



# Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

## 2024 / 2025 Season

General Meeting  
September 9, 2024

'What I Did This  
Summer'  
Show & Share

bring up to three of  
your favorite things  
created over the  
summer hiatus.

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

2800 S Camino del Sol  
Green Valley, AZ 85622

Meeting / programs from  
10:00am - 12 Noon

Come early to socialize  
at 9:30am.

VFAG Membership  
\$25/year

[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

Registration Form on last  
page of the Newsletter

Dues are due April 30<sup>th</sup>  
each year

## President's Letter ~ September 2024

Dear Members

### IN-GATHERING

Welcome back! It has been a long hot summer and I am thrilled to be back with you all. We have a fabulous season of programs and workshops to inspire you, spark creativity and to learn new skills.



I hope you all had the opportunity to explore and enjoy your creativity. Summer (and retirement) opens wide the doors of opportunity to revel in skill building and creative exploration. Share what you have learned and let us admire each other's accomplishments.

So join the in-gathering of our local fiber lovers. Be inspired, find old friends, make new ones and get-ready for an exciting season that honors traditions while expanding the boundaries of fiber arts.

Martha

### We received this email note from a young fiber enthusiast's grandmother.

Hi! I hope you're doing well! My granddaughter, Emma, and I wanted to get in touch to thank the Valley Fiber Art Guild for being such a great help with her Textile Artist Badge for Girl Scouts. While doing research to meet badge requirements, we came across your page, <https://valleyfiberartguild.org/links> and found it to be a great source of information. Thank you so much!!

Emma and Annie Pruitt

## September 9th, 2024 Program

### *‘What I Did This Summer’*

It has been a tradition of the guild for members to Show & Share things they created over our summer hiatus. Whether it be the result of a class or self-study, a whim or a grand plan, we want to see it. Of course we all want to share everything but as you know we only have so much time at the meetings, so we ask you to bring up to three of your favorite things and show them. Share what inspired you to create them in a short presentation. You are the program, let's inspire each other!

### A Special Note from Jane Tempel

#### The Art of Giving (TAG)

I hope all had a great summer. I'm excited to return to Green Valley and reconnect with all the talented people in the Fiber Arts Guild.

For those of you who are new to the Guild, TAG is a charity that targets the low income (mostly elderly) in the area. We work with Valley Assistance and the Firemen during the holidays to provide useful and fun gifts in December. All gifts are welcome. Especially appreciated are hand made items, e.g. scarves, shawls, gloves, hats, lap blankets. Also appreciated are books and toiletries. I think of my Grandmother and Mother and the things they loved as gifts to guide my choices.

I will be collecting gifts at the October and November meetings.

Thank you

Jane Tempel

## *What do they do in that Study Group???*

KUMIHIMO Study Group by Laurie Wykoff

Kumihimo is traditional Japanese braiding. The techniques go back centuries in Japan but the heyday was in the time of the Samurai warrior. The name of the technique refers to the resulting braid and the combing of fibers. It can be used for decorative items but in our case, we use it to make jewelry.

The supplies for this are a braiding disk, bobbins, scissors, glue, a center weight, C Lon, S Lon cord or embroidery floss. Kits with the beginning items are available on line or i lock beading stores.

Our group has been experimenting with other fibers to vary the effects of the finished product. Our group meets at Friends in Deed fro 1–3 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from September thru April. We welcome experienced and beginning crafters.

Our 2024–2025 dates are 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18, 1/5, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16.

Thank you to Laurie for the information. We will feature more Study Groups in the newsletter, but you can contact any of the Coordinators listed for each with questions any time you want more information.

Check the Study Group section of the newsletter or go to:

**[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)**

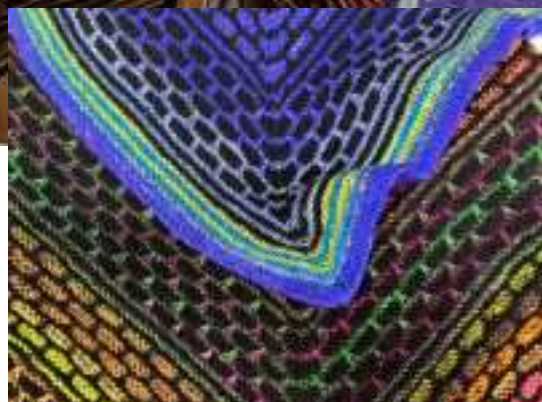




## *April 2024 Show & Share*







## From the library

Greetings and welcome back, fiber enthusiasts!

The library will be open and ready for business at our September meeting. There are plenty of new magazines that have arrived over the summer, including issues of Handwoven, Spin Off, Threads, Ply and Fiber Arts.

Also, there are several new titles that have been added to the library collection. They are: "A Perfect Red" by Amy Butler Greenfield, "Red: The History of a Color" by Michel Pastoureau, and "Weaving Shaker Rugs" by Mary Elva Congleton Erf.

Per VFAG library policy, you must be a current dues paid member for the 2024/25 year to check out materials.

I hope to see you soon!

Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian

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## A note from our Membership Committee VFAG has 102 members!

DUES, DUES, DUES!!! Sometimes there is some confusion about when dues **DUE**. Dues for the 2024–25 upcoming guild season were due by APRIL 30th and are considered delinquent after JUNE 1st. It can be an easy thing to forget so why not just take care of it soon? Forms can be printed up from the guild website and mailed in or visit the membership table during a meeting and fill one out there (save a stamp!). Checks are accepted, or cash (exact change is appreciated). Thank you! What could be easier?! We've included a membership form you can print from this newsletter for your convenience: print page 11

## Did you know? We have a 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.



## April Stash Sale Memories



## **Valley Fiber Art Guild Minutes of the General Meeting, April 8, 2024**

### **PROGRAM**

The April Stash Sale was the event of the meeting with a dozen members having items displayed for sale. Each vendor was requested to provide 10% of their sales to help fund future Guild events.

### **BUSINESS**

The General Meeting was called to order at 11:00 and the minutes of the March General Meeting were approved as written.

#### **I. Election of Officers**

The slate of officers to be voted on were Martha Fine for President and Marge Delker for Secretary. Jol'ene Northup called for additional nominations from the floor. None were offered. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate officers which was approved unanimously. These officers will serve a two year term.

#### **II. President's Report**

1) Arizona Federation Fiber Arts Festival – Martha Fine reported on her experience at the Arizona Fiber Festival at Camp Verde last weekend. The organizers are planning on having the festival every two years. Our Guild's contributions of needle cases and the raffle basket were well received.

2) Study Groups – If any of the Study Groups plan to continuing to meet during the summer, Martha asked that they let her know.

3) Flagstaff Wool and Fiber Festival – Martha gave a brief description of the Wool and Fiber Festival that will take place on June 1st and 2nd. She is considering going and suggested that interested members contact her so plans for carpooling and sharing expenses could be made if desired. Further information is available on the web: <http://www.flagwool.com/about.html#/>

#### **III. Continuing Education Report**

1) Jol'ene reported that the Arizona Federation has opened up the Federation to an extended variety of fiber arts groups and have accepted the Basket Guild from Carefree. The Traveling Teachers Program is being revitalized and it can help fund skilled teachers to provide workshops for Arizona Guilds. They are seeking input from local guilds about what kind of learning experiences and related instructors would be desired. Jol'ene has requested that Study Groups forward suggestions to her. Asking how many members would be interested in attending a workshop provided through



Traveling Teachers, the response was highly positive. Asking specifically about a Mixed Media Workshop, the response was also high.

2) Jol'ene announced that a member has been approved for funding from the Guild Education Fund for a zoom course on mixed media. A condition for approval includes that the recipient will then shares what has been learned with the Guild.

#### IV. Program and Workshop Committee Report

Debbi Brunner reported that the theme of next year's programs will be Mixed Media. Programs will relate to a wide array of interest including a Felting Workshop in the fall and three classes with Ric Rao : Double Walled Cherokee Basketry, Indigo Dyeing and Colcha Embroidery. Classes registration will begin in September with descriptions being provided in the Newsletter. The September program will feature "What I Did Last Summer" presented by members.

#### V. President's Challenge

Martha reminded that the President's Challenge for next year is 'The Space/Time Continuum' with members' entries being presented at the December meeting.

#### VI. Membership Report

Cindy Wolf announced that there are now 105 members and that 8 guests were present at this meeting.

#### VII. Announcements

Annelle Holzman announced that the Felting Study Group's class on stained-glass felting has been changed to April 24th from 12:00–3:00 at Friends in Deed.

#### VIII. Show and Share

Jane Tempel showed two triangular shawls which she knitted with urth wool.

Dianne Ruch showed two of her quilts featuring the flying geese motif using fabrics of family significance.

Dale Box shared her mixed media art quilt piece and an appliquéd fabric picture that she'd done at a workshop.

Frances Lunney showed her felted bunny figurine that she'd made in the Felting Study Group's workshop. She also modeled a wrap which she'd knitted.

Martha Fine showed a large, round art quilt that she made for a table covering.

Peggy McGaughey modeled a painted silk wrap that she created and said she may offer a class on silk painting at some point next year.

Respectfully submitted, Marge Delker, Secretary

# Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Up Coming Events

|                   |                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| September 9, 2024 | What I Did This Summer Show & Share            |
| September 9, 2024 | General Meeting                                |
| October 14, 2024  | History of Hats with Lyndy Runon & Martha Fine |

## September 2024 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

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



## VFAG 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."

### 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](mailto:marthafine52@gmail.com) for questions.

### Basketry:

The 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](mailto:wayoutwest18@gmail.com) or Marge Delker 316-993-1768 [daveandmarged@gmail.com](mailto:daveandmarged@gmail.com)

### Beading:

Beading Study Group meets the second Thursday OTM from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Friends in Deed. Please contact Karen Gabriel at [Karengary115@gmail.com](mailto:Karengary115@gmail.com) or 520-207-0799 for questions.

### Clothing:

Will have first meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. At Peggy McGaughey's home, 581 W. Links Lane, Green Valley. We will be discussing if and when we want to continue our group in the future. Please attend to help us continue. Contact Peggy McGaughey [peg-e-su.silk@msn.com](mailto:peg-e-su.silk@msn.com) or 303-241-7686

### Embroidery:

The Embroidery Study Group will meet September 19th 1-3 p.m. at Peggy McGaughey's home, 581 W. Links Lane, Green Valley 303-241-7686. Please bring something to work on and any project you have finished. Contact Peggy McGaughey [peg-e-su.silk@msn.com](mailto:peg-e-su.silk@msn.com) or 303-241-7686 for questions.

### Felting:

Felting Study Group meets the last Monday of each month at the home of Lyndy Runyon's 477 E Paseo Chuparasas, GV. Contact: [lyndyrnyon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tempelj@aol.com) for questions.

### Kumihimo:

The Kumihimo group meet on the fourth Wednesday OTM. 1-3pm at Friends in Deed. We are a small but mighty group who would love to see new members. Contact: Laurie Wykoff at [lawykoff@yahoo.com](mailto:lawykoff@yahoo.com).

### Rug Braiding:

By appointment with Gretchen Ramsey  
Contact Gretchen ~ [grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net)

**Spinning:**

Spinning Study Group will meet the first Saturday OTM at 9:30am~ 12noon. September ~ December. We plan to return to 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday OTM in January.

Contact Debbi Brunner [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com) or Lyndy Runyon [lyndyrnyon@gmail.com](mailto:lyndyrnyon@gmail.com)

Spinning study group meets in members homes New spinners are welcome and we have spindles and wheels for members to borrow.

**Tapestry:**

The Tapestry group meets the first Tuesday OTM, 9:30am–11:30am at Friends in Deed. October 1 will be our first meeting of the season. Everyone interested is welcome, beginners to advanced.

Group Leaders are April Boysen and Debra Brown.

Contact Debra Brown with questions at

[debrabrown15@icloud.com](mailto:debrabrown15@icloud.com)

**Weaving:** 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](mailto:abont@comcast.net) or 231-652-6275 for addition information.

- **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/Workshops: Debbi Brunner
- Membership: Nancy Gould and Cindy Wolf
- Librarian: Melanie Fritz
- Webmaster: Tom Brunner
- Newsletter: Debbi Brunner

**Newsletter Editor:**

Debbi Brunner, Please contact Debbi with questions or suggestions – [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

Please note: The deadline for submission is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the Monthly Newsletter. Dead line for the October Newsletter is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your consideration.

*Debbi*

The 2024–25 Program & Workshop committee has a plethora of great workshops and classes in the coming months. You can read full information on our website, [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org) take full advantage of your membership. Enjoy interesting programs each month and sign up for a classes, learn something new.

We've included a Registration Form in the newsletter to print.

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Please note: Workshop/Class registrations fees are non-refundable, if for some reason you are unable to take the workshop or class it is possible to find someone who would like to take the class. We sometimes have wait lists. We will make every effort to help you find a replacement. Thank you for your consideration.



## ***‘Creative Hat Workshop’***

with Lyndy Runyon

Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 9am ~ 3:30pm

Valley Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Create a fun felt hat to wear in the cold of winter, for yourself or a perfect Christmas or Holiday gift. You will choose a pre-cut hat shaped resist and learn to layer wool, silk and some novelty fibers in a variety of directions to better understand "directional" felting. The process will create a strong and flexible fabric. The day will be fun, creative and allow each participant to complete a colorful wool hat for you or someone special.

Limit 8 students

Class cost: \$70. Materials fee: \$30–40 depending on students selection of fibers

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## ***‘Colcha Embroidery Class’***

with Ric Rao

Tuesday November 12, 2024 9am ~ 3pm

Valley Presbyterian Church Room #1



Colcha Embroidery is a folk art characteristic of Northern New Mexico’s Spanish Colonial History. Traditional Colcha Embroidery is done on a woven woolen cloth from Navajo Churro sheep called Sabanilla

or little sheets since it’s only 24 to 30 inches wide. The yarns for the embroidery are hand spun N. Churro yarns that are dyed with natural dyes. For this class we will be stitching on a cotton cloth called Osnaburg with commercial yarns. The pattern is a traditional colcha embroidery flower which will give us the opportunity to do the stitches in different directions which makes for a more interesting finished piece. A Kit will be provided with all material necessary and a copy of the Colcha Embroidery Handbook from the Sandia Chapter, Embroiderers Guild Of America. Limit 12 students

Class Fee: \$72. including materials and book \*please bring small scissors

## ***‘Shibori and Indigo Workshop’***

***with Ric Rao***

Wednesday November 13, 2024    9am ~ 3pm  
Canoa Ranch Golf Resort Meeting Room



Ric Rao of Las Cruces, New Mexico will share his love of Indigo dyeing with us so we are excited he is able to offer this opportunity to our members. Ric will show his samples as you prepare fabrics for the Indigo vat, teaching you how to wrap and tie fabrics on a pipe and folding techniques to create different designs. He will also explain how the dye vat is created and guide you through the dyeing process. The Shibori~Dyeing is wonderful on natural fabrics such as cotton, linen, and silk. Yarns of the same fibers and wool. This will be an opportunity to create samples that may be combined in a collage, accessory or garment. Ric will provide a silk scarf to Shibori/Indigo dye as part of the class fee. See supply list, on the website to download, for additional things to dye.

Class fee: \$68.    Limit 12 students

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***But wait! There's more.....***



## ***‘Double Walled Basket Workshop’***

with Ric Rao

Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2024     9am ~ 1pm  
Valley Presbyterian Church Room #1

Ric will teach the Double Wall basket technique, as you create a sturdy style basket that can be eventually woven in any size. Students will make a small basket during the morning, all materials are included. Students should bring heavy duty scissors, a dish pan for soaking reeds, towels and 2-3 clothes pins and a sense of adventure. Wear comfortable clothes and enjoy a chance to gain the knowledge to make many more baskets. Suitable for beginners. Class Fee \$68.     Limit 10 student



## ***‘Twined Rag Rug Technique’***

with Yvonne Steinbring

Fridays January 17, 24, 31, 2025  
9:30am ~ 12noon

Valley Presbyterian Church, Room 1

Class participants will weave a placemat size project using strips of fabric on a frame loom. Learn to prepare the fabric, warp the loom, basic twinning technique, adding strips to weave and finish the weaving. Looms and warp will be provided. Participants should

bring a sewing shears to the first class. Yvonne will bring samples of her work and talk about the class at the October general meeting. During the first class Yvonne talk about the fabric choices and quantities before you actually bring weaving fabric for the project. You have the use of a loom to finish your project.

Limit 12 students     Class Fee: \$40.



**Workshop Registration Form**

*To reserve a seat in a Workshop, tuition must be paid in full at registration.*

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one

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VFA Guild Member

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I am not a Member of the VFA Guild

| Workshop | Instructor | Date | Amount |
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Total tuition amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed Registration Form  
and your check payable to 'VFA Guild' for the full tuition amount to:

Debbi Brunner,  
1692 W. Corte de Cajamarca  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629  
520-631-9908  
[misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

Please include instructor's name on check memo line

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Your name

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City/State/Zip

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Phone

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Email

## **2024 Programs**

September ~ What I Did This Summer  
October ~ The History of Hats with Lyndy Runyon and Martha Fine  
November ~ The Art of Colcha Embroidery with Ric Rao  
December ~ Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

## **2025 Programs**

January ~ The Weaving Study Group  
February ~ Off the Reservation with Judy Tracey of Tucson Museum of Art  
March ~ Surprise!  
April Stash Sale & Dessert

## **More Workshops & Classes 2025**

February ~ Create a Painted Leather Parfleche with Debbi Brunner  
March ~ Eco Dyeing with Merry Warner

registration for these classes will be available in November 2024

The Program & Workshop committee is seeking individual guild members interested in teaching or presenting a program. We have so much talent within the guild able to broaden our knowledge, please consider sharing your talents with your fellow members. You may send your ideas to Debbi Brunner via email, post or slip a note during a guild meeting.

Let's explore!

Class fees are determined by the instructor ~ Program stipend is \$100  
1692 W Corte de Cajamarca, Sahuarita, AZ 85629 email: [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)



**Valley Fiber Guild Budget 2024 - 2025**

May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

**Income**

|                       |           |         |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Membership Dues       | 100 x 25. | 2500.00 |
| Stash Sale            |           | 150.00  |
| Raffle/Silent Auction |           | 150.00  |
| Library               |           | 20.00   |
| Workshop Income       |           | 0       |
|                       |           | 2820    |

**Expenses**

|                       |                      |         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Rent for Church       | 7 months x \$85.     | 595.00  |
| Rent at Continental   | 1 month x \$50.      | 50.00   |
| AZ Federation Dues    |                      | 100.00  |
| Insurance             |                      | 417.00  |
| Library Fund          |                      | 500.00  |
| Programs              |                      | 800.00  |
| Printing/Supplies     |                      | 200.00  |
| Website               | Due 3/3/2025 (2 yrs) | 311.76  |
| Art in the Park Booth |                      | 120.00  |
| Misc                  |                      | 150.00  |
| Workshop Expense      |                      | 0       |
|                       |                      | 3243.76 |

**Funds**

|                      |  |         |
|----------------------|--|---------|
| Continuing Education |  | 1244.00 |
|                      |  |         |
|                      |  | 1244.00 |

## Valley Fiber Art Guild Membership Form

The Guild extends a welcome to anyone with an interest in Fiber Arts. Valley Fiber Art Guild dues are \$25 for the membership year, May 1st through April 30th and are due in April and shall be delinquent after June 1.

THERE ARE NO PRO-RATED DUES \_\_\_\_\_ Please initial

Please print and send this membership form with your check payable to Valley Fiber Art Guild for \$25 to:

VFAG Membership ~ Nancy Gould, 902 W Mountain Stone Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

The following information is exclusively for publication in the membership roster. PLEASE print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full time resident \_\_\_\_\_ Part time resident \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing member \_\_\_\_\_ New member \_\_\_\_\_

The following policy applies to all members of the Valley Fiber Art Guild (VFAG) who include but are limited to members, study group attendees, workshop attendees, and visitors. The VFAG reserves the right to modify its privacy policy at any time. You can be assured that any information you share with us will be treated confidentially. Information gathered will be used to further serve VFAG members and their future needs. Attendee agrees to hold VFAG harmless from any and all claims, demands, lawsuits, liability damages, loss cost, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature which arise out of a result from attending or participating in a VFAG sponsored event whether or not foreseeable, including and without limitations, personal injuries to the attendee.

Signed in agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of signer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_