



Fiber News & Updates

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2023 / 2024

**General Meeting
December 11, 2023
Holiday Luncheon and
Complementary Color
Challenge Presentation &
Voting**

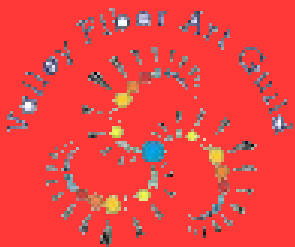
Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at:

Valley Presbyterian Church
2800 S Camino del Sol
Green Valley, AZ 85622

Come early for socializing and library browsing at 9:30am.

Meeting / programs from 10:00am – 12 Noon

Valley Fiber Art Guild



Membership \$25/year

www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Download an enrollment form from our Web Site.

President's Letter

Dear VFAG Members,

This will not be my usual presidential letter. I regret to inform you that my dear husband passed away on November 15. My family and I are heartbroken. I am making it through with the support of my precious family and valued friends. Whatever our faith, as this holiday season approaches we are given the opportunity to hold our families and friends close to us.



We are a unique community that uses the work of our hands to make beautiful things. I truly believe that by doing so we make the world warmer and safer. Beauty is a balm for our souls.

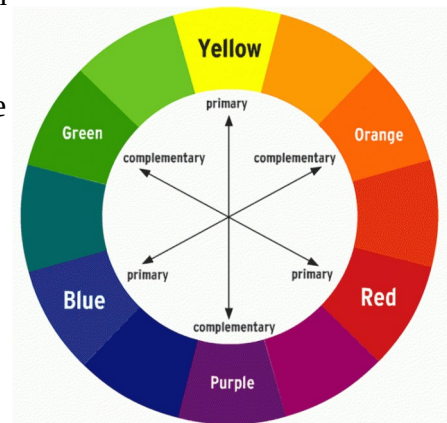
I look forward to sharing a holiday potluck with you and seeing how you may have met the President's challenge.

Please continue to make the world beautiful.

Martha Fine, President

December – Holiday Luncheon and Complementary Color Challenge Presentation & Voting

December features our holiday luncheon meeting and also the Complementary Color Challenge presentation and voting. All members present will be able to vote for the "People's Choice Award" which includes a gift certificate for the lucky winner.



Welcoming a New Study Group

PINE NEEDLE BASKETRY STUDY GROUP Green Valley Fiber Arts Guild

When: Third Thursday of the month, 9:30
Where: 271 E Paseo Churea (home of Pat Merritt)
Contact by text or email:
Pat Merritt 607-656-9795 wayoutwest18@gmail.com
Marge Delker 316-993-1768 daveandmarged@gmail.com

While there are many forms of basketry, this Study Group will focus the coiling technique to make baskets of pine needles and/or bear grass. Those who are new to the process will be provided with an initial supply kit with which to begin making their first basket. In the monthly meetings, they'll learn of resources for supplies and skill development and will have hand-on guidance in the varied techniques and stitches used in coiling.



Exhibit: Cumbi – Textiles, Society and Memory in Andean South America

Cumbi: Textiles, Society and Memory in Andean South America is a beautiful exhibit at the Tucson Museum of Art. It features some incredible and very early textiles from this region. I think this calls for a VFAG field trip, this exhibit will be in place until February 25, 2024.



November 2023 Ric Rao Indigo Dying

On November 11th and 12th, several members attended a sold out Shibori and Indigo Dying workshop with Ric Rao of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

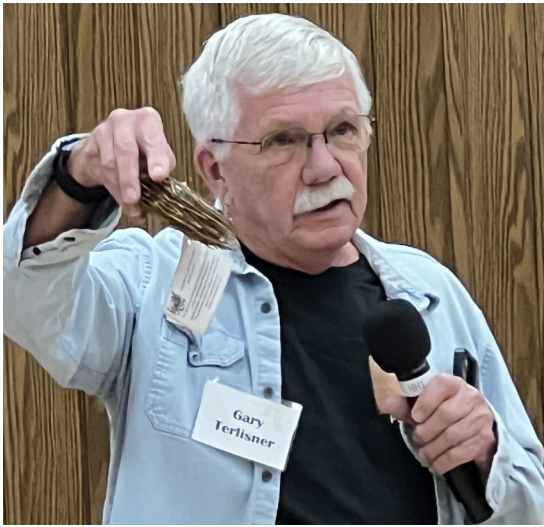


November 2023 Natural Dyeing



November 2023 Show and Share





2023 / 2024 General Meeting and Workshop Schedule

December 11, 2023	Holiday Luncheon and President's Challenge Presentation & Voting: "Complementary Color Challenge"
January 8, 2024	Handmade Sorochka Experience Debbi Brunner has been interested in ethnic embroidery for several years, not only the history but the how-to. Having taken in-person classes in the past, the opportunity to learn via Zoom opened new adventures. Debbi will do a PowerPoint program about her experience making an embroidered Ukrainian Sorochka (blouse or shirt) with a group of women from around the world.
February 12, 2024	The Color Red
March 11, 2024	Art Quilts
April 8, 2024	Member's Stash Sale

December 2023 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4 Art Quilts	5 Tapestry	6	7 Spinning	8	9	10
11 General Meeting	12	13	14 Beading	15	16	17
18 Weaving	19 Clothing	20	21 Pine Needle Basketry	22	23	24
25 Felting	26 Knitting	27 Kumihimo	28	29	30	31

See the study group information for meeting place and time.

TAG (The Art of Giving)



Since many new members have joined the Guild, a brief explanation of TAG is in order. TAG was implemented 10 years ago. Our focus is the low income elderly in the immediate area. We target our gifts to reach people just before the holidays. We work with Valley Assistance and the local Fire Department to manage and delivery the gifts.

Our gifts include home made items; shawls, scarves, hats, gloves, lap blankets, etc. These items can be knit, sewn, crocheted, woven or any craft. They also encourage toiletries, books (I (Jane) try and include a homemade bookmark) or decorative items. Please use your own imagination and experience with interaction with older people for ideas for these gifts. In addition, there are more ideas on the website.

Jane Tempel will be collecting items in the October Guild meeting as she delivers to Valley Assistance in early November.

YouTube Channel



Valley Fiber Arts Guild has a YouTube channel all our own. It is a private channel; available only to our members. Information to access then channel will be made available in the members-only password-protected section on our website.

Arizona Fiber Festival (AZFF)



April 5th – 7th, 2024. Workshop details are now posted on the Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds website. Registration is currently open for affiliate guild members and opens to the public November 20, 2023 and closes March 1, 2024. Workshops fill up quickly. Go to the Federation website at www.AZFED.org and click on Fiber Festival on the opening page. Deborah Jarchow and Carol Byrne co-chair the festival. They will be looking for volunteers so think about how you can help. Three Valley Fiber Art Guild members will be instructors. Jol'ene will have additional information as it becomes available.

Study Groups

Study groups are the heart and soul of our organization. They are vital for sharing ideas, techniques, and most of all: friendship.

The VFAG will follow 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. We are always looking for new study group ideas; please let a Board Member know of your interest. - Note: "OTM" refers to "of the month."

Beading:

Beading Study Group meets the second Thursday OTM from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Friends in Deed. We will continue to work on beaded Christmas ornaments or your own project. Group members will receive additional information via email. Please contact Karen Gabriel for updates.

Karengary115@gmail.com or 520-207-0799

Clothing:

Clothing Study Group meets the third Tuesday OTM at 9:30, Desert Hills Lutheran Church. First meeting of the season is in October. Contact Peggy McGaughey – peg-e-su.silk@msn.com or 303-241-7686 for questions.

Felting:

Felting Study Group meets the last Monday OTM from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Friends in Deed. Contact Lyndy Runyon – lyndyrnyon@gmail.com or 707-373-8584 for questions.

Knitting:

The Knitting Study Group meets the fourth Tuesday OTM, from 9:30am to 11:30am at Friends in Deed meeting room A. Contact Jane Tempel at tempelj@aol.com for questions.

Kumihimo:

The Kumihimo group meet on the fourth Wednesday OTM. Next meeting is November 22nd 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Boal room at Friends in Deed. The topic is working in a braid within a braid. We are a small but mighty group who would love to see new members. Contact: Laurie Wykoff at lawykoff@yahoo.com.

Art Quilts:

The Art Quilts Study Group meets the first Monday OTM from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Quilt Central, 701 W Ward Ln. Contact Martha Fine marthafine52@gmail.com for questions.

Pine Needle Basketry:

The Pine Needle Basketry study group meets the third Thursday OTM at 271 E Paseo Churea (home of Pat Merritt) Contact Pat Merritt 607-656-9795 wayoutwest18@gmail.com or Marge Delker 316-993-1768 daveandmarged@gmail.com

Weaving:

The Weaving study group meets the third Monday OTM at 1:00pm at a members home. All weavers are invited including Tapestry & Rigid Heddle people! Contact Ann Bont for detail – abont@comcast.net or 231-652-6275 for addition information.

Spinning:

Spinning Study Group meets the first Thursday OTM at 1:00pm at 300 E Paseo Chuparasos. For more information contact Sally Young - rare1alaska@gmail.com or 907-322-9264.

Tapestry:

The Tapestry group meets the first Tuesday OTM, 9:30am-Noon at Friends in Deed. Everyone interested is welcome, beginners to advanced. Group leaders are April Boysen and Debra Brown. Contact Debra Brown at debrabrown15@icloud.com or 520-372-2075 for questions.

Newsletter Editor:

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

VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

- President: Martha Fine
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- Federation: Jol'ene Northrup
- Programs: Debbie Brunner
- Membership: Peggy McGaughey and Cindy Wolf
- Librarian: Melanie Fritz
- Webmaster: Open
- Newsletter: Cheri Golden

Member Advertisements

FOR SALE

Majacraft Little Gem spinning wheel for sale. Has several bobbins, plying head and bobbin and a carry case. \$950. It's a neat little wheel, but I don't need as many wheels as I have. Also have a Spinolution spinning chair for \$250. Sally Young 907-322-9264.

WORKSHOPS

SOUTHWEST CORNER will be offering classes in Four Harness Weaving, Basketry, Beading, Inkle Weaving and a variety of Spinning workshops with the SPINNING RODEO finale at the end of February. Go to WWW.COTTONSPINNING.COM for more details and to download details and registration forms.

THE **CALENDAR** IN WWW.COTTONSPINNING.COM WILL GIVE YOU LINKS TO ALL THE FIBER ART WORKSHOPS IN TUCSON AND NEIGHBORING AREA.



DANDOY RETREAT

Monday, April 15 - Thursday, April 18, 2024

Happy knitting and crocheting!

DanDoh Style

- No shaping
- Easy to knit
- Adjustable length/width/sleeves
- Make your own style

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New Retreat Date: Monday, April 15 - Thursday, April 18, 2024

We're all about community.

Immerse yourself for two and a half days into the world of DanDoh, including lectures, a Mystery Knit Along, a Pop Up Shop, knitting, food, beverages, more knitting, reuniting with old friends, making new friends, sharing ideas and techniques, learning, (did I say knitting?) and building community, all within a very relaxed, informal atmosphere.

RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENED MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 AT 9:00 AM MST

Visit www.dandoh.com, select more, and select retreat to register.

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