



Fiber News & Updates

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~ Looking Ahead ~

2021

Mon. Sept. 20: General Meeting

Online: ZOOM

Guild Member Show and Tell

Mon. Oct. 18: General Meeting

Location: TBA

Roberta Schueler, "Buttons!"

Mon. Nov. 15: General Meeting

Location: TBA

*Joan Ruane, "Fiber Journeys
in New Zealand"*

Mon. Dec. 16: General Meeting

*Location: Continental Mall, 2nd floor
Fundraiser/Show and Tell/Lunch*



Valley Fiber Art Guild



Membership \$25/year

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~ President's Message ~

Long Hot, Rainy and Lazy Summer!



That just about explains my summer, what about you? It seems like the world will never be the same as we knew it two years ago.

I have fought depression, hopelessness, anger, loneliness, can't create anything I like, creating some things I like, trying new recipes, not wanting to cook or clean, eating too much, sleeplessness, sleeping too much, *wanting* to eat a whole cake at one sitting and then fall face first into a gallon of chocolate mint ice cream. Whew...I'm sure **none** of you have had any of those symptoms this last year!

I know we are all tired of not meeting in person for our monthly meetings. Optimism was my middle name at the beginning of summer, in that we would finally get together at our September 20th meeting. The Board met on August 27th and we unanimously voted to **not** meet in person but continue with Zoom. We will reevaluate this each month and decide what is best for our guild. Everyone's safety is our first concern and we also know that a lot of you wouldn't attend in person even if we had a meeting at CPAC.

I have missed all of you and I am looking forward to seeing your lovely Zoom faces on my computer screen on September 20th. I will look different because I jumped off the cliff and cut my hair really short...and got new glasses. Wild and crazy...right! Maybe this fall it will sky diving!!! Looking forward to seeing how many of you have new things in your life.

Of course, please be safe and enjoy life as we know it...I sure am trying my best!



Your weary Zoom captain,

Peggy McGaughey

September 20th – 9:30 a.m. (Arizona Time)

Show and Tell ...on Zoom!



“Summer projects... Finally-finished projects...”

Whatever you call them, we want to see them! Join us as members showcase their summer projects and accomplishments - - fiber-related and, other!

Please send photos of your items to Fran Lunney lunnfran@gmail.com by: **September 17th**.

Important:

- Prior to 9/20 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.”

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT!

Remember when we postponed the collection of 2021-2022 membership dues until the September meeting? ...**Well, it's September!**

And that means it's time to **RENEW** your membership!

Your \$25.00 annual membership for the 2020-2021 year is due **NOW**.

- As of October 1st, our membership roster will reflect only current paid-up members. They will receive future announcements and newsletters.
- A new membership form needs to accompany your payment.
- Download and print the FORM found on our website OR print off the last page of this newsletter.
- Complete the form and follow directions for mailing.

Thank you!

Notes from the Library

Greetings, and welcome to returning members!

I am sorry to say that due to the current health crisis, I am once again announcing that the library is closed with no holds allowed at this time. We (that is the Board), are taking it month by month now, so I am keeping hopeful that we will once again be able to open safely and be able to access all those wonderful books, DVDs and magazines!

Currently, I am re-assessing the magazine subscriptions that the Guild purchases. I have one title that has not seen a lot of interest, and due to the expense of the subscription, the Board has made the decision to cancel. The title in question is *VÄV, Scandinavian Weaving Magazine*.

Never fear! All back issues of this journal will be available to check out and will eventually be moved to the Weaving study group where they will be responsible for keeping all copies.

I am housing a very large number of books, magazines, and some crafting items that were donated to the Guild. However, because of current circumstances, I haven't been able to plan a book sale. If the situation stays the same, I may host the book and craft sale at my residence where I can spread out materials outside. All proceeds from any sale will go into the Guild's general fund. This may happen in another month or two, so keep an eye out for this space and any special announcements.

I realize it has been a difficult year for all of us, and the library is no exception. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy!

Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian



TAG – The Art of Giving

With I always think of July 4th as summer being half over! It went faster this year as we had more freedom to travel and visit friends, in person.

TAG is still alive. We hope to provide goods for the low income (especially elderly) in the Green Valley/Southern Arizona area this year.

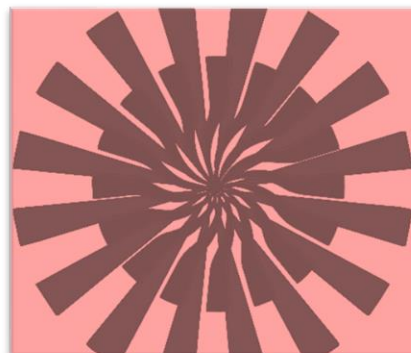
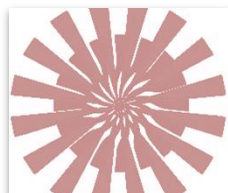
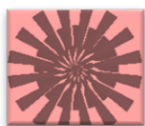
Coordinating with Valley Assistance each year to provide presents for the Holiday Season, members of The Fiber Arts Guild have donated such wonderful gifts. During the summer, we sometimes forget how cold it can be in the winter! But the handmade gifts are greatly received and treasured.

Many of us also donate toiletries, as food stamps do not cover shampoo, toothpaste, moisturizers, soap, laundry detergent, etc.

Consider exploring your closets and drawers for items you've made but never wear, for donation. I found several items in my closet and now I have more room for new items!

Thank you in advance for donating. Unfortunately, I cannot make the September meeting but will be there in October to accept any gifts.

Jane Tempel



~ October 18th Program ~

Roberta Schueler of the Tucson Buttoneers & National Button Society (NBS) will be our program speaker. She will discuss the history, materials and construction, competition and judging of buttons.

As an added bonus, using the NBS Blue Book of button collecting as a guide, Roberta together with other Buttoneers will be on hand to assist Guild members wishing to obtain information about buttons in their personal collection.

Be sure to check out your button "stash" now & select one or two buttons to bring to the October meeting!



*A BLAST FROM THE PAST!
Free Form Crochet Study Group
February 2020*

Meet Your Board Members for 2021 – 2022

President, Peggy McGaughey
Vice-President, Jol'ene Northup
Secretary, Martha Fine
Treasurer, April Boyson.
Federation, Jol'ene Northup
Programs, Marge Lind
Workshops, Debbi Brunner
Webmaster, Kay Burrows
Library, MizMelly Fritz
Membership, open
Newsletter, Dagmar Munn

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

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

Joane Ruane

Here is one of the handwoven tops that I just finished. Woven with 8/2 commercial cotton flake yarn with handspun accent in warp and in textured neck area. Used handspun, solar dyed yarn with a touch of hemp fiber.



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Deborah Brunner

A market pocket I created last month as part of my embroidery group.



More ... about your Valley Fiber Art Guild Membership

Our 2021-2022 guild meetings kick off on September 20th. As a member of the Valley Fiber Art Guild, there are monthly programs for you to enjoy and each meeting ends with our favorite - - Show and Tell.

We have a great program line-up in the coming 2021-22 season. The best thing about our meetings is that they will continue, regardless of Covid; if we aren't able to meet in person we meet via Zoom!

No matter what this season brings, we will be there on the 3rd Monday of each month. The programs are scheduled and our workshops begin in 2022. Study groups will be meeting either in-person or via Zoom as well.

You needn't miss anything if you pay your dues now! It's just \$25.00 annually for access to all the guild has to offer.

To be included in the newest guild roster your dues are **due by October 1st**. You may print a membership form from the last page of this newsletter or, from our website: valleyfiberartguild.org

Send it in today!

~ 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

Beading:

Usually meets 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 is offered on an individual need-to-learn basis. If interested, please contact: Gretchen Ramsey - 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

Knitting:

We will continue meeting via Zoom this Fall, 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 are 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; 12:30-3:00 pm at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

No meetings scheduled - - on hiatus until October.

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

NO September meeting - Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 20th, 1-3 at the Ocotillo Room at Kino Center in Quail Creek. Marilyn Wrucke - 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

Tapestry Weaving:

Meeting monthly starting in October on the 2nd Tuesday OTM at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room at Quail Creek Kino Center. Contact Debra Brown - debrabrown15@icloud.com or April Boysen - gaboysen1@gmail.com (720-545-7748).

Weaving:

Will hold September meeting 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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VALLEY FIBER ART GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Guild extends a welcome to anyone with an interest in Fiber Arts. Valley Fiber Art Guild dues are \$25 for the membership year, May 1st through April 30th and are due in April and shall be delinquent after June 1.

THERE ARE NO PRO-RATED DUES _____ Please initial

Please print and send membership form with your check payable to Valley Fiber Art Guild for \$25 to:

April Boysen
1997 W Acacia Bluffs Dr
Green Valley AZ 85622

gaboyesen1@gmail.com

The following information is exclusively for publication in the membership roster.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Full time resident ____ Part time resident ____ Renewing member ____ New member ____

The following policy applies to all members of the Valley Fiber Art Guild (VFAG) who include but are limited to members, study group attendees, workshop attendees, and visitors.

The VFAG reserves the right to modify its privacy policy at any time. You can be assured that any information you share with us will be treated confidentially. Information gathered will be used to further serve VFAG members and their future needs.

Attendee agrees to hold VFAG harmless from any and all claims, demands, lawsuits, liability damages, loss cost, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature which arise out of a result from attending or participating in a VFAG sponsored event whether or not foreseeable, including and without limitations, personal injuries to the attendee.

Signed in agreement: _____

Date _____ Cash ____ Check Number _____

Date _____ Cash ____ Check Number _____ Init _____

This form may be used for a 2nd year if initialed & pd for at membership table if there are no changes