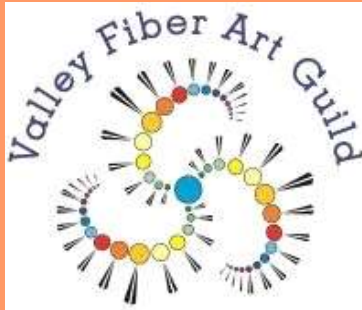




Fiber News & Updates

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VFAG October Presidents Letter

Hello everyone!

Welcome to fall and cooler weather! Autumn makes me think of warmth and generosity. Soon, I'll plant vegetables, bake, and make holiday cards to share with family and friends. Does autumn inspire you to do anything special?



In the spirit of generosity, we're seeking volunteers to promote our Guild at the annual Art in the Park event at Desert Meadows Park on October 17th. Share your work, demonstrate your talents, and let the community discover what our Guild is all about. Please contact Martha Fine, Exhibition Committee Coordinator, to sign up. We will also have sign-up sheets available at the October 12th Guild meeting.

I also want to encourage you to sign up for our workshops. Lyndy Runyon and all on the Program Committee have really put together a great selection for you. I understand there's already been a sold-out workshop but there are several openings for others.

And the Study Groups...what a delightful way to get to know your fellow Guild members and learn new techniques! Sign-ups are always available at the Guild meetings, and the Study Group leaders are available to answer any questions you may have.

Lastly, A FRIENDLY SCAM REMINDER. Please know that I, nor any member of the Board, will never email you asking for financial support for the Guild or other organizations. Messages from me, or any member of the Board, will focus only on Guild meetings, exhibition opportunities, or volunteer needs. If you receive an email that requests otherwise, please use "Delete and report as spam" to help keep yourself and our Guild community safe.

Looking forward to seeing you at the October Guild meeting!

Cyndy Padilla

**2026-2027 Season
General Meeting
October 12, 14 2026**

**Program
Karen Lukacs
Passion and Focus on
Sustainable Fashion**

**Monthly Meetings are held
on the second Monday of
month at:
Valley Presbyterian Church
Meeting & Programs
10am ~ 12noon**

**Membership Form is on our
website.**

www.valleyfiberartguild.org

**October 21st @ VPC
Join us for Fiber Day!
Sign up at the October
meeting or email Debbi
~ misseyb@gmail.com
to save a spot and be
in the count for cup-
cakes!**

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Let's keep VFAG a thriving and creative group!
Part of that is volunteering within the guild.

It's almost time for Art in the Park!

Put October 17, 2026 on your calendars

Art in the Park The Outreach Committee is organizing plans for the Valley Fiber Art Guild's participation again this year.

Do you have something for display that shows what we do at the Valley Fiber Art Guild?

Would you like to demonstrate a fiber technique:
Spin? Weave? Felt? Stitch? Knit? Basketry? Bead?

We have so many talented and knowledgeable members
Please sign-up to share ~ 'demo what you do'

Contact: Martha Fine, Exhibition Coordinator ~ marthafine52@gmail.com

Latest ART IN THE PARK news from Martha,

This is a wonderful opportunity for Valley Fiber Art Guild to reach out to our community to show them what we do. We have been given a prime spot with lots of room for demonstrators. So come on out to Desert Meadows Park on Saturday October 17. Bring your loom, your spinning wheel, your knitting and crochet WIPs, or whatever fiber project you have going. Our demonstrations always gather crowds of interested people. This is a very effective way for us to interest new members. And we always have fun being together and enjoying the crafts we hold so dear. (Don't forget to bring a chair, a hat and water bottle)

Field Trips & Opportunities

FIELD TRIP ~ Friday, October 30, 2026

The Western Spirit Museum: Scottsdale's Museum of the West has installed a new exhibit of Navajo weavings, *Woven: Navajo Textiles from the Pelberg Collection*. This promises to be an in-depth study of these textiles. The trip is planned for Friday, October 30 and transportation will be via carpool. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be included please contact: Martha Fine at marthafine52@gmail.com or 415-246-6234.

Museum website: <https://westernspirit.org>

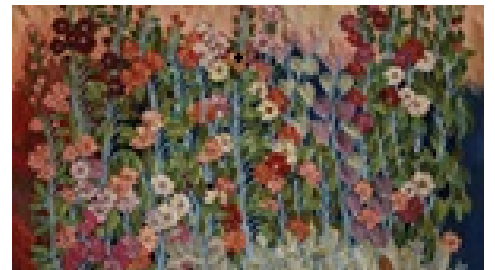
About the exhibit: <https://westernspirit.org/project/woven-navajo-textiles-from-the-pelberg-collection/>

District near galleries, restaurants, and shopping. Free underground parking is available adjacent to the museum included in the entrance fee. \$25. For seniors.

Tucson Botanical Gardens ~ Exhibition

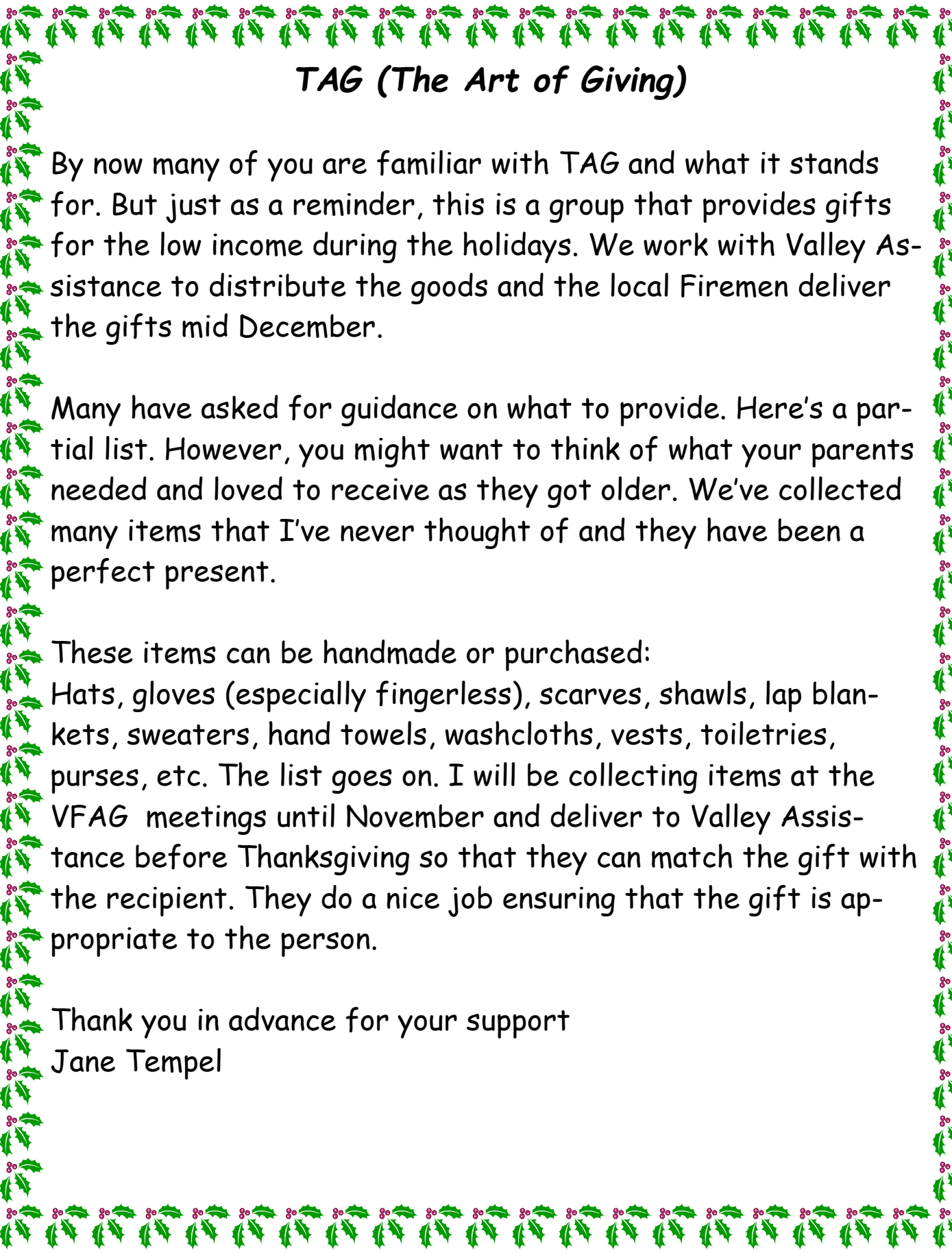
Tapestries from Egypt ~ September 4, 2026—
January 4, 2017

The artists of Egypt's Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center return to the Gardens with a new collection of contemporary, one-of-a-kind wool and cotton tapestries. Crafted specially for this exhibition, each piece is woven directly on the loom with no preliminary design and depicts the flora and fauna of Egyptian landscapes in rich color palettes.



The Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center was established in 1951 by architect Ramses Wissa Wassef as an experiment in nurturing the innate creativity found in all of us. Based in the village of Harrania, Egypt, the Center's exceptional work can be found in museums, galleries and private collections around the world.

Info here: <https://tucsonbotanical.org/exhibit/tapestries-from-egypt/>



TAG (The Art of Giving)

By now many of you are familiar with TAG and what it stands for. But just as a reminder, this is a group that provides gifts for the low income during the holidays. We work with Valley Assistance to distribute the goods and the local Firemen deliver the gifts mid December.

Many have asked for guidance on what to provide. Here's a partial list. However, you might want to think of what your parents needed and loved to receive as they got older. We've collected many items that I've never thought of and they have been a perfect present.

These items can be handmade or purchased:

Hats, gloves (especially fingerless), scarves, shawls, lap blankets, sweaters, hand towels, washcloths, vests, toiletries, purses, etc. The list goes on. I will be collecting items at the VFAG meetings until November and deliver to Valley Assistance before Thanksgiving so that they can match the gift with the recipient. They do a nice job ensuring that the gift is appropriate to the person.

Thank you in advance for your support
Jane Tempel

'October Fiber Day ~ October 21st' a new tradition!

Many of you told us how much you enjoyed
Fiber Day last February and thought
we should do it again. Okay!

Wednesday, October 21st
in the Fellowship Hall of Valley Presbyterian Church
10am ~ 3pm

The VFAG Board members will be baking a variety of their
favorite recipes for you and provide coffee, tea & ice water.

Bring your Brown Bag lunch, a project or two and spend a
few hours communing and sharing
your interests with one another and eat cake!

We'll send a sign-up list around during the
September and October meetings, please join in the fun.

You may also email Debbi ~ miskeyb@gmail.com to add you
name to the list.

Tell us What you Think, the VFAG Board of Directors is interested in your interests.

This a very short questionnaire that allows you to take part in the decisions the Board and various Standing Committees make as they plan for the activities for fellow guild members.

The questionnaire is anonymous, just print this page or the form that is attached to the Newsletter email, answer the few questions and drop it the basket provided at the next guild meeting. What could be more simple?!

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VFAG Interest Survey

Do you belong to a Study Group? Yes____ No____

If yes, which one(s) _____

Name three things you would like to learn in order of most important:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name an Instructor you would choose for a workshop and why:

What do you think is fair fee for a one day workshop/class? \$_____

Valley Fiber Art Guild
General Meeting Minutes ~ September 14, 2026

Program

Cyndy Padilla, our new president, presented a slideshow of her artistic journey beginning at the age of 13 with garment construction and later moving through jewelry making, watercolor, colored pencil drawings, sashiko, mixed media and other fiber arts. Among her many accomplishments are submissions and winnings at juried shows. Also thanks to Fran Lunney for documenting the slideshow.

Members shared their accomplishments over the summer in "**What I did this Summer**". Creations were shared from felting and art quilting challenges, coiled baskets and other basket-making, beading, an inkle weaving challenge, knitting and rug hooking. Stitching on a Kibuki dance jacket was also shared.

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 and 09/14/2026. Previous meeting minutes were approved as published.

New members and guests were welcomed.

President's Report

The President's Challenge this year is the Beauty of the Sonoran Desert, to be submitted for the

December 14 general meeting. An artist's statement and description of the piece should be included.

Volunteers were requested to help with study groups and committees, a sign-up sheet was available. In addition, volunteers are requested to help with audio-visual, advertising/publicity and as a membership co-chair. By the end of the meeting the membership co-chair position had already been filled!

A new exhibition committee has been formed.

Vice President's Report

Susan Bollinger and Martha Fine discussed VFAG's tables for this year's Art in the Park. Volunteers are requested from study groups to demo their work and present pieces that can be displayed to highlight the various fiber arts.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported the checking balance as \$9476.62.

Library

Mary Hughs requested that all study groups review their current library books to see what can be eliminated; books that are removed will be available for sale to members at a greatly reduced price. The weaving study group has already reviewed their books and a number were on sale.

Valley Fiber Art Guild
General Meeting Minutes ~ September 14, 2026
Continued...

Membership

Nancy Gould reported a current membership of 138

Programs/Workshops

Lyndy Runyon has created the current 2026/2027 calender of workshops and activities. She requested that members let her know of teachers they would like for work-shops - and also asked if any members would be interested in teaching workshops.

There is a field trip to "Needles and Knots" on Oct 23 with lunch to follow.

Any additional classes for the year will be announced as they are added.

Exhibition Committee

Martha Fine discussed a fiber arts exhibit for VFAG members that will be on display at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church this November and December. Submission will be hung on the walls, so 2 dimensional pieces are best. The exhibition committee is requesting volunteers to help with the exhibit. Pieces may be available for sale if desired. The reception is tentatively scheduled for November 6.

Other Announcements

Jane Tempel announced the collection for gifts for the holiday, they will be collected at the October and November general meetings. Gifts are requested for seniors and kids.

Study Group meeting times and locations were discussed. They are available on the web-site.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

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

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.

Art Quilts:

Who: Martha Fine ~ marthafine52@gmail.com
Where: Home of Vicki Bohnhoff
When: 1st Monday OTM, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Basketry:

Who: Gary Terlisner ~ garyft45@cox.net
Where: Home of Pat Merritt
271 E. Paseo Churea, GV
When: 3rd Thursday OTM, 9am-12noon

Beading:

Who: Karen Gabriel ~ karengary115@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 2nd Thursday OTM, 10 am-12 pm

Cloth Creations:

Who: Fran Lunney ~ lunnfran@gmail.com
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church rm #102
When: 3rd Tuesday OTM, 9:30am—12noon

Knitting:

Who: Jane Tempel ~ tempelj@aol.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. -12noon

Spinning Study Group:

Who: Sandy Vanderpuy ~ svpuy@yahoo.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 1st Monday OTM, 12noon-2:45pm

Tapestry:

Who: April Boysen & Debra Brown
debrabrown15@icloud.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 1st Tuesday OTM, 9:30am-11:30am

Weaving Study Group:

Who: Phillenore Howard phillenore@taosnet.com
Phone: 520-393-6752
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church chapel
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1:30-3:30pm

Felting Study Group:

Who: Lyndy Runyon - lyndyrnyon@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 3rd Monday OTM 12noon-3pm

Wool Rug Braiding:

Who: Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net
When: by appointment, contact Gretchen

Joining or visiting a Study Group is a great way explore something you have been curious about. Visit a meeting and discover the ins and outs of the techniques, equipment needed, etc.

Groups are always happy to share knowledge with interested people and some groups have equipment to loan should you want to experiment and learn more.

Calendar of Events ~ October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
6	5 Spinning Study Group Art Quilts Study Group	6 Tapestry Study Group	7	8 Beading Study Group	9	10
11	12 VFAG General Meeting	13	14	15 Basketry Study Group	16	17 Art in the Park
18	19 Weaving Study Group Felting Study Group	20 Cloth Creations Study Group	21	22	23 Cracker Basket Workshop	24
25	26	27 Knitting Study Group Felted Art Bowl Workshop	28	29	30	31

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Fall Schedule 2026

October Program: Karen Lukacs shares her Passion and Focus on Sustainable Fashion
www.karenlukacs.com

November Program: Beads, Beads & Beads with Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga

Fall Workshops: Last chance to register for Hand Woven Cracker Basket, One of a Kind Felt Bowls, Zhen Xian Bao (Chinese Thread Box folder)

Winter Workshops: Silk Painting, TBA Weaving Workshop, Art Dolls and Cordage

Workshops 2026 Fall Season

The 2026 -2027 Workshop committee has an interesting array of Workshops for the coming season. You can read full details on our website, www.valleyfiberartguild.org for all information that is confirmed and ready for registration.

Send questions to: *Lyndy Runyon, Workshop Chairperson ~ lyndyrunyon@gmail.com*

Take full advantage of your membership, learn something new and enjoy sharing the experience with other members. Never stop learning!

Hand Woven Cracker Basket with Gary Terlisner

October 23, 2026 ~ 9am-2pm

Class Fee: \$58. Plus \$15 materials fee paid to the teacher

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Class limited to 8 students

Miss this class and wish you hadn't! Learn the basics of basket making and leave with a lovely basket you can use daily. Gary Terlisner is a "Master Basket Maker" who enjoys sharing the fabrication and interlacing of plant materials to make one-of-a-kind art pieces. You will learn the why and why not to basic basketry in this class. There will be several colors to select from to set your piece apart from the rest. This is a beginner class that will get you hooked.



Workshops 2026 Fall Season

One-of-a-kind Art Bowl with Lyndy Runyon

October 27, 2026 ~ 9AM-1PM

Class fee: \$65.*

(includes variety of wool, silk, fabric, all tools)

*No additional supplies are needed by participants.

Lyndy's Studio—477 E Paseo Chuparosas

Class maximum -6 students



Create a wet-felted bowl shape using wool, silk fibers along with silk fabric and novelty yarns. Learn easy layering techniques, embed rocks or marbles into the surface or create ruffles, holes or layers to cut through and reveal secrets you laid under the outer layer. A variety of techniques will be demonstrated, and you can put them into your piece to create interest.

Make a one-of-a-kind Art Bowl to enjoy as a sculpture, basket or holder for your favorite things. Everyone will be able to take home new skills to explore the Fiber craft of Felt Making with their beautiful bowl.



Workshops 2026 Fall Season

Zhen Xian Bao ~ Chinese Thread Box Folder with Deborah Brunner

November 6, 2026 9am-4pm

Class Fee: \$75. includes paper and embellishment elements

Venue: DBFA Studio

Limit: 8 Students

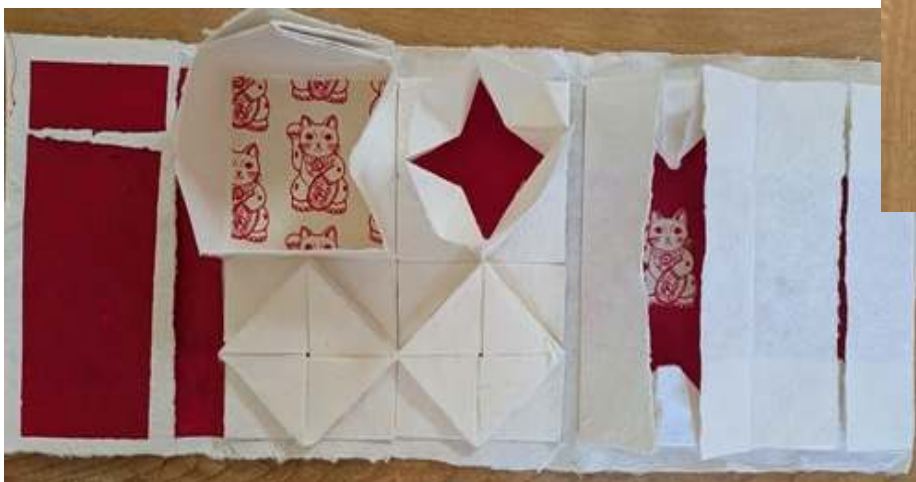
Make a replica of a vintage Chinese thread keeper with a contemporary aesthetic, using a hand-made, textured cotton rag paper. You will learn how to cut, fold and glue a series of boxes into a fascinating folder suitable for many things besides thread keeping. We will embellish the cover of the folder with collage and stitching before the final assembly. It is truly an objet d'art that would make a beautiful and interesting gift, a conversation piece on a table or for the utilitarian service it was originally created. This workshop will entail the math it takes to create each element of the folded box, how to cut and paste the paper elements and assemble them into the folded box portfolio.

Student will complete the thread box folder in class.

Student Supply List:

Glue Sticks: 2 Large and 2 small

Rotary cutting equipment; mat cutter and ruler
OR 18" ruler, scissors



Workshops 2026 Fall Season

Silk Painting a Silk Scarf with Peggy McGaughey

February 25, 2027 ~ 9am-12noon

Class Fee: \$60. Includes silk scarf & all supplies

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Limit: 8 Students ~ **this class has filled, you may add your name to the wait list**

Since 1987 I have been fascinated and frustrated with silk painting. Over the years I have kept loving it though and have many good memories of what I

accomplished. Teaching silk painting has been a love of mine and have taught many classes over the years. I have made and sold many silk scarves, several large wall hangings, art pictures, silk jackets, blouses, yardage and pillow covers.

The thing I love most about silk painting is the vibrant colors that can be achieved on silk. Also, I can draw a design onto silk and make it a picture of whatever I decide. So much can be done with silk and especially painted silk.



In the class I will explain the different kinds of silk available and which silk to use for each item. Where to buy silk and supplies. Explain the difference between silk painting and silk dyeing. Examples of various techniques to apply. Each person will be given a long white silk scarf and silk paints. All supplies will be provided, you only need to bring a fun attitude and an apron or shirt to cover up your clothes just in case the paint gets on your garment. Gloves are nice...keeps your hand and fingers from being rainbow fingers at the end of class!!

The class will be 3 hours long (approximately) and you will leave with a wonderful ORIGINAL silk scarf to show your friends.

Silk Painting Art collection from Peggy McGaughey





Workshop Registration Form

To insure your place in the workshop, please fill out the form and send it with your payment to the Workshop Chairperson listed or bring it to a guild meeting.

All registrations are confirmed in order of first received.

Date: _____

Please check one: VFAG Member____ Not a VFAG guild member____

Workshop	Instructor	Date	Amount

Total Tuition Amount \$_____

Mail this completed Registration Form and
your check payable to; VFAG for the full tuition amount to:

**Lyndy Runyon, Workshop Chairperson
Valley Fiber Art Guild
477 E Chuparosas
Green Valley, AZ 85614**

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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Exhibition Coordinator: Martha Fine	exhibition@valleyfiberartguild.com

Deadline for newsletter copy is due by the **25th of each month preceding the monthly publication of each issue.**

For Sale? Free?

Do you have fiber supplies or equipment you no longer use?

Workshop/Classes scheduled to teach?

Place and ad in our newsletter, no charge. Email Debbi with ad copy and pics. newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com

Deadline the 25th of each month.

Member Teachers Workshops & Classes

Hello Fiberistas,

The group I will be teaching at in Tubac this winter just sent out this notice and have opened up the registration to the event to anyone interested in attending. I am offering a sculptured bowl class and it poses to be lots of fun. Take a look and see if you could put it in your schedule. Lots is going on at that time, however, there are a lot of wonderful things planned during the art event. Come and meet artists from all over the world!

Lyndy

<https://www.iseaartexhibit.org/Symposium2026>

Art Innovation Symposium Tubac AZ 2026
December 2-5, 2026



Where ART meets INNOVATION

Equipment For Sale

Schacht
4 Harness Baby Wolf
10 dent reed and 400
heddles

\$500.

Contact: Gary Terlisner
garyft45@cox.net



Fiber Arts, Etc. Sale

3 locations! ~ sorta like a pub crawl...but we're only serving great deals

October 16th 9:30am ~ 2pm & October 17th 9:30am ~ 12noon

Lyndy Runyon

477 W Paseo Chuparasas, GV

Cones of cotton warp
Large Schacht warping Board
Hand cards
Lots of yarn for knitting
Spinning fibers
White specialty fibers carded
into roving and great for dying
Felt making tools

Cotton quilting fabric
Singer Featherweight

Schacht double treadle spinning
wheel & Lazy Kate, 3 bobbins (I
am the second owner)
in excellent condition.
Traveling Swift

Two Hand steamers
Professional pressing cloth
(great for quilting)

Vintage leather hat box

Jerry Garcia neckties

Beads & buttons
Jewelry

lot's of odds & ends

Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga

1160 W Calle Amelia, GV

Knitting Machine & accessories
Yarn-cone & skein
Warping Board
Tri-Continuous weaving Loom w/
stand
Purrrington Floor Loom
Spinning Wheel

Scrap Booking Supplies
Polymer Supplies

Beads & Buttons

Sewing Machine Janome
Embroidery Machine BabyLock
Thread & Embroidery Thread

Fabric-Quilting kits

Jewelry making Tools,
other stuff
Brass & Copper Stampings

Embroidered Rope Bowls and
rope

Embroidered Clothes & Bowls

Books-many crafts

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Weaving & Knitting Yarn
Spinning & Felting Fiber
Collector Hand-Spindles
Fabric Yardage

Mixed Medium & Art Supplies
Beads & Found objects
Cabachons mounted for Basketry

Silk Embroidery Ribbon
Odds & Ends Grab Box
Fiber Art Books

~ Fiber Art Equipment ~
Gilmore 4"w Wave Loom
Bosworth Book Charkha
50" Norwood 4-harness Loom
16" Baby Norwood 4-harness w/
custom made bench
Norwood Warping Mill
Navajo Loom
Braiding Stand
Felting Hat Forms
Silver Needle Knitting Machine

Paragon Fire Fly Kiln w/trolley

Clothing, Knit Accessories and
Hand Tooled Leather bags