



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

~ Looking Ahead ~

2022

General meetings are held the third Monday of the month, September – May starting at 9:30am - AZ time

Mon. Jan. 17: General Meeting

Location: Zoom

*The link will be sent by Jan 15th
Cindy Wolf, "Hardanger Embroidery"*

Mon. Feb. 21: General Meeting

Location: Zoom

Jane Herrick, "Mixed Media, Paper and Fiber Construction"

Mon. Mar. 21: General Meeting

Location: TBA

Carolyn Webb, "Vintage Knitting"

Mon. Apr. 18: General Meeting

Location: Anamax Park

Stash Sale/Election/Picnic

Mon. May. 16: General Meeting

Location: TBA

Gretchen Ramsey, "Make and Take: Fabric Beads"

Valley Fiber Art Guild



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~ President's Message ~

Happy 2022 to everyone,

We have a whole new year that is unfolding. We just don't know what exactly what that looks like yet.



The good news about this upcoming year is even though we don't know exactly when we can meet in person again, we have some great programs planned via Zoom. It is always exciting to see everyone's face when we meet, and we can talk with each other and see what we are doing plus learn something new. Connection is so important in the coming months, and I hope that you continue to be supportive of our guild as we are supportive of you.

I am personally looking forward to our Stash Sale in April. Boy, do I need to get rid of some stuff since we didn't have one last year. We will cross our fingers and toes that we can meet in person in April.

The nomination committee will be working in January to fill our three slots on the board. We need a new President, Secretary and a helper for our fabulous Treasurer April. April just needs someone to help in the summer when she is gone the six months. So, please consider working on the board to keep our fabulous guild going. Without our wonderful volunteers our guild wouldn't exist, which I just can't fathom.

See everyone on my computer screen at 9:15 a.m. on January 17th. Meeting starts at 9:30 but we like to chat before the meeting and check in with all of us how we are doing.

Happy New Year,

Peggy McGaughey



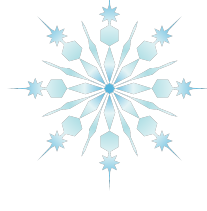
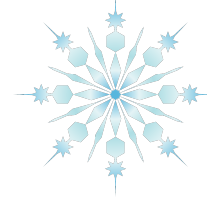
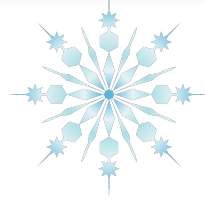
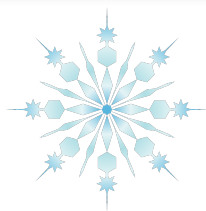
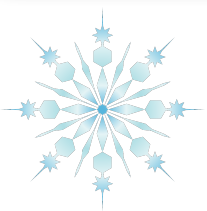
January 17th, 2022 at 9:30 am

Hardanger Embroidery

Our own Cindy Wolf is our January speaker. She will share with us the art of Hardanger embroidery, which is a delicate form of openwork which originated in the Hardanger region of Norway hundreds of years ago.

Cindy was encouraged to try Hardanger by her mother when she was homebound with two very small children, and she quickly realized that it was a way she could bring some money in to her cash-strapped household. Modern day artists have added other techniques and elements to traditional Hardanger. Some examples of this will be shown. Learn the history of this beautiful form of needlework, the materials needed, and see some of the basic stitches.

It just may become your next fiber obsession!



February 21, 2022 Program

Don't Miss Our February 2022 Program with Jane Herrick! Jane will share her creative talent with mixed media, paper and fiber construction.

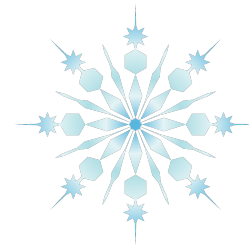
We are excited to have the opportunity for Jane to join us for our February meeting!



Homage to Elvira Hulett Shaker Rug - - Continued




At November's show and tell, Debbi Brunner told us about the online workshop she joined. It was hosted by the Shaker Museum who sponsored a knit-along of rug knit in concentric circles. Along with an attractive knitting project Debbi learned about the Shaker community; a religious group that has contributed much to American crafts over the centuries. Debbi finished the workshop project and sent us her photos to share with you. If you are interested contact shakermuseum.us and google the knit rugs of Elvira Hewitt.



It's a New Year and We're Welcoming a New Editor for Our Newsletter

 If you've noticed a wee bit of change in the look of our Valley Fiber Art Guild newsletter, that's because, behind the scenes, the role of newsletter editor has changed hands. Join us in welcoming Eileen Coyne as our new editor. In fact, this January issue is her creation!

 Eileen is a long-time member of the guild, has participated in many of our Study Groups, has led several workshops, and even served a term as Guild Treasurer. She is replacing Dagmar Munn, who has been the guild's newsletter editor for the past eight years. Dagmar is stepping down in order to devote more time to her freelance work of copywriting and social media management. Dagmar assures us she plans to continue her membership in the guild and attend as many meetings as she can.



VALLEY FIBER ARTS
GUILD
GENERAL MEETING
December 2021

A December General Meeting was not held this year due to the Covid Pandemic. We all look forward to reconvening on Zoom on January 17th at 9:30am



Wonderful Volunteer Opportunity for Membership Committee

We need two or three people to take over the Membership Committee. It doesn't require a lot of time, allows you to get to know our members on a by-name basis, and join us for our monthly Board meetings.

The responsibilities include: keeping a file of the membership forms, entering member names to an alphabetized roster - - which is posted on our VFAG website by our webmistress Kay Burrows.

If and when we are meeting in person, there will be a table for the Membership Committee to accept new member forms and renewals accompanied by cash or checks that you give to our Treasurer, April Boysen. The Committee will also manage the name tags for the in-person meetings. As you can see it isn't 'rocket science' and not time consuming. Will you and perhaps a couple of your friends consider taking the position as a committee? It is volunteers that keep our guild viable and vibrant. Please help us fill this vacancy. Thank you in advance for your consideration, if you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact: Peggy McGaughey peg-e-su.silk@msn.com or call her @ 303-241-7686.

Spinning and Knitting Workshops in Tucson - January 2022
Sponsored by Southwest Corner

Any Tyler is being featured at 2 different workshops:

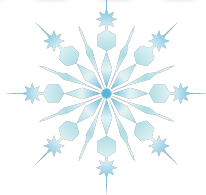
- ❄️ Creating the Yarn You Want, a Spinning Workshop (2 days \$150)
- ❄️ I-Cord Edges & More (1 day \$75)
- ❄️ January 14, 15 & 16, 2022



Amy Tyler

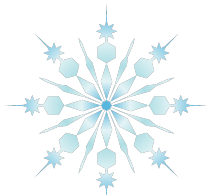
Register, Contact Joan Ruane
Text 520-335-4113 or e-mail
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Information & registration form is on
www.cottonspinning.com



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Porfirio Gutierrez

Porfirio was our featured speaker in November 2015 followed by a workshop teaching the Zapotec manner of weaving a sample rug.

Porfirio’s designs, *Wrapped in Color*, are on display at AZ State Museum in Tucson.

<https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/exhibits/wrapped-in-color>



~ Study Groups ~

Study Groups are open to all **current guild members**. Learn a new technique, share ideas and resources or just enjoy the friendship.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"It is the expectation of the Valley Fiber Art Guild that all members attending guild in-person events are vaccinated and properly wearing a mask."

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 is meeting via Zoom the 1st Thursday of each month, 9-11am. Contact: Debbi Brunner – miskeyb@gmail.com

Beading:

Meeting in person at Friend's in Deed from 10:30 AM until 12:00, on the second Thursday of the month. At the January SG, we will discuss projects for 2022: please bring suggestions. 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:

Will hopefully resume their monthly meetings in January. Contact Peggy with questions peg-e-su.silk@msn.com

Crochet:

The Crochet group is meeting the third Thursday OTM at Sunrise Clubhouse at 9:30 am. Contact Toni Prutch 503.349.6491- portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Usually meets on the 4th Tuesday OTM; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, via Zoom. Group contact/Communication: Kay Burrows - k_burrows@cox.net

Kumihimo:

Our next meeting will be on January 26, 2022 at 1pm at Friends Indeed (usually meets 4th Wednesday OTM). We will begin the study of the Prumihimo disk. Co-leaders: Eileen Coyne and Judy Model. Kumi Group Contact / Communication Director: Diane Mikolyzk - dianemik46@gmail.com

Marudai:

Suspending 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.

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

Suspending all in person meetings until further notice. Marilyn Wrucke - mwrucke2@gmail.com

Spinning:

No meetings scheduled.

Tapestry Weaving:

Tapestry has decided to not meet for the rest of the guild year due to the high rates of covid occurring in Pima County. We hope to continue the tapestry group next year. Contact Debra Brown - debrabrown15@icloud.com or April Boysen - gaboysen1@gmail.com (720-545-7748)

Weaving:

The weaving study group will resume in-person meetings on January 10 at the home of Cindy Wolf. Masks will be required. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. Usually meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.