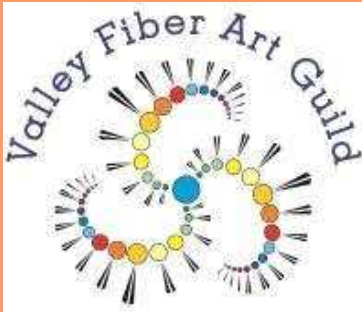


# Fiber News & Updates

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**2025-2026 Season  
General Meeting  
April 13, 2026**

**April 13th is the  
"Members Stash Sale"  
If you have not  
If you have things to  
sell and have not  
reserved a table email:  
misseyb@gmail.com**

**Monthly Meetings are held  
on the second Monday of  
month at:  
Valley Presbyterian Church  
2880 S Camino del Sol  
Green Valley, AZ**

**Meeting & Programs  
10am ~ 12noon**

**9:30-10am is social time  
meeting begins at 10am.**

**Membership Form is on our  
website.  
www.valleyfiberartguild.org**

## VFAG March Presidents Letter

Dear VFAG Members,

This is the last letter I will write as your president. I served one term as Acting President and two terms as President, while I would love to stay in this position I have reached our term limits. However, I have full confidence in our incoming candidates.



I moved to Sahuarita early in the summer of 2019. Before moving I had done an internet search and found VFAG but was forced to impatiently wait for the first meeting of the 2019-2020 season. I was so excited to finally find my people, I had not imagined such a talented and accomplished group was right here where I now lived. Although I admit to being a bit intimidated by the expertise of our members. Shortly after joining I was asked to be secretary and as I had served in that capacity for my teacher's union before retiring, I happily accepted. And then disaster struck. We stopped meeting at our lovely church venue and switched to zoom. It kept us safe from Covid but at a high cost. Peggy McGaughey, our courageous "Captain" skillfully guided us through zoom meetings. But many of our members were not comfortable with technology and we all sorely missed the socialization and camaraderie fostered by in person meetings. Our membership dwindled to the point where some talk of disbanding actually occurred. This was a horrifying prospect for a group that had been in existence for over 30 years. But we persevered, covid restrictions finally eased and we started in-person meetings again. Slowly but surely our study groups reformed, our membership increased, and we once again held informative and exciting programs and workshops.

Today we find ourselves in a beautiful venue, with a roster of inspiring speakers and workshops, a wonderful variety of study groups, fun and educational field trips and best of all perhaps, many, many friendships.

I have loved leading this group alongside our very capable Board and committee heads and leave the presidency knowing this group will continue to excel in learning, creating, sharing, and loving fiber arts. And in doing so enrich all of our own lives and that of our larger community,

Fondly and with a bit of sorrow,

Martha Fine

# Eco-Dye Workshops w/Lori Kovash March 19 & 20, 2026 ~ Beautiful!



Photos  
courtesy of  
Lori Kovash



## Arizona Fiber Art Festival ~ Swag Bags

Each Member Guild of the Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners has been tasked with contributing 200 items for the swag bags given to each Registrant when they check in for the event.

Valley Fiber Art Guild members rose to the occasion and created 205 fabric bird pin cushions as our contribution to the effort. The birds were 'swiftly' mailed to their first stop in Mesa, Arizona and received by the Swag Bag committee with oohs and aahs. The birds will travel onward to Camp Verde, Arizona for the AFAF April 10-12th. I'm sure each person who receives one of your creations will find them a useful and charming addition to their sewing accoutrements.

Thank you to all who sewed The Birds!



# The Art of Giving ~ TAG

*a report from Jane Tempel*

My how time flies! It's been 3 months since the Holidays and some of us have been busy. Bernie Olsen was gifted many yards of fleece and 4 of us decided to make lap Blankets for TAG. Attached is a photo of a few of them. We actually made 51! After cutting them to size, they were scored so we could crochet an edging. Some of the blankets were serged. Fran Lunney made an adorable tag for each blanket that said, "A little something to keep you warm Made by members of the Valley Fiber Art Guild." Barb Copeland and I also pitched in.

Summer is a great time to start projects for TAG. Suggested items include scarves, shawls, hats, gloves or anything for warmth. People have also donated toiletries that are greatly appreciated.

We will collect items in the fall to distribute before the Holidays.

Enjoy your summer.

*Jane*



# March 2026 Show & Share



## More Show & Share...



Thank you to Martha Fine for the March Show & Share photographs.

Thank you to all of the VFAG members who have shown their beautiful handmade items throughout this 2025-26 season. Each of you is an inspiration for others, may your creative endeavors continue!



## Valley Fiber Arts Guild ~ Minutes of the General Meeting March 9, 2026

The General Meeting was held at Beth Shalom Temple Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

Program - Navajo Rugs: The History, the Artistry, the Contemporary with Tucson Museum of Art Docent Linda Friedman. Linda gave an interesting, knowledgeable and informative hour-long presentation on a subject that she is passionate about - the weaving of Navajo rugs.

New members and guests were welcomed.

The minutes of the February 9th General Meeting were approved as published.

Deb Brunner thanked all who contributed to the Flock of 205 birds that our members created to send to the Arizona Fiber Arts Festival.

Treasurers Report - Gary Terlisner reported a current balance of \$13,950.15

Library report - All books must be returned to the library at our final general meeting of the season on Monday, April 13, 2026. Study group leaders will be asked to help cull books pertaining to their groups from the library. Group leaders may request books that would be of interest to their group. Desired book costs should be limited to \$50.

Programs - Deb Brunner and Lyndy Runyon announced that the programs for next season are almost completely planned.

Nominations Committee presented us with 2 nominees. President nominee is Cyndy Padilla. Secretary nominee is Laura Hayden. Voting will be at our April General Meeting. Nominations are still welcomed until actual voting begins.

Field trip - Tubac Ranch would welcome us to their next alpaca shearing on April 14. More information and sign up at our General Meeting.

New Password was presented. If you do not have it please contact one of the board members.

Stash Sale will be held at the April General Meeting. 10% of your proceeds will go to our Guild. Thank you.

Show and Share - One must say we have many talented creative people in this group! Vicki Bohnhoff brought her American Girl doll along with some doll clothes that she and Reba Ashmore fashioned for the doll. They are interested in finding others wanting to join them. Lyndy Runyon shared the circle vest that she created in Patty Barker's class. She also showed one of her felted sculptures and a sample of the first handspun yarns that she used on her knitting machine. Peggy McGaughey shared the silk painting she created for a wall hanging. Trudy Baker showed us the circle vest that she made in Patty Baker's class. They used a process called Nuno Felting. silk yarn and merino wool were used in the process. Annelle Holzman showed a needle felted picture using hand dyed wool and also some crosses. Dale Box shared creative mending done on pants, a jacket and even some shoes. She also showed some old handkerchiefs made into envelopes. Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga showed a triangular shawl that she created on a continuous weaving loom. We were also able to see her circular vest from Patty Baker's class. Martha Fine showed a fine Navajo rug that she had purchased several years ago. The rug inspired her to create a beautiful quilt.

Fiber Day was much fun, and we will do it again!  
Meeting closed at 11:59 a.m.

New Password.  
submitted by Secretary Pro-tem, Apple Gibson

**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

**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

**Knitting:**

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

**Spinning Study Group:**

Who: Lyndy Runyon ~ lyndyrnyon@gmail.com  
Where: TBA meet in Member homes  
When: 1st Thursday OTM, 9-12noon

**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: Ann Bont - abont@comcast.net  
Phone: 231-652-6275  
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church  
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1:30-3:30pm

**Wet and Needle Felting:**

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 ~ April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1			1	2 Spinning Study Group	3	4
5	6 Art Quilts Study Group	7 Tapestry Study Group	8	9 Beading Study Group	10 Weaving WS	11 Weaving WS
12	13	14	15	16 Basketry Study Group	17	18
19	20 Weaving Study Group  Felting Study Group	21 Cloth Creations Study Group	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Knitting Study Group				

## *Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Spring Schedule 2026*

**April 13th ~ Election of Officers and Members Stash Sale, there will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting ~ reserve your table. Email Debbi Brunner ~ misseyb@gmail.com**

**Summer Break! Our general meeting will resume on September 2026, the September Newsletter due to arrive via email the last week of August. Be sure to read all the latest information for our 2026-27 season.**

## Workshops 2026 Winter Season and Beyond

The 2026 -2027 Program & Workshop committee is working on an interesting array of Programs and Workshops for the coming season. You can read full information on our website, as information is confirmed and ready for registration  
[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

Take full advantage of your membership, enjoy interesting programs each month and sign up for a Workshop/Classes, learn something new.

*We are planning now for the 2026-2027 workshop schedule.  
If you have any ideas, seen something interesting or want to learn a particular technique or discipline let us know.  
Email: Lyndy Runyon ~ [lyndyrnyon@gmail.com](mailto:lyndyrnyon@gmail.com)*

From our reporter at large, Nancy Gould.....

The Santa Cruz Valley Historical Society's speaker series will feature Oscar Gomez in April. The topic is "Going Nuts: Santa Cruz Valley's Transition from Cotton to Pecans."

Gomez will speak at 10 a.m. April 14th  
at St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church, 600 S. La Cañada Drive in Green Valley

### Learn to Wet Felt this Summer in Tubac!

May 16th from 10:30-3PM is The Market Bag & June 13th is the Sculptural Bowl

To be held at Viola Jo's ~ 35 Tubac Road, Tubac, AZ

Each class is \$45 paid directly to Lyndy, the Instructor.  
\$25 materials paid to Viola Jo's.

Call Viola Jo's to sign up and receive your material list.  
520-398-2240



## "Arizona Fiber Festival"

sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Weaver & Spinners  
2nd AZ Fiber Festival

April 10, 11, and 12, 2026  
Camp Verde, Arizona

We're ready for Volunteers to sign up! Please go to the Website fill in those 2 hr. slots!

For details Go to: <https://azfed.org/volunteers/>

All Class & Workshop Late Registration ends March 31, 2026!

Register now to reserve your spot.

Brochure and easy on-line registration

Go to ~ <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/>

TAKE CLASSES\*

VISIT THE VENDOR HALL ~ WATCH DEMONSTRATIONS

A few demonstration slots are still available, but time is running out. Each demonstration starts at the top of the hour on Saturday, beginning at 10 am, with the last demo starting at 2 pm. Sunday demonstrations start at 10 am, with the last demo starting at 1 pm in the Vendor Hall

This is a volunteer opportunity to share what you offer at no charge to the public. You may bring business cards or fliers to hand out to anyone who stops by to watch.

If you, or someone in your guild, is interested in doing a demonstration, my contact info is below.

Saturday 10 AM, Saturday 11 AM, Saturday 12 pm, Saturday 1 PM, Saturday 2 PM

Sunday 10 AM, Sunday 11 AM, Sunday 12 PM, Sunday 1 PM

Please respond with your preferred time slot, and I will do my best to accommodate.

Thank you,

Debra Kay ~ [changebuilding@gmail.com](mailto:changebuilding@gmail.com) ~ ph 520-858-2037

ADMISSION TO SHOPPING

AND GUILD BOOTHS IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

\*Classes, workshops, and seminars require registration and have a fee.

Camp Verde, AZ is a nice little town with hotels, restaurants, museums and a casino just off the I-17 freeway approximately 230 miles/3hr 30min from Green Valley.



# Equipment For Sale



Baby Lock Model EMB 7  
Embellishing machine  
used lightly to felt bracelets and  
wall hangings. Downsizing.  
\$100. CND \$80. USD  
Contact: [boxldale@yahoo.com](mailto:boxldale@yahoo.com)  
See at the Stash Sale April 13th

Schacht Mighty Wolf loom  
36", 8 shaft with 3 reeds: 8, 5, and  
12 epi. The heddles are inserted eye,  
installed shortly after I bought the  
loom, maybe 2 years ago.

I have extra heddles, also a raddle,  
bench...which I forgot to take a pic-  
ture of....the loom has wheels, more  
tools, All for \$2000.

Contact: Sue Kawamoto

Phone ~ 313-378-3549

Email ~ [kawamom@comcast.net](mailto:kawamom@comcast.net)

