



# Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

## ~ Looking Ahead ~

**2021**

### **Mon. Oct. 18: General Meeting**

*Online: ZOOM*

*Debbi Brunner,*

*"Japanese Boro Past and Present"*

### **Mon. Nov. 15: General Meeting**

*Location: TBA*

*Joan Ruane, "Fiber Journeys*

*in New Zealand"*

### **Mon. Dec. 16: General Meeting**

*Location: Continental Mall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

*Fundraiser/Show and Tell/Lunch*

**2022**

### **Mon. Jan. 17: General Meeting**

*Location: TBA*

*Guild Spinning Study Group Program*



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## Valley Fiber Art Guild



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## ~ President's Message ~

Happy Fall to you All,



Fall has always been my favorite time of year. I love the crisp cooler air, more subdued colors, fall leaves, apples galore, candied apples, candy corn, and of course pumpkins. Really miss the kids coming to our door with their costumes on Halloween night.

This is the time of year I start thinking about Christmas and what I can make for presents. Don't have as many people to make things for as I did in the past, so I put my attention to the TAG (The Art of Giving) program we collect for each fall. I have made wonderful and colorful fleece blankets that I crochet a really nice edging onto; made for kids and adults. Visiting *Big Lots* and *Dollar Store*, and the *White Elephant* to add fun items to the bags. Usually, I go through all my stuff I have made in years previous and come up with items I am willing to let go of to let someone else enjoy. When money is tight it is such a treat to get something that isn't 'essential' but fun or special. Another thing I do is go to the store and purchase lovely smelling body lotions/shampoos/bubble baths, etc. All my children and grandchild are grown up, so I really enjoy shopping and creating for others during this season.

Fall is a time of thankfulness and bounty and slowing down (or, speeding up here in AZ, because it is finally cooler to get outdoors and enjoy more activities).

I am so thankful for Valley Fiber Art Guild and such lovely ladies and men that are members and share their lives, talents and friendship. Of course, I miss seeing everyone in person and still have a dream that we will all meet in person in the near future.

Oranges, browns, and yellow leaf memories to you,

*Peggy McGaughey*



October 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. (Arizona Time)

## Japanese Boro -Past and Present



Our own Debbi Brunner will be  
this month's speaker

The art of Japanese Boro patch and stitch work, once a utilitarian necessity, is now considered an art form used for a multitude of items similar to the vintage Boro seen in museums and private collections. Learn about the history of this interesting technique and view examples of vintage and contemporary Boro allowing you to contemplate how this centuries old concept might fit into your fiber design lifestyle.

~ This meeting will be held online on Zoom ~

~ November 15<sup>th</sup> Program ~

Joan Ruane, "Fiber Journeys in New Zealand"

Join us!

- As of October 1st, our membership roster will reflect only current paid-up members.
- They will receive future announcements, newsletters, and meeting Zoom links.
- To join, or renew your membership: Download and print the FORM found on our website [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org).
- Complete the form and follow directions for mailing.

Thank you!

## TAG – The Art of Giving

I was SO looking forward to seeing everyone, in person, this October, but it may not happen. However, I will be gathering gifts for TAG to distribute to low income (emphasis on elderly) in the Green Valley area. Handmade items and toiletries are greatly appreciated. Each year our organization provides gifts for the holidays to be distributed by the firemen and coordinated with Valley Assistance. All recipients look forward to our gifts each year.

Since we are not meeting in-person in October, you can deliver directly to my house on November 2, 3, or 4, between the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. I will have a table in my front patio area.

I'd love to see you, so ring the doorbell. I should be home most of the time.

My address is 1075 W. Placita Inspirada, Green Valley AZ 85614. Go west on Esperanza and it will curve onto Holgado. It's the second street on the right; we are on the corner. Our front gate is turquoise BUT, last year our house was pink! Now it is a sand color!

If you need me to pick up items, my phone number is (303) 551-3222.

Many thanks for your support  
Jane Tempel

*"A small gift will be yours if you deliver a gift for TAG to my house."*



## It's back! *Fiber Arts Tucson*

The fabulous annual fiber arts show and market, Fiber Arts Tucson, is back for 2021. After being cancelled for 2020, the extravaganza is back for two great days of shopping, viewing, learning about, and trying out the Fiber Arts. Fiber Arts Tucson 2021 will be held **Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> (1-7 pm)** and **Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> (10 am – 2 pm)** at St. Francis in the Foothills, on the corner of Swan and River Roads.

The show and sale are free and open to the public.

Attendees can take a tour through the history of the fiber arts – spinning, weaving, tapestry, dyeing, basketry, knitting, felting, jewelry making and watch artists at work. Thousands of locally hand-made items to wear, decorate your home or give as gifts are for sale in the marketplace. Two special initiatives of the show raise money for the Community Food Bank and to support the philanthropic efforts of the guild. All proceeds from "Potholders for Food" will go directly to the Community Food Bank, and the money raised from the sale of "Tucson Rocks" will help the guild in its support for indigenous weaving communities in the Americas.

For a preview of some of these items, visit:

[www.fiberartstucson.org](http://www.fiberartstucson.org)

VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Meeting opened at 9:36 AM

Our Guild President or as she is fondly known, Captain Peggy, opened the meeting with a warm welcome back greeting after our summer hiatus and heartfelt regrets that we are still not able to meet in person due to Covid safety protocols.

**BUSINESS:**

May general meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

April Boysen reported \$8653.44 in our checking account plus \$250 in checks that haven't been deposited yet.

**LIBRARY:** No report.

**STUDY GROUP REPORTS:**

**Baskets:** their next meeting via Zoom on October 7 at 9:30

**Beading:** Continues to meet at Friends in Deed the second Thursday of the month at 10:30.

**Clothing:** not meeting yet, this group is struggling

**Crochet:** no report

**Knitting:** will re-organize later this fall

**Kumihimo:** This group shows pandemic spirit and has embraced the zoom format and re-named themselves "Zoomihimo." Their next meeting is October 27, at Friends in Deed, at 1 pm, when Pam Roederer will show a new kumihimo disc. They would like to continue zoom meetings for those not able to attend in person even after covid restrictions are lifted.

**Mixed Media:** on hold for now, zoom is not an appropriate platform for them.

**Rigid Heddle:** plans to re-convene October 20, at 12:45 at Qual Creek.

**Rug Braiding:** no group has formed yet, email Gretchen Ramsey if interested.

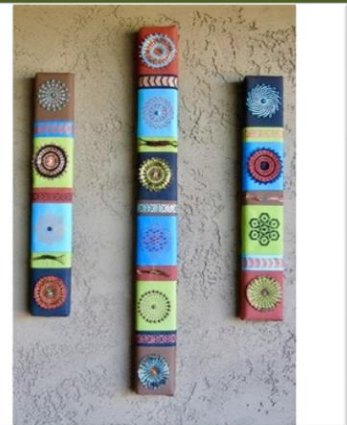
**Spinning:** no report.

**Tapestry:** meets the second Tuesday of the month at Quail Creek at 9:30. Debra Brown is the contact person. Beginners will be working from Rebecca Metzgoft's new book *Tapestry Weaving* and non-newbies will decide on a study topic. (late breaking news) After the general meeting Debra emailed members and decided to postpone meeting in person due safety concerns.)

**Weaving:** met last week via zoom. Jo'lene Northrup was the presenter. Their next meeting is October 11 when they will discuss *My Name is Resolute*, a work of historical fiction. The author Nancy E Turner is from Tucson.

*September Show and Tell*  
*"What I Did this Summer"*

Debra Brown



Debra Brown



Debra Brown



Debra Brown



VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING (continued)

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS

The Valley Fiber Arts Guild is always pleased to have visitors and prospective new members. This month we welcomed Sue Kalamodo who knits, tie dyes and weaves. Lindsay Brigham and her sister are weavers and Tunisian crocheters. Deb Melton is a knitter and Sandy Gold is our newest member. Welcome All!

SHOW AND TELL

Debra Brown showed us her embroidered totems, which briefly are 2"x4" wooden lathes covered with fabric. The fabric is embellished with small woven medallions, embroidery and other embellishments. She uses Sunbrella fabric so they can be displayed out of doors. Debra has also been working on samples for the Tapestry Weaving Study Group and woven potholders for TAG.

Peggy McGaughey has been making cards with mixed media. She uses burnt edge organza to form flowers, acrylic paint and machine embroidery embellishments. She calls them cards but they are actually assemblage works of art using a variety of found objects, textiles, embroidery and paint. They are wildly creative and very beautiful. And if that wasn't enough, Peggy crocheted pumpkins to decorate her home for the coming season.

Sue Miller has been busy rug hooking. She has used some of her stash to make 15 blocks of multi-color circular motifs in a 30"x40" rug appropriately named "Using Up My Stash" Her beloved 5-year-old granddaughter is the very lucky recipient of a rug braided wall hanging that shows the phases of the moon. It is 3' wide and the length of a bed. This little girl is assured of sweet dreams with her grandmother's gift as the last thing she will see as she closes her eyes each night.

Fran Lunney stayed busy this summer beading beads and a Tuscan Vine Necklace and earring set. She has gotten a new embroidery machine and has been happily exploring its capabilities making note pad covers with logos and readable QR codes. She has also made sewing project bags with embroidered motifs and a table runner with matching coasters from recycled denim.

Marge Lind wove 3 pine needle baskets with central cabochons, these are graceful and beautiful creations. Marge was not immune to the "stash-busting" fever" this summer and wove placemats with hand-dyed warp yarn. She also wove towels using 8/2 cotton as an unsuccessful attempt at further stash-busting but had to buy more fiber. This seems to be a widespread side-effect of stash busting. She also wove chenille scarves that I personally can't wait to feel in person and a mobius wrap....

Debra Brown



Peggy McGaughey

This is a card that was made with tea bags and watercolors and beads.



Peggy McGaughey

Crochet pumpkins for Fall.



Sue Miller

Here are two projects that I have finished during the COVID/Quarantine time! Looking forward to returning to AZ and the fiber community!



VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING (Continued)

....of 5/2 rayon slub using ends of cones. (Good stash-busting there!)

Karen Gabriel made beaded eggs with bunny motifs. They are composed of separate triangles stitched together to form a 3-dimensional egg. I wonder who the very lucky Easter egg hunter will be at her family gathering this spring

Sudie Durham sewed scarves from silk neckties. This is a lovely use of no longer used neckties.

Jane Temple knitted an intricate scarf and jacket and a lovely purple lace shawl for the coming cooler nights.

Sharon Laws used size 11 beads in Tuscan Vine necklace.

Eileen Coyne is unpacking moving boxes. She is working on organizing her studio.

Laura Ramp knitted a stranded sweater in red with grey motifs for her granddaughter Julia, who modeled the sweater with a head full of delightful curls and a bright smile.

Ebba Anderson needle felted a dynamic landscape of the Cape Cod dunes. The piece measure 14"x12" and a seascape of Cape Cod. She also felted a 14" roundel of butterflies.

Our members have spent this summer in crafting a wide variety of original works of art. It is truly inspiring to see the variety, craftsmanship and artistry of our members.

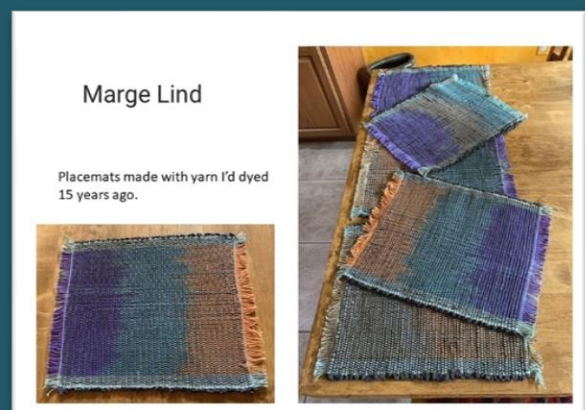
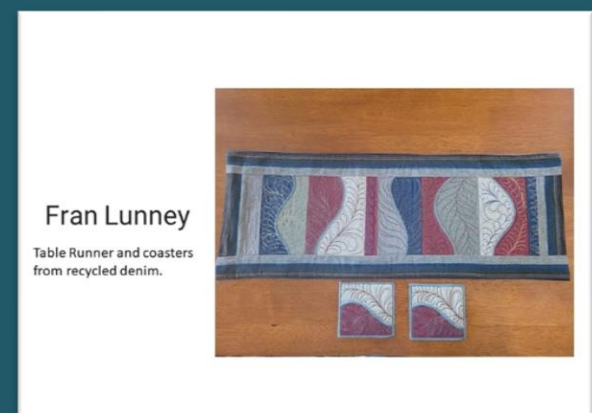
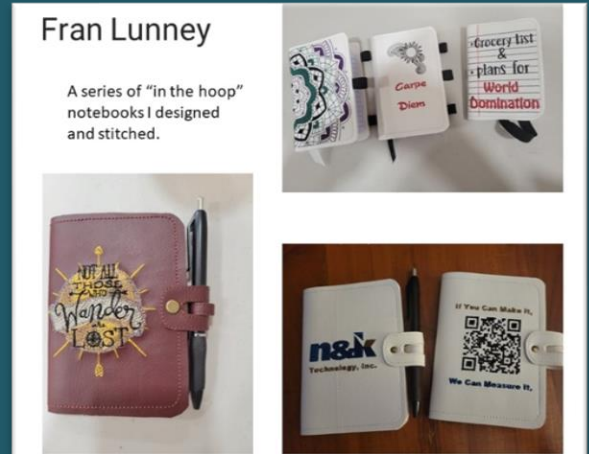
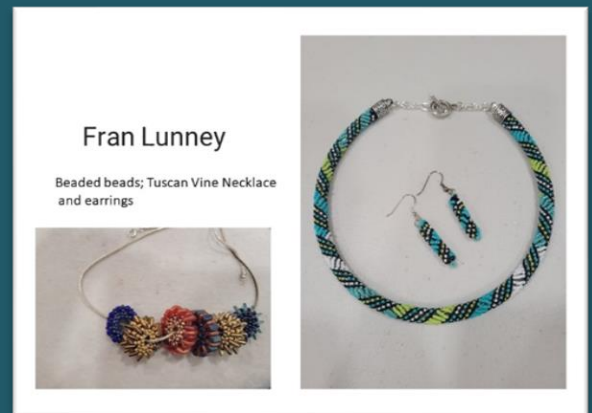
RED RUANA, regrettably Debi Brunner reported that the Red Ruana retreat scheduled for November 2021 has been postponed yet again. We agree it is too early to reschedule but are optimistic that it will happen in the not-too-distant future when we can safely convene.

PROGRAMS: The Button program originally scheduled for October is postponed as the presenter feels it is not a suitable program for a Zoom format. Instead, Debi Brunner will present a program on Japanese Boro stitching. She requests that if you have pieces done in this style that you will send her a photo to be included in the presentation. Marge invites all our members to submit program proposals, so if you have technique or subject that you love please share it with our members. We are appreciative of the flexibility of Marge Lind, our program coordinator and our presenters.

NEXT MEETING October 18, 9:30 am via zoom.

Be sure to pay your dues to continue receiving Zoom links and the new password. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54

Respectfully Submitted, Martha Fine, Secretary

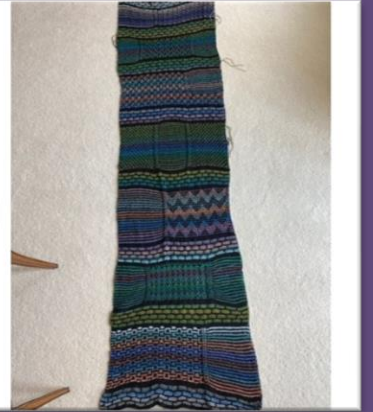


Marge Lind

Trying to use up 8/2 cotton on towels.. with colors on hand.. avoiding ordering more!



Jane Tempel



Jane Tempel



Sudie Durham

This is how I spent my summer! Necktie scarves.



Jane Tempel



Sharon Laws

Tuscan Vine Necklace



Ebba Anderson

Needle felting



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Needle felting



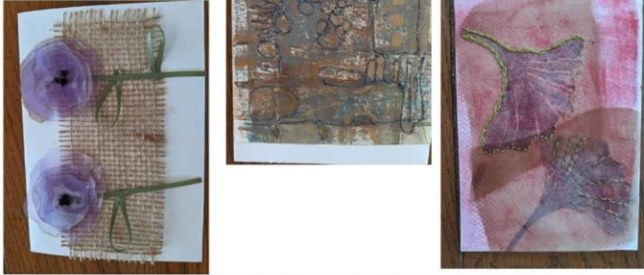
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Needle felting



Peggy McGaughey

These are all my cards I have been working on.



Peggy McGaughey

Necklace Purses

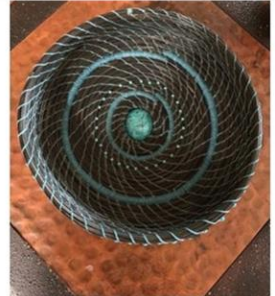


Peggy McGaughey



Marge Lind

Pine needle baskets I completed this summer.



Fran Lunney

I made a big project bag for myself and overnight bags for each of my granddaughters. Their bags featured embroidered Harry Potter and unicorn designs



Sue Miller





### Eileen Coyne

Some creative pictures from our new home. Unpacking and new cabinets for stash.



### Eileen Coyne

Views not far from our new apartment; we've moved to a CCRC place in Seattle similar to La Posada.



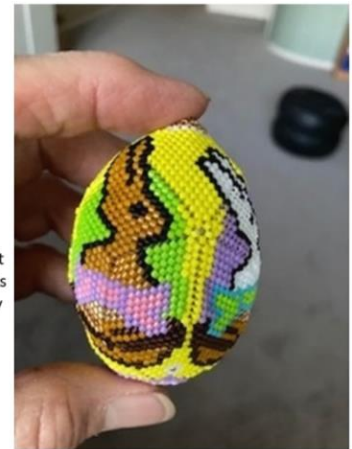
### Marge Lind

Möbius made from last on the cones...S/2 rayon slub from Yarn Barn



### Karen Gabriel

An Easter-themed beaded egg that I completed recently. This project is from a bead-along and designed by DiMarca.



### Marge Lind

Chenille scarves hardly made a dent in my chenille stash.



## ~ 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.**

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 resume meetings Thursday, October 7th via Zoom. Contact: Debbi Brunner – [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

### **Beading:**

Meeting in person at Friend's in Deed (fully vaccinated only, please) from 10:30 AM until 12:00, on the second Thursday of the month. To be added to the BSG e-mail list contact Karen Gabriel — [karengary115@gmail.com](mailto:karengary115@gmail.com)

### **Braided Rug:**

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

### **Clothing:**

On hiatus - - no meetings scheduled.

### **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](mailto:portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com)

### **Knitting:**

We will continue meeting via Zoom this Fall, on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:k_burrows@cox.net)

### **Kumihimo:**

Kumihimo will hold two simultaneous meetings on October 27 (4th Wed.). An in-person meeting will be led by Pam Roederer at Friends in Deed from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. At the same time Eileen Coyne will lead a Zoom meeting. Co-leaders: Eileen Coyne and Judy Model. Group Contact / Communication Director: Diane Mikolyzk - [dianemik46@gmail.com](mailto: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; 12:30-3:00 pm at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - [roederers@gmail.com](mailto:roederers@gmail.com)

### **Mixed Media Fiber:**

No meetings scheduled - - on hiatus until October.

### **Rigid Heddle Weaving:**

Rigid Heddle study group gatherings are postponed thru December. Usually meets 1-3 PM, at the Ocotillo Room at Kino Center in Quail Creek. Marilyn Wrucke - [mwrucke2@gmail.com](mailto:mwrucke2@gmail.com)

### **Spinning:**

Spinning will meet November 12th and 13th at Canoa Ranch for two days of spinning. At that time, we will discuss our plans going forward, we enjoyed spinning in the park and hope to resume. Ann Pyper - [pyperann52@gmail.com](mailto:pyperann52@gmail.com)

### **Tapestry Weaving:**

We are suspending the tapestry group until we can safely meet in person. When we resume, we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday OTM at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room at Quail Creek Kino Center. Contact Debra Brown - [debrabrown15@icloud.com](mailto:debrabrown15@icloud.com) or April Boysen - [gaboysen1@gmail.com](mailto:gaboysen1@gmail.com) (720-545-7748).

### **Weaving:**

The weaving study group will be meeting via Zoom in October. Future meetings will be decided on a month-to-month basis. Usually meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of Quail Creek Kino Center. Cindy Wolf – [pclobo2@gmail.com](mailto:pclobo2@gmail.com) or phone: 608-343-6765.

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