of tutorials to get it right ... Pinterest is a good source for inspiration and tutorials ... Patience is needed.”



Can you guess which rocks were found on Pinterest and which were made by our own Marge Lind and Cindy Wolf?



Pinterest= blue “X” Marge & Cindy= green “X”



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Collection of membership dues for 2021-2022 has been **postponed** until the September meeting.

Tell me more...

Normally, the months of April and May are when all VFAG members need to pay to renew their membership for the upcoming guild year. Due to the constraints caused by the pandemic to our meetings and forcing many members to remain in their home states - - the VFAG Board has postponed ALL collections of dues to the September meeting.

Please do not send in early payments. *Please* wait until September. A reminder will be sent at that time.



Congratulations & Thank You!

Join us in extending a **hearty welcome** to our new guild Vice-President, Jo'ene Northup and new Treasurer, April Boyson. Their terms will run May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021.

A **big thank you** goes to our out-going Vice-President, Margalis Fjelstad and Treasurer, Ann Pyper. We appreciate the time, energy and passion you gave to our guild during your tenures!



Moving Sale

May 6 & 7, 2021, 8 am - 1 pm

At Marie Gile's home

For fiber lovers - All kinds of yarns, threads and tools for knitting, crocheting and weaving; patio items including: fire pit, bench, rolling storage/entertainment center, pots; all kinds of Southwest items and art, including miniature art pieces; tools, garage items, storage and shelving; and much more!

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Spam Alert!

Several of our members have received spam emails asking to purchase pre-paid gift cards. The guild would never make such a request. If you receive this, ignore it and if possible, block the sender.

Red Ruana Retreat News

Much has improved since last year at this time, people are being vaccinated and we may be able to experience small in person events by this coming Fall. Since we are still dealing with a fluctuating Covid-19 health status we are not able to make large scale event plans. We must be able to guarantee a safe venue for attendees and instructors so everyone can come together to do something they enjoy without the worry of becoming ill. It is a large undertaking to produce and then have to cancel an event the size of the Red Ruana Retreat should the unforeseen happen, reluctantly, the VFAG Board decided to postpone another year so we can carry on plans with confidence in 2022.

Since we have reserved the Canoa Ranch Golf Resort venue for November 11-14, 2021 we are going to put together a mini-event with our Study Groups. We will keep you apprised of the plans as things progress. Hopefully by August we will be able to announce the mini-event plans for November 11-14, 2021.

Stay tuned and stay well!

Debbi Brunner



TAG – The Art of Giving

With the warmer weather I'm reminded of two things: it's almost time to head north and that large wool project that sits on my lap has to be traded for a small knitting project! Which brings me to TAG gifts. I enjoy making the hats, scarves, gloves, fingerless gloves and mittens for TAG during the summer. Hope everyone can think of some projects for TAG to make as well.

If you are looking for ideas, check the website, which has several suggestions. Each year, someone provides a unique item that a relative enjoyed as they aged. Every craft is welcome and toiletries are always appreciated. I've knit several gift bags from partial skeins this winter, trying to reduce my yarn inventory. They will make great, colorful gift bags for TAG gifts this year.

Thanks, in advance, for your efforts and gifts. See you in the fall: IN PERSON! Can't wait.

Jane Tempel



The Membership Chairperson position is open and needs to be filled.

How about YOU?

If you are interested in volunteering - - the position officially begins September 1, 2021.

Questions?

Please call Pat Merritt at **607-656-9795**

or email: wayoutwest18@gmail.com

April Meeting Show and Tell

Gary Terlisner



Karen Gabriel

This is the Tapestry Bracelet that was the March project in the Beading Study Group.



Marie Marrs

A scarf and 2 towels all woven on a Rigid Heddle



Dale Box

Pandemic fibre projects from Ontario



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Pandemic fibre projects from Ontario



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Pandemic fibre projects from Ontario
Inspired by the totems shown earlier this year.



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Peggy McGaughey

Had some pieces of fabric that she needed to use up. The tops are crochet and the skirts are sewn.



Peggy McGaughey

She will be donating them to a worthy cause. It was fun to sew children's clothing again after 30 years!



~ 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, study group meetings have been modified.**
- **ALL Study Groups (except those noted below) will be taking a break over the summer months. No meetings are scheduled May – August. Please check with the Study Group Leader regarding informal summer get-togethers or for the first meeting scheduled in the fall.**

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:

The Basketry Study Group will meet via Zoom Thursday May 6th and resume meetings Thursday, September 2, 2021. Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Informal meetings will be held in June, July, and August at Friends-in-Deed on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon. To be added to the BSG e-mail list contact 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:

Holding meetings via Zoom. Meets the 4th Thursday OTM; at 9:30 a.m. Kristine Sells and Paula Sween are the co-leaders. Kristine Sells – cksells1961@gmail.com Paula Sween - sweenpaula@gmail.com

Crochet:

Currently not holding meetings. Usually meets the 3rd Thursday OTM at 9:30 a.m.; at Sunrise Point Clubhouse. Toni Prutch - portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com

Knitting:

We will continue meeting through the summer via Zoom, on the 4th Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Zoom details will be emailed to the members each month. Kay Burrows - k_burrows@cox.net

Kumihimo:

No meetings scheduled. Kumihimo will resume, hopefully in person, starting in October. We are planning to meet at Friends-in-Deed from 1-3:00 PM, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Co-leaders: Eileen Coyne and Judy Model. Group Contact / Communication Director: 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:

No meetings scheduled - - on hiatus until October. Co-leaders: Donna Lambert - DonnaDo3203@gmail.com and Elaine Cselenko – elaine52@yahoo.com

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

The Rigid Heddle Study Group meets in the Kino Center at Quail Creek on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September - May. Marilyn Wrucke - mwrucke2@gmail.com

Spinning:

On hiatus until October. If we decide to get together in the summer months, we will send out an invite to all those currently on the spinning study group roster. Ann Pyper - pyperann52@gmail.com

Tapestry Weaving:

Currently not holding meetings. Contact Debra Brown - debrabrown15@icloud.com 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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