



Fiber News & Updates

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~ Looking Ahead ~

2022

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

Sat. March, 12: Book Sale
8am to 1pm

Location: 386 E El Valle, Green Valley

***Our Librarian, Melanie
Fritz Hosting***

Mon. Mar. 21: General Meeting
Location: Zoom

***Carolyn Webb, “Vintage
Knitting”***

Mon. Apr. 18: General Meeting
Location: TBA

Stash Sale/Election

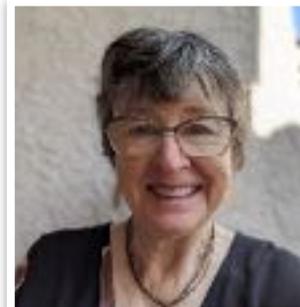
Mon. May. 16: General Meeting
Location: TBA

***Gretchen Ramsey,
“Make and Take: Fabric
Beads”***

Valley Fiber Art Guild



President’s Message



Hello fellow passengers on the Ghost Ship Zoom,

Attention...Attention all passengers, the captain has an important and exciting message.

I am so happy as your captain to inform you that we have land in sight and we are planning to disembark from our journey of two years around the world of Zoom. The land we have spotted and are planning on enjoying with a celebration is called ‘Stash Sale Island’. I know all of you that can remember past in-person meetings know how wonderful the Stash Sale Island can be. Mountains of beautiful colors of fabric, pools of refreshing blue yarns, forests of fiber and valleys of sunken treasures that are to be discovered.

The deportation date will be April 18th. So everyone please look in your cabins for stuff that you want to unload onto the Stash Island so you can have more room in your cabin. Dig deep and come with the excitement of seeing everyone face-to-face while searching around the island for that perfect thing that will inspire and let your imagination be ignited once again.

I have high hopes that we are all departing from our cruise, after our stop at the island, to live our lives on land and in person till the end of time!

As your captain, I will be departing after our Stash Island meeting and retiring into another position of Co-Membership Chairperson. I am reaching out to everyone who has sailed on the ship to consider being the in-person President of VFAG. For as necessary it was to have a captain steering the ship with her trusted and faithful co-captains for two years, if we don’t have a leader for the next two years we may just crash on the rocks. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Presidential responsibilities with you (peg-e-su.silk@msn.com or .303.241.7686).

I am going into my cabin to look for stuff to start collecting so I can get rid of things I don’t want anymore and anticipate the wonderful things I do want in my cabin to get me inspired and creative for this summer.

See everyone on the Ghost Ship Zoom on March 21st for Carolyn’s wonderful presentation and then onto Stash Island in April (details will be in April Newsletter).

Captain Peggy McGaughey



FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY VFAG President!!!

The Nominating Committee has put together an excellent slate of officers (minus a President).

Gals, please search your hearts and generously consider saying “YES” to being on the April ballot for President.

We have come so far during this pandemic and we won’t want to give up on this amazing organization of talented women.

Have questions??? Contact any one of your Nominating Committee Members:

Sudie Durham 520-548-4138

Ellen Kelley ellen.kelley@cox.net

Gretchen Ramsey 520-393-6179 or

Peggy McGaughey 303-241-7686 (current President)



The VFAG Library Is Sponsoring a Used Craft Book Sale!!!

Date: Saturday, March 12 from 8am to 1pm (rain or shine!)

Place: 386 E El Valle, Green Valley (Fairways II neighborhood)

Pricing: Bargain prices!! All books (with the exception of 1 or 2 titles) will be priced between \$1 - \$5 each! Magazines can be purchased for \$.25 apiece.

Topics: Crochet, Knitting, Spinning, Weaving, Felting, Needle arts & others

Reason: Many donations have been acquired by the library and it's time to clean out my garage of items that I do not have space to add to the main library collection! This is a great opportunity to add to your personal library collections!

Proceeds: All proceeds from the sale will go to the VFAG. Cash or checks (made out to the Valley Fiber Arts Guild) will be accepted. Bring your money and help support the VFAG and the library!

Melanie Fritz, Librarian





**The History of Knitting in America
with Carolyn Webb
Featured Speaker at our March 21, 2022
General Meeting**



Learn about the history of knitting in America as well as the knitting traditions of other cultures. Carolyn's interest and passion for knitting prompted her research of this beloved fiber art as well as collecting: antique knitting tools, patterns, booklets, books, photographs, hand knit garments and samplers. This growing collection gave Carolyn the idea to share her passion with other knitting enthusiasts in her slideshow and talk entitled "The History of Knitting in America."

Carolyn is an avid fiber artist who lived in Tucson for many years, you may remember her as a member of our guild. Now living in Bennington, VT Carolyn will join us via Zoom to present a most interesting program. If you are a knitter or a fiber art enthusiast you'll want to join us for this inspiring talk, view fabulous vintage samples and learn how knitting has evolved over the years.



Eileen Coyne is the VFAG Newsletter editor. Please contact her with additions and pictures.
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Intriguing Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to learn more about how our website works? The Valley Fiber Art Guild is looking for an assistant webmaster.

The ideal person would be someone who works easily with computer apps. Lots of training will be available and you will work alongside the current webmaster.

Contact Kay Burrows at 520-204-1774 or k_burrows@cox.net

AZ Fiber Arts Federation

This federation consists of 11 fiber arts guilds within Arizona. The VFAG has been a member for several years. The stated mission is to promote weaving, spinning, dyeing, basketry and allied fiber arts in Arizona. In the past, the Federation has held day long retreats with mini lectures - very fun! The group has now created a FaceBook page titled “Arizona Fiber Arts Federation”. There are currently 90 members! Check it out for some interesting information.

One of the Federation guilds, Telerana Fiber Arts Guild in Tempe is holding several weaving classes. Info at: telarana.org



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Membership Dues Time of Year

I know that everyone thinks they just paid their dues just a month or two ago, but we are trying to get back to our pre-Covid regular schedule of collecting the dues in April/May for the upcoming May 2022 through April 2023 membership year. Please mail in your application (must have application) and \$25 check to:

Peggy McGaughey
581 W Links Lane
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Or bring it to the April meeting.

Make check out to **Valley Fiber Arts Guild**

Email me with any questions: peg-e-su.silk@msn.com

Link to our website with membership application you can download:

www.valleyfiberartguild.org (on main page at the bottom middle of the page).

VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Members began to log onto zoom by 9:15 for some catch up time , the meeting was officially opened at 9:30 by our President “Captain Peggy”

A reminder to all members that the password for this year has changed. Please contact Eileen Coyne on email for the new password (coyne.eileen@gmail.com).

The guest speaker for this month is Jane Herrick who is a mixed media artist. Her retirement from being a professor of textiles allows her time to be a practicing studio artist. Jane treated us to a slide show of her back yard on the shore of Lake Michigan where the natural objects inspire her creations. She augments these materials with manufactured materials such as fiber rush. Jane also uses a variety of techniques that allow her creations to develop as she proceeds. Lucky for us Jane spends part of her time here in southern Arizona where she also uses desert landscapes and materials as inspiration. Quite a few of us were fascinated by her use of cactus skeletons as frameworks for her pieces. I for one will be collecting some on my next walk through the desert.

Jane will be giving a mixed media fiber workshop next year using hand stitching and collage techniques for our guild.

Break started at 10:36, we reconvened with a brief business meeting.

Minutes of the January general membership meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer’s report: \$9254.74

The Fiber Arts Federation of Arizona has set up a facebook page - Arizona Fiber Arts Federation. They will be sending a newsletter to all guilds to apprise guilds about what is happening at other guilds.

The library will be holding a book sale March 12 from 8 am-1 pm at 386 East La Valle, Green Valley.

Caroline Webb will give a Zoom presentation on vintage knitting on March 21.

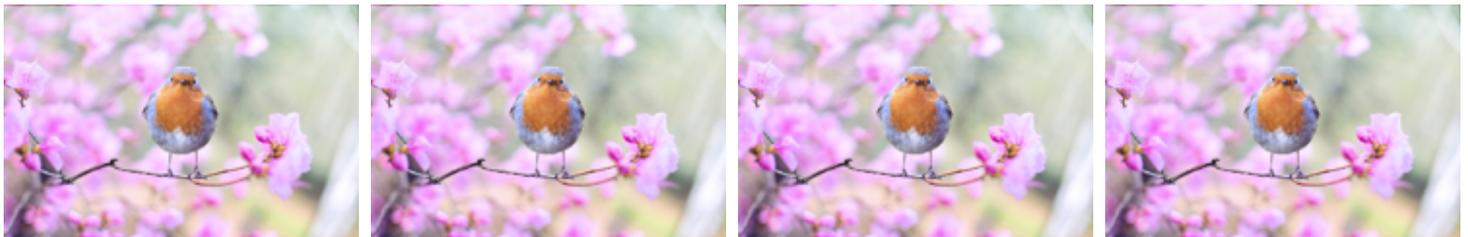
SHOW AND TELL

Cindy Wolf’s woven tea towels are sure to brighten any kitchen! Created with 8/2 cotton on an 8 shaft loom. Six colors in the warp with black as weft.

Gary Tersliner, busy as usual, set an agate in resin as the base of a pine needle basket. Copper wire and blue wrapped linen showed his southwestern spirit. He also wove table runners in blue and white in a houndstooth design using 5/2 mercerized cotton on an 8-shaft loom.

Kay Burrow, Jane Tempel, BarbCopeland and Bernie Olson did their best to herald the arrival of spring with truly joyous pink and red crepe paper roses.

Debra Brown’s designs include: a colorfulWedge Weave Tapestry; The tapestry is 5.5 x 6 inches in wedge weave with a feather technique; the brown and natural basket is 6” tall and twined using waxed linen; the small bowl is 5” and twined using waxed linen, copper and glass beads, and copper wire; and the last basket is 6.5” and made using wool yarn coiled around a paper rush core.



SHOW AND TELL as reported by Martha Fine:

The kumihimo and beading study groups have been very busy and have produced an amazing array of beautiful and complex items. The Kumihimo braiders have not stood idle during the pandemic. Dale and Martha even took a Kumihimo class originating in England at 11 PM. This group has been studying with various artists and producing very beautiful work. Some of the pieces feature dangles and tassels with peyote beads. All items shown were beautiful individually but when seen as a group were absolutely stunning.

Martha Wood



JoAnn Haydocy



Eileen Coyne



Karen Gabriel



Pam Roederer



Barb Isle



Mary Ellen Lynch



Dale Box



Cindy Wolf's 6 color dish towels

SHOW AND TELL as reported by Martha Fine:

Dale Box



Gary Torlisner



Kay Burrows



Debra Brown



Spotlight on Study Groups

By Martha Fine

This is a new feature for our newsletter. Each month the spotlight will be shone on one of our study groups as a way for members to be aware of all the exciting, innovative and creative projects of our study groups. All study groups are open to paid members.

I took the easy route this month and am featuring the Knitting Study Group of which I am a member. We are courageously and gratefully meeting in person at Friends in Deed on the fourth Tuesday of the month 9:30-noonish.(masks are required) Friends in Deed provides a spacious, well-lit room with plenty of sturdy tables. Ample parking is available. This month six of us met and shared ideas, expertise, advice and laughter. The members present were Barbara Copeland, Jane Tempel, Sharon Anderson, Deb Melton, Barbara Ellis and myself, Martha Fine. The recent cold weather brings joy to knitters and the members had pulled out from the bottom drawers a variety of shawls, socks and other knitted accessories.

As our knitting needles flew across rows a lively discussion took place. Topics naturally covered local yarn shops and their individual attractions and deficits. It was noted that some shops do not display enough knitted items for inspiration and numerous magazines have stopped publishing paper copies preferring to go to digital formats.

As a few of the members are from the same region and they were able to discuss their favorite summertime yarn shops as well.

The members each work on their own projects but share expertise and inspiration. A few members had pulled out long term UFOs (unfinished objects) hoping to get motivation and support to “finally finish the darn things”. Deb Melton, a new member was able to get help with a shawl she had been wanting to make and I was inspired by an unfinished object of another member and went on Ravelry to look it up and found lots more by that designer and finally settled on the shawl of my dreams which I hope to show off during the September meeting.



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 – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

We are meeting in person at Friend's in Deed from 10:30 AM until 12:00, on the second Thursday of the month. Bring your own project to work on or the group projects. Details are sent out via email prior to the meeting. For more info contact Karen at karengary115@gmail.com or 520.207.0799

Braided Rug:

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

Clothing:

Meetings are the 2rd Thursdays of the month. Time 1 p.m. Contact Peggy at peg-e-su.silk@msn.com for questions.

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:

Usually meets 4th Wednesday OTM. We will celebrate the end of our season with a trip to Tubac and lunch out on March 23, 2022. An email will have details in near future. 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 - -gaboyesen1@gmail.com (720-545-7748)

Weaving:

The Weaving group usually meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.