



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

~ Looking Ahead ~

2023

Mon. April 17th: General Meeting ~ Stash Sale

**Location: Continental Plaza
Conference Room
2023**

Time: 8:30am Setup

Sale: 9:30 to 10:30am

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Summer Break May through August
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**Mon. September 18th:
General Meeting**

Time: 9:00am at CPAC



Valley Fiber Art Guild



Membership \$25/year

www.valleyfiberartguild.org

**Download an enrollment form
on our Web Site.**

~ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ~

CHALLENGE!

I hereby challenge every member of VFAG to a COLOR SMACKDOWN.

The challenge is to create anything of your choice that uses a pair of complementary colors:

Violet and Yellow
Red and Green
Blue and Orange

You may add a neutral but the majority of the piece must use the complementary color pair.

You can submit an individual piece, one you make with a partner or even a group piece made by a study group - or all of the above. You may submit as many entries as your creativity and time permit. There are no size, materials or subject guidelines - let your imagination be your guide.

I'm already thinking about violet and yellow as I see spring arrive in our beautiful desert but I know by the summer I'll be delighting in blue waters and orange sunsets and I'm sure many of you will be intrigued with creating a Christmas delight in red and green.

Entries will be shown at the VFAG general meeting on November 20, 2023. All members present will be able to vote for the "People's Choice" Award which is a gift certificate for the lucky winner.

On another note, The Flag Fiber & Wool Festival will be held June 3-4 in Flagstaff, Arizona. It will feature workshops in dyeing, tanning, spinning, knitting, weaving, felting and eco-printing. Lots of vendors, because we all love to shop and animals!

Fondly,
Martha Fine,
Acting President



**March 20, 2023 Meeting Highlights:
Knitting Study Group: SHAPES WE WEAR**





**The Knitting Study Group
mesmerized Guild members with
their various designs. Their
presentation was both informative
and inspiring.**

Thank you KSG for your presentation!



Knitting Study Group: SHAPES WE WEAR ... continued




April 17, 2023

General Meeting = STASH SALE!

It's Spring Cleaning Time
You are faced with not having made a dent in your ever growing STASH
OH, What to do????

We hear you and we have a plan for you!

Set up at 8:30am





Stash Sale Begins at 9:30am -- NO early bird sales
Location: Continental Plaza (North End); Elevator available
Conference Room Second Floor



Once a year (in April) the Guild offers members the opportunity to “de-stash” a bit. Doesn’t that sound perfect? Take a look in those closets, bins, drawers, baskets (wherever you stash away your stash). Start boxing up that fiber or fiber equipment that no longer gives you JOY and prepare to bring it to the STASH SALE on April 17th.

There will be a table space available to hold donation items. The proceeds will go directly to the Guild.

On the flip side of this ... you may find some great treasures to take home with you!

Guidelines:

-  Sell fiber, yarns, fiber related implements and your hand-made items
-  Price your items and mark clearly; you are responsible for collecting payment
-  Prepare to make change by bringing small bills and coins
-  Bring some shopping bags to pack up sold items

-  Let us know if you intend to sell; please contact Martha Fine (415.246.6234 or marthafine52@gmail.com)
-  Full tables may be limited. Please be flexible and prepare to share a table



Following the Stash Sale:

1. Business meeting with election of officers
2. Show and Share
3. Socializing over lunch. Bring a sack lunch or buy a sandwich downstairs at the little Café and eat at the tables provided in the courtyard
4. A SPECIAL DESSERT will be provided ... YUM!

🌸 March 20, 2023 Show 'n Share 🌸



Federation Fun

The Weavers West Guild from Phoenix area had a presentation funded by the Arizona Federation. Chris Action gave a talk on "The Importance of Spontaneity in Weaving." The link to Chris' presentation is below and will be available indefinitely.

<https://youtu.be/Vz7stns1nvw>

Dagmar's Movie Trivia

Some of you may remember Dagmar Munn. She says hi to everyone and shares that she's doing well! Dagmar recently watched the movie, Banshees of Inisherin, and discovered that there is an 80 year old woman who knit the sweaters worn in the movie! Check out the link below.

<https://www.craftfix.com/banshees-of-inisherin->

Greetings from the Library

The VFAG Library is closed for the summer hiatus. May you all have a productive and fibery summer and I will see you in September! (to the tune by the Happenings).

Melanie/VFAG Librarian



Membership Update

- ✿ We have 3 new members for a total of 89 Guild members! Please extend a warm welcome to our new and returning members at the April meeting
- ✿ Annual dues are \$25 for the 2023/2024 year (May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024)
- ✿ A new membership form needs to accompany your payment
- ✿ Download and print the FORM found on our website and follow the directions (<https://valleyfiberartguild.org>); you'll find this on the home page with a blue colored button
- ✿ Or visit the Membership table at the April meeting for a form and to pay the \$25 fee (cash or check)

Butterick Art!



1999 Butterick Art Description

The framed art piece titled 'House Dress' by Mary Flynn-Gillies is mounted in a hallway at a local Seattle hospital. I've tried for years to get a good picture of it and I'm hoping you can enlarge the picture to see the simple and brilliant creativity of this piece made from Butterick pattern pieces!

~ Eileen Coyne~

🌸 Weaving Study Group Challenge 🌸

This study group selected a photograph in October 2022 and challenged one another to come up with their designs by March 2023. The idea was to use the picture as inspiration while creating a woven piece. Things to consider were colors, texture and mood. The weaver was not expected to reproduce the picture.



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Minutes of the General Meeting, March 20, 2023

Meeting convened at 9:30 am after members signed in and received their name tags.

The program, given by the Valley Fiber Arts Guild Knitting Study Group began at 9:30 with tables laden with knitted shawls and wraps. The knitting group originally planned to give a program on shawls but realized that many of the items they wanted to include were not shawls at all but other types of wraps. They changed the name of their program to “The Shapes We Wear”. Each member showed a variety of items hand knit in the recent past. They showed a plethora of shapes, colors and techniques. It was very interesting to see how 2 knitters used different colorways for the same shawl pattern and how distinctive each shawl turned out.

After the presentations members were invited up to the stage to get a closer look and feel of the items.

After the break the meeting reconvened.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations - The offices of President and Secretary are now out of sync as in theory are being filled as interim positions. At the elections next month, Secretary and President will be elected for a term of only one year. These offices will then be elected for a 2 year term in 2024. Vice-President and Treasurer will be voted in for a two year term at the next general meeting.

The nominating committee announced the slate for the election at the April 17th meeting:

President - Martha Fine

Vice-President - Jo'lene Northup

Secretary - Marge Delker

Treasurer - Debra Brown

NEW BUSINESS

Members were reminded to fill out the survey for the proposed festival in Camp Verde next year.

After last month's meeting 10 members met for lunch at Arizona Family Restaurant.

As the last unofficial field trip was very enjoyable, we plan to embark on more unofficial field trips. All members are invited to submit suggestions to a member of the board for consideration.

April Boysen, treasurer, needs someone to review the books. Debi Brunner has volunteered to do so.

Marge Lind reminded members that our next program is the Stash Sale and is a great opportunity to sell off fabric, yarn, patterns, tools and anything else that would be of interest to our members.

Peggy McGaughey reminded members to pay the annual dues which are due in April for the following year.

SHOW AND SHARE

Shelley Johnson and Dale Box have had luck in their thrift shopping. Shelley found a damask tablecloth that she dyed and transformed into a lovely nightdress Dale bought a bag and found a quilt kit inside the bag that she made up into a very sweet quilted wall hanging of bird houses.

Peggy McGaughey wore a very elegant silk kimono jacket that she hand painted with floral motifs. Teamed with a white blouse and skirt she was truly ethereal. She also showed framed paintings on silk of irises and tulips. Peggy covered and embellished a cigar box with materials at hand including lots of pearls. She showed a “Tilly” doll she made as a challenge project.

Lynn Ocone found a shisha embroidered panel at White Elephant and is looking for guidance in safely laundering it. She had some eco-dyed fabric printed up by Spoonflower and gave the fabric to a friend to make up into bags.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fine

Study Groups

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

The VFAG will follow CPAC & Pima County's Guidelines for COVID precautions. Whether you decide to wear a mask or not OR to create distance, you will be respected by all.

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."

We are always looking for ideas for new study groups - please let a Board Member know of your interest.

Beading:

Beading Study Group will meet at 10:00 AM at Friends in Deed on Thursday, April 13th. We will continue to work on the Peyote Pod Necklace or peyote tubes. BSG will continue to meet during the summer. The time, date, location and project information will be in the Reminder Notice email sent to members of the group. Contact is Karen Gabriel at karengary115@gmail.com or call 520-207-0799.

Clothing:

Clothing Study Group meets the third Tuesday OTM at 9:30, Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Contact Sudie at sudie1052@gmail.com for questions.

Crochet:

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

Knitting:

The KSG meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Friends in Deed @ 9:30 am. Contact Jane Tempel at tempelj@aol.com for questions.

Kumihimo:

The Kumihimo Study Group meets the 4th Wednesday OTM at Friends in Deed at 1pm. Next meeting is April 26th. Contact: Laurie Wykoff at lawykoff@yahoo.com.

Pictures contributed by: Barb Ilse and Marge Lind

Weaving:

The Weaving study group meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. The April meeting will be the last of the season. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. All weavers are invited including Tapestry & Rigid Heddle people! Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.

Spinning:

This study group has started with strong interest. The next meeting will be on May 19th at 2pm at 300 E Paseo Chuparasos. For more information contact Sally Young - rare1alaska@gmail.com or 907.322.9264.

Newsletter Editor: Cheri Golden. Please contact Cheri with questions or suggestions - cheri-golden@comcast.net.

VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

- President Elect: Martha Fine
- Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
- Secretary: Marjorie Delker
- Treasurer: April Boysen
- Federation: Jol'ene Northrup
- Programs: Marge Lind
- Membership: Peggy McGaughey and Cindy Wolf
- Librarian: Melanie Fritz
- Webmaster: Open
- Newsletter: Cheri Golden