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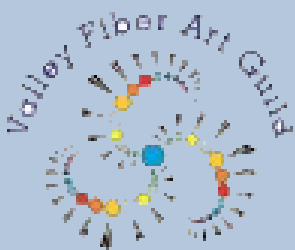
General Meeting
January 8, 2024
Handmade Sorochka
Experience

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,

I usually start the new year refreshed and in an optimistic frame of mind. But as 2024 starts with no resolution to the war in the Ukraine and the terrible suffering in Israel and Gaza, unprecedented contentiousness in politics the terrible rise of antisemitism and other acts of hate and the looming threat of global climate crisis all I want to do is shut myself off in my workspace with loud rock and roll music and even louder sewing machines. Fiber, fabric, drawing paper and sewing machines are my refuge and escape. Is it wrong to want to escape or is it an act of self-care for my mental well-being?



One of my favorite ways to escape is to look at photos the amazing telescopes send us from deep space. The flow of colors (yes, I know they are colorized) forms and light amaze and enthrall me. I imagine far off worlds of beauty and harmony. I am delighted by the forms and movement of nebulae, black holes, galaxies and star clusters. Come along with me this year on a journey of the imagination to infuse our creations with the mystery, beauty and infinite possibilities of the universe. I am hoping to capture the spirit of mystery, color and movement of the universe in my knitting and quilting projects this year. Planning them, causing them to manifest in the world with the help of this wonderful community of ours will be my antidote to the cruelty of our times.

Please continue to make the world beautiful.

Martha Fine, President

A Handmade Ukrainian Sorochka

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.

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.



December 2023 Complementary Color Challenge

The December meeting featured the president's complementary color challenge.



Laura Hayden



Jol'ene Northup



Martha Fine



Martha Fine (interior detail)



Peggy McGaufhey



Beading Study Group



Audrey Wolter



Barbara Copeland



Debra Brown



Fran Lunnery



Gary Terlisner



Sarah Kochanowski



Karen Gabriel



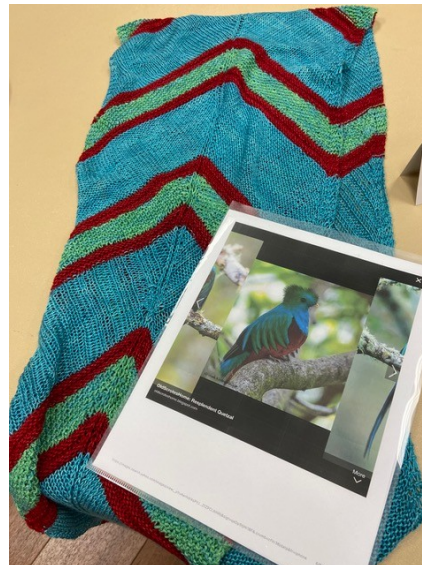
Phyllenore Howard



Sue Miller



Laura Deer



Jane Tempel



Lynn Swan

2023 / 2024 General Meeting and Workshop Schedule

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February 12, 2024	The Color Red
March 11, 2024	Art Quilts
April 8, 2024	Member's Stash Sale

January 2024 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

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

See the study group information for meeting place and time.

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.

Valley Fiber Guild

Minutes of the General Meeting December 11, 2023

The meeting started at 10 AM by Martha Fine, President. The business meeting was held first with reports by board members.

Jol'ene Northup reported on the AZ Federation Fiber Arts Festival and asked that if people had Facebook or Instagram accounts to contact her and she will forward a flyer to put on their Facebook accounts. She also said she needs two more people to help with the raffle basket and that sign up sheets were in the back of the room.

Treasury: Debra Brown stated the balance of our account is \$7913.59

Membership: Peggy McGaughey reported we have 79 members as of today.

Library: Melanie Fritz said the library was being utilized a lot.

Program Chair: Debbi Brunner asked the group if there was interest in Saori Weaving taught by Mihoko Wakabayashi as she will be in the area in January teaching at Viola Joe's.

She also asked if the guild would be interested in a rug twining class that would be \$25. per person and consist of 3 sessions. The looms would be provided for the workshop and the class would be limited to 12 people. With a show of hands it appeared there was interest in this workshop.

Debbi talked about next month's meeting where she will have a power point presentation and talk about her Handmade Sorochka Experience. She explained that she took this class via zoom and used a grant given to her by the VFAG. She explained the grant forms are listed on the website under Board Information and titled: Continuing Education Fund Policies and Application.

The program for the meeting was the President's Challenge where members brought in their projects using complimentary colors. Debbi explained how the blind vote was going to work and the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

The members had time to look at all the projects and vote. The board supplied muffins, coffee, and tea for the members.

There were 17 challenge entries and while the votes were being counted each participant spoke about their piece.

1. Laura Hayden: tartan scarf out of cotton
2. Jol'ene Northup: scarf out of tencel showing 3 different color ways using the same warp
3. Martha Fine: large purple suede bag with yellow flower fabric and lots of compartments
4. Peggy McGaughey: necklace with hand done embellishments

5. Beading Study Group: Christmas ornaments with bead decorations in a variety of colors
6. Audrey Wolter: tapestry using gradations of color
7. Barbara Copeland: Shawl using a Roman Villa pattern
8. Debra Brown: kawandi quilt with appliqué
9. Fran Lunnery: Christmas skirt with 48 pieces using a Sweet Pea pattern
10. Gary Terlisner: woven red and green table runner using 10/2 cotton
11. Sarah Kochanowski: art quilt using fused glass pieces and other handmade embellishments
12. Karen Gabriel: knitted afgan
13. Phyllenore Howard: woven coasters
14. Sue Miller: hooked rug with a tiger design drawn by her granddaughter
15. Laura Deer: 2 different knit hats
16. Jane Tempel: knit shawl inspired by birds of Costa Rica
17. Lynn Swan: necklace using silk cocoons, wool felt balls, and other embellishments

There was a 3 way tie for second place between Laura Hayden, Gary Terlisner, and Barbara Copeland. They drew numbers out of a bag to determine second place. Barbara Copeland was the winner and received a \$20. gift certificate to Viola Joe's.

First place was awarded to Laura Deer and she received a \$30. gift certificate to Viola Joe's.

Martha asked if any new information on Study Groups and the group leaders gave out the dates and times when they were meeting and if any changes. Martha then said we can expect the next challenge to be " The Space Time Continuum " with more information to follow.

The meeting was adjourned and members were invited to go to lunch at the Coyote Grill.

Submitted by Debra Brown

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 second Tuesday OTM at 9:30, Desert Hills Lutheran Church. 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
- Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
- Secretary: Marjorie Delker
- Treasurer: Debra Brown
- 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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