



# Fiber News & Updates

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

2023 / 2024

General Meeting

March 11, 2024

Deb Deaton ~ Art Quilts

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

2800 S Camino del Sol  
Green Valley, AZ 85622

**Important: The March meeting will be held in the upstairs meeting room at the Continental Mall**

Come early for socializing at 9:30am.

Please see important Library news on Page 11!

Meeting / programs from 10:00am - 12 Noon

VFAG Membership \$25/year

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

Download an enrollment form from our Web Site.

## President's Letter

Dear VFAG Members,

### LET'S COLOR OUTSIDE THE LINES

This time of year is chock full of quilting events and shows as so many snowbirds are here for our lovely weather. In the last few months I have attended quilt shows in

California and Arizona. I always look for trends to see what new directions this art form is taking. What started as a utilitarian way to not waste valuable fabric then developed into "country" style of repetitive blocks and motifs, finally morphing into artistic expression. The last show I attended identified original designs both in the piecing of the quilt and also in the stitching that holds the quilts together. It has taken a long time for women artists to be recognized as such in fine arts and in differentiating fine art from decorative arts. I laud the Tucson Quilt Guild for focusing on original and unique works and giving credit to the people who made them. I hope the time of differentiating decorative arts from fine art and giving artist status to the makers has finally arrived.

Martha Fine, President

### ART QUILTS March 11

Deb Deaton, our guest speaker for March is an award winning art quilter. She has shown and won awards at all of the major American quilt shows. She has developed unique techniques to make her quilts landscape and portrait quilts come alive. She will be speaking to us specifically on what makes a quilt and "art quilt" and how she accomplishes her artistic vision. Even if you have never made a quilt, her aesthetic, use of multimedia and techniques are fascinating to hear and her quilts are a marvel to see.



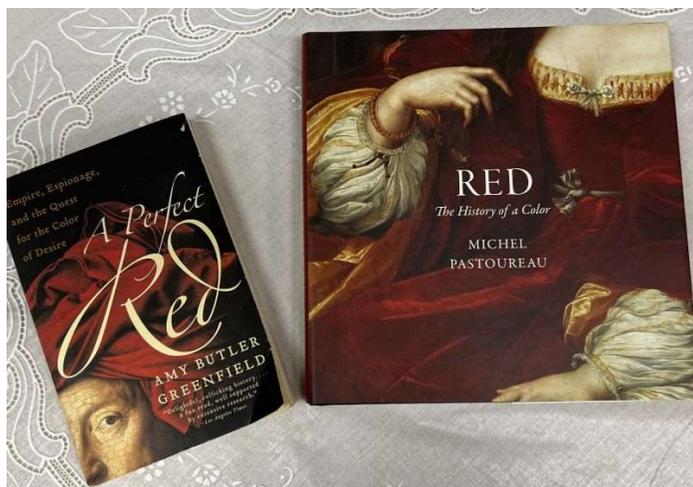
## February 12, 2024 Program

‘*The Color Red*’ by Diane Foray

a Tucson Museum of Art Docent

### Introducing a Perfect Red

- Who:** Cochineal (an insect)
- What:** Cochineal produces a powerful red dyestuff which changed the world
- Where:** Grown in Mesoamerica (Mexico) found fame in Europe
- When:** Beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> century
- Why:** For the **LOVE OF RED**



Top Left: Cochineal Facts

Above Right: Diane and her beautiful rug dyed with myriad shades of natural cochineal red. The rug purchase on a trip in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Bottom Left: Two books donated to the VFAG Library by Martha Fine.

### Lyndy Runyon and Jol’ene Northrup ~ Tubac Artists Open House

March 8–10 at 477 E. Paseo Chuparosas in GV. Showing felting, bead work and modern day tatting.

### Arizona Fiber Festival (AZFF) Basket

The festival is fast approaching and the Guild is providing a Raffle Basket and has requested that each Study Group provide an item. Please bring your items to the March meeting.

### 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.

# IMPORTANT: March Meeting at the Continental Mall

The march meeting will be in meeting room upstairs in the northwest corner of the Continental Mall. Please note this in your calendars. Deb Deaton will present

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## A note from our Membership Committee VFAG has 98 members!

DUES, DUES, DUES!!! Sometimes there is some confusion about when dues are, well, **DUE**. Dues for the 2024–25 upcoming guild season are 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!

# Arizona Fiber Festival (AZFF) – April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>



**Last Chance!** Join Valley Fiber Arts Guild members at the Arizona Fiber Festival. Several of our members will be workshop instructors. **Registration closes March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

Workshop details are posted on [www.AZFED.org](http://www.AZFED.org) then click on Fiber Festival on the opening page.

If you have the time between your workshops and shopping please consider volunteering. Opportunities can be found on the AZFED.org website.

If you aren't taking a class you can still participate! Come for a day or two and enjoy the vendors and demonstrations. Camp Verde is a beautiful area to explore.

The **Arizona Fiber Festival** announces that the **Comfort Inn Camp Verde I-17** is offering a very special rate of **\$108.00+taxes/night** from April 4-8, 2024 for attendees of the festival. The block of rooms is all double queen rooms, perfect for sharing. But you must book your reservation by March 25, 2024 to get this special rate. To book your room call the Comfort Inn Camp Verde at 928-567-9000 directly and refer to Arizona Fiber Festival. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card and if a cancellation is necessary, it must be made 48 hours prior to your arrival date. If you have already made a reservation at the Comfort Inn at a higher room rate, you need to cancel that reservation and make a new reservation at the \$108.00 rate. The address of the Comfort Inn Camp Verde is 340 N. Goswick Way, Camp Verde, AZ 86322



Kantha Embroidery



Shibori Dyeing



Kumihimo



APRIL 5-7, 2024 • Camp Verde  
Workshops • Vendors • Guild Displays

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

STILL OPENINGS IN THESE  
AND OTHER WORKSHOPS

**REGISTER NOW!**



Wet & Needle Felting



Teneriffe Gourd Weaving



Spinning Dyed Top



Viking Knit



**Valley Fiber Arts Guild**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting, February 12, 2024**

**PROGRAM**

The Color Red

Diane Foray, a docent from the Tucson Museum of Art, explored the influence of the cochineal based color of red in art and textiles on cultures, trade, intrigue and fortunes throughout history.

**BUSINESS**

The General Meeting was called to order at 10:45.

President's Report – Martha Fine

1) Two books were donated to the Library related to The Color Red :

A Perfect Red – Empire, Espionage, and the Quest for the Color of Desire by Amy Greenfield

RED – The History of a Color by Michel Pastoureau

2) The Tucson Museum of Art has a current exhibit of “Cumbi – Textiles, Society and Memory in Andean South America” which some Guild members attended.

3) The offices of president and secretary are open on the board of the Guild this year. Members are encouraged to consider running for these offices. The slate of officers will be presented at the March meeting and the election will be in April.

4) There is a need for a new WebMaster to manage our webpage as Cheri Golden has announced that she and her husband are no longer able to serve in that capacity. This is our important communication channel and there is a need for members with some technology skills to consider filling this need.

5) The March 11th general meeting will be at the Continental Plaza in the upstairs meeting room (northeast corner). The speaker will be Deb Deaton who will talk about art quilts. Afterwards, members can meet for lunch at Mama's Kitchen across the plaza.

6) An Email Blast reminder about the general meeting was sent to all members. If any member didn't get one, they should email Martha so she can amend her list. [marthafine52@gmail.com](mailto:marthafine52@gmail.com)

7) Marge Lind is experiencing serious health issues and a card was passed around to send to her.

8) Martha will continue to explore a field trip to Caywood Farms which offers tours of their cotton farming operation near Casa Grande.

9) The Tucson Quilt Fiesta is being held at the Fairgrounds on Houghton at the end of this month.

10) Study Groups need to review and update their information on the webpage.

11) April's meeting will be our Stash Sale. Sellers will be asked to donate 10% of their intake to the guild to help fund activities and projects.

## REPORTS

Vice President – Jol'ene Northup

Information about the Arizona Fiber Festival is set for April 5–7, 2024, at Camp Verde, AZ, was given. The Arizona Fiber Festival's webpage contains detailed information : <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/> There is a need for volunteers so members are asked to make their willingness known.

VFAG is donating 150 felt needle cases that will be put in Goodie bags. The Basket Study Group has provided a large gourd basket that will be filled with fiber arts items donated by other Study Groups. The baskets will be raffled at the Festival.

Treasurer – Debra Brown

The current balance is \$7,621 and today's new memberships will add to that amount.

Membership – Cindy Wolf

The current membership is 95.

Library – Melanie Fritz

All items checked out today are due back in April since the March meeting will not be at the regular meeting place. The CD and DVD items will be purged in April and will be available for sale. If members have donations, those can also be sold in April.

Program / Workshops – Debbi Brunner

Deb Deaton will do a presentation on Art Quilts in March at the Continental Plaza.

Debbie asked for members to contact her with ideas and requests for workshops.

One opportunity being considered is a twined rug project by Yvonne Steinbring. This would be in three half-day segments in which she will provide the needed materials including looms and warp. The fee would be \$25. To assess interest, a signup sheet was provided.

## **STUDY GROUPS**

Clothing Group – Peggy McGaughey

They are continuing work on a vest project and will also be learning how to make pins by sewing beads on a background. The Embroidery Group, a new group, will meet on Thursday of this week at Friends in Deed.

Weaving Group– Ann Bont

The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at Ann's home.

Felt Group – Lyndy Runyon

Last month the group make felted lace. The February meeting will be at Friends in Deed and feature making a small felted market purse. The March meeting will feature needle felted bunnies. April's project be on the on the 23rd at Lyndy's home and will be stained glass themed.

Knitting Group – Jane Tempel

The meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Friends in Deed.

Beading Group – Karen Gabriel

Next month's meeting will feature beading around a cabochon attached to a backing.

Spinning Group – Sally Young

The group has been looking at Bask fabric. It meets on the first Thursday of the month from 1 to 3. March @ the home of Debbi Brunner

Ellen Kelly announced that she and Evonne Steinbring will be selling their wares at the 48th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival at the West Center. They have a Macambre Loom for sale at the White Elephant.

## **SHOW AND SHARE**

Lyndy Runyon showed her examples of felting art pieces.

Shelly Johnson showed a tote bag made with Japanese stitching.

Dale Box showed her collection of slow stitch doll clothes she's made for her great-granddaughters.

Debbi Brunner showed a crocheted skirt featured the frosted flowers pattern

Jackie Wight-Crivello showed her stash-buster bound weave rug made of her hand-spun yarn.

## Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Up Coming Events

March 11, 2024	General Meeting
March 11, 2024	Program with Deb Deaton ~ Art Quilts
April 8, 2024	Member's Stash Sale

### March 2024 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

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

See the study group information for meeting place and time.

## February Show & Share



Left: Dale Box ~ hand sewn garments for a grand daughter's doll, note the little tie dyed dress made from granddaughter baby clothes dyed by her mother. The peasant blouse, on the right, was hand sewn by Dale for her wardrobe.

Below: Jackie Wight-Crivello ~ hand woven wall hanging, bound weave and her hand-spun yarns



Left: Shelley Johnson ~ homage to the Red Dress Project, Applique & Sashiko embroidered tote.

Lyndy Runyon ~ Hand felted art pieces: clutch, scarf & 2D ob'ject



Debbi Brunner ~ hand knit linen skirt in Frosted Flowers pattern.



## 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.

### 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:

Clothing Study Group meets the second Tuesday OTM at 9:30, Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Contact Peggy McGaughey [peg-e-su.silk@msn.com](mailto:peg-e-su.silk@msn.com) or 303-241-7686 for questions.

### Embroidery:

Embroidery Study Group meets the third Thursday OTM @1-3p.m. at Friends in Deed building. 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 OTM from noon to 3:00pm at Friends in Deed. Contact Lyndy Runyon [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).

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

### Spinning:

Spinning Study Group meets the first Thursday OTM at 1:00pm. March 7<sup>th</sup> @ Debbi Brunner's. For more information contact Sally Young – [rare1alaska@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:debrabrown15@icloud.com) or 520-372-2075 for questions.

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

**Newsletter Editor:**

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

**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

## From the library

Greetings!

The library will be closing down for the summer hiatus at the April meeting. Please return ALL materials currently checked out on Monday, April 8th. No material returns will be accepted at the March meeting as we will be meeting at the Continental Plaza conference room instead of the Presbyterian church.

Also, the collection of DVDs and CDs currently owned by the library will be available for sale at the April stash sale. All items will be \$1 apiece. Back issues of magazines will also be available for \$.25 apiece.

Anyone who has materials and magazines to donate/sell are welcome to bring them to the April meeting to sell at the stash sale.

Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian

February 12, 2014

Members enjoying the break between the program and general meeting.



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## Member Advertisements

### FOR SALE

Rug Hooking combo frame set. BeeCreek, Ltd. Includes floor stand, lap base, 14" octagonal top and 10x10 rectangular top. \$140. Fran Lunney, 208-705-4881 or [lunnfran@gmail.com](mailto:lunnfran@gmail.com)

4 harness Gallagher table loom, weaving width. 30.5" with 3 reeds: 8, 10, and 15. \$425. Fran Lunney, 208-705-4881 or [lunnfran@gmail.com](mailto:lunnfran@gmail.com)

### WORKSHOPS

**MAKE A MERINO, SILK AND VINTAGE SILK SCARF.** Learn how the different fibers connect to create rippled effects, textures and puckering of the background fabric. This class will be held at a ranch in Sierra Vista. The cost is \$80 and will include silk base, merino wool, silk hankies and the use of teachers' felting tools. Date and ranch address is pending confirmation. Call Lyndy with any questions –707-373-8584.

Lyndy Runyon will be teaching:

**A Felted Bag at Viola Jo's** March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am–3pm.

**Fundamental Felt Class ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> & A Felted Fire Bowl ~ April 22<sup>nd</sup>** for GVR

Contact: [lyndyrnyon@gmail.com](mailto:lyndyrnyon@gmail.com) for information

**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](http://WWW.COTTONSPINNING.COM) for more details and to download details and registration forms.



THE CALENDAR IN [WWW.COTTONSPINNING.COM](http://WWW.COTTONSPINNING.COM) WILL GIVE YOU LINKS TO ALL THE FIBER ART WORKSHOPS IN TUCSON AND NEIGHBORING AREA.

# Fiber Events Advertisement

## 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](http://www.dandoh.com), select more, and select retreat to register.

