

Fiber Arts News

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Newsletter of the Valley Fiber Art Guild

Looking Ahead ~

2022/2023

Most meetings held at CPAC 1250
W Continental Rd Green Valley,
AZ

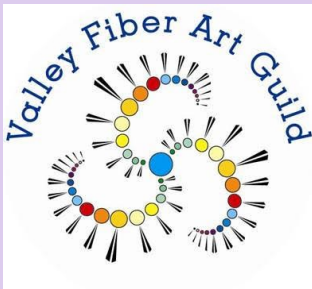
All meetings are in person. Come
early at 9am for library browsing &
chatting. Meetings start at 9:30am.

**Mon. Dec. 12th; General
Meeting Time 1:00 pm at
Continental Mall, 2nd Floor
Conference Rm.**

**Holiday Opportunity Baskets
Sweets for the Season Potluck**

January Meeting 9:30 AM at
CPAC Come Early to Socialize!
1250 W Continental Rd. Green
Valley, AZ

Valley Fiber Art Guild



Membership \$25 per year

<https://valleyfiberartguild.org/>

VFAG President's Newsletter

December 2022

What else does one write about in December besides "tradition"? Ornaments handed down through the generations, grandmother's favorite cookie recipe, your best China, old songs and prayers that connect us through the generations. I pulled out my mother's set of good China and silver for my Thanksgiving table and went through the stack of embroidered tablecloths, chose one, brought it over to the ironing board and with a loud mental "NO" stopped in my tracks. I didn't want to spend a half hour ironing linen tablecloths. My sisters and I (admittedly the majority were stitched by my oldest sister) were admonished to never sit with idle hands but to fill them with needlework. Being good girls we cross-stitched napkins and tablecloths while watching "I Love Lucy" and "American Bandstand". When mom passed I took the linens that no one else wanted and from time to time continued the tradition of using them for holiday dinners.


Times are different now and I'm not a 1950's housewife, so torn between care they take and their sentimental value I brainstormed the idea to quilt them on my long arm. Yes, I still had to spend a half-hour at the ironing board, but now it is quilted and never has to be ironed again, I hope. It also saves me the bother of using protective pads beneath it and gave me ample opportunity to try out my newest quilting rulers. I think I have honored family tradition while saving myself some work. Yes, in the time it took me to quilt the tablecloth I could have ironed the entire stack. But tradition is important!





Opportunity Fundraiser Baskets

Do you have more donations for our fundraiser baskets?
Please drop them off **THUR DEC 8th** between 12 and 1:00 PM at the front door of Sue Helle's home. She is at 2239 Via Alonso in the Legends. Going south on Abrego enter the first Legends gate, go two blocks and make a left onto Alonso. OK to leave items at her front door. If you can help assemble **FRIDAY DEC 9th** we will be meeting there at 1:00 PM. If possible please bring scissors, tape, ribbon and marking pens.



The VFAG December Meeting will be held on
December 12th, 1:00 PM
at the Continental Plaza 2nd Floor Conference
Room.

Sweets for the Season

Dessert potluck! Bring your favorite dessert to share!

Annual Fundraiser : Opportunity Basket Raffle.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00

(Cash or check only)

Celebrate the season and support the Valley Fiber Arts Guild while winning some fabulous gifts!

November 21st Meeting Minutes

Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

November 21, 2022

Officers: President: Martha Fine marthafine52@gmail.com

Vice President: Jol'ene Northup Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com

Secretary: Marge Delker daveandmarged@gmail.com

Treasurer: April Boyson gaboyesen1@gamil.com

PROGRAM: Jere Moskovitz provided a powerpoint program about her journey with wire knitting and crochet. That was followed by a visual demonstration of her techniques.

General Meeting opened at 10:50

Treasurer's Report: \$7970 on hand

Secretary's Minutes: accepted as published in the Newsletter

Old Business:

Election: The Board has decided to have President Fine and Secretary Delker continue in their positions as "acting" president and secretary. Their election will take place in March per the usual schedule to eliminate confusion.

New Business and Announcements:

Meeting time: The official meeting with program will begin at 9:30. Members are encouraged to come at 9 am to socialize and enjoy the library.

Membership: New members will receive a welcome letter along with the website password.

Library: Library books checked out today will be due in January. Our December meeting will not be at CPAC

Newsletter: Melanie Fritz has agreed to take over the Newsletter. She encourages members to submit photos and articles about fiber events and activities, book reviews and more. She needs the information by the first days of each month. mlfritzi4@gmail.com

Program: The January meeting will feature the Clothing Study group modeling and displaying the items they've created by upcycling.

TAG: Jane Tempel reported that she has already taken one delivery to the Green Valley Assistance Office. Today she will take the last items. She thanked everyone for their generosity.

Weaving Demo: Jol'ene Northup will be demonstrating floor loom weaving at the Artisan Shop in the West Center on December 10. All are invited to come.

December Meeting will be on Dec 12 at 1 pm in the meeting room at the Continental Mall. Members are asked to bring a holiday treat to add to the "Desert Pot Luck". Donations for the fund raiser "Opportunity Baskets" were collected today. More donations can be delivered to Sue Helle. hnorasue@yahoo.com

Study Group announcements: (more Study Group information can be found in the Newsletter)

November 21st Meeting Minutes, Con't

Clothing meets the 3rd Tuesday at 9 am at Desert Hills Lutheran Church. They will take a field trip to Tubac on Dec 20 to visit specialty shops and have lunch.

Knitting meets the 4 th Tuesday at 9 am Friends in Deed Room A

Meeting adjourned at 11:12

Show and Share

Pat Merritt showed several of her unique pine needle baskets

Marge Lind shared a mobius of rayon boucle and a Huck Lace Shawl of Monte Cristo cotton yarn

JoAnn Hadocy showed her hand beaded saguaro leaf she attached to a leather bag as adornment

Martha Fine collects old needlepoint pieces that she's made into carry bags

Jol'ene showed her almost 5 yards of woven cloth...She gave herself permission to weave for joy and not have a project as the goal. No measuring of pattern, no perfect selvages....just weave for fun. Now...to decide what to do with this beautiful cloth.

Judy Model modeled her beautiful knit shawl. The white yarn is mohair and cashmere. It's a triangle shape ends with a 400 stitch edge.

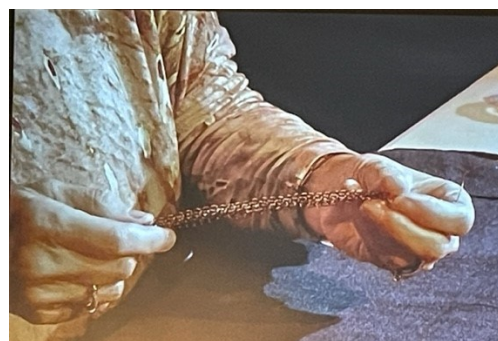
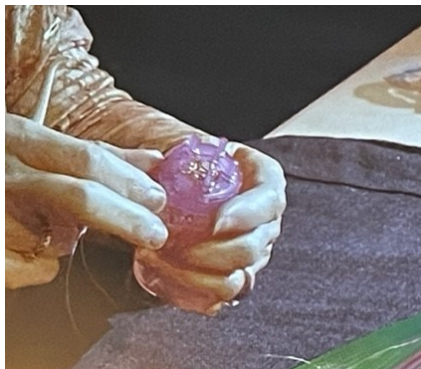
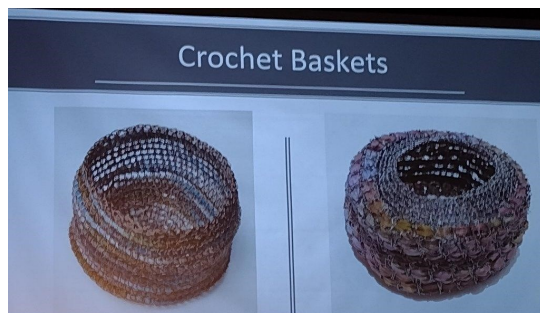
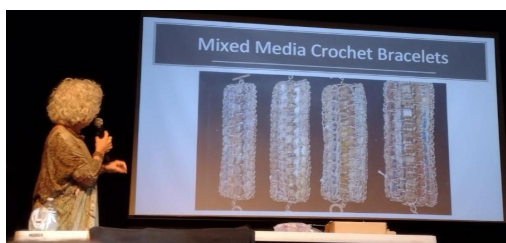
Debbi Brunner shared a Piecework Magazine which includes various fiber art. She was inspired to made her version of the Willard Embroidered Dress. It came from the Willard Asylum (1867-1996) where many women were "put" but then forgotten. Her dress included happier symbols than those of the poor, tortured women.

Highlighting the January Fiber Arts Guild Meeting

The January meeting will spotlight the clothing study group who will give an overview of the group's interests and share examples of their individual work for this season and years past. Photos by Sudie Durham.



Jere Moshovitz presentation at the November Meeting



Show and Share from the November Meeting



JoAnn's Haydocy's beaded design was attached to leather purses using cement glue. Similar designs can be found on EBay for \$175!

Martha's special interest is in buying tapestries from thrift shops and making bags. This one is finished on the inside with quilted fabrics including pockets.



Show and Share from the November Meeting, con't.



Judy Model used Prism Radiant yarn 73 % Merino, 7% Cashmere, 10% Silk. The pattern was labeled Difficulty: Advanced. Pattern increases 4 stitches every row until 495 stitches



Jol'ene Northrup attempted to use up her stash of threads but only made a dent! This 4 yard long design was made with a crackle pattern. She's not sure what she'll do with this piece of fabric ... but something!



Debbie Brunner was inspired by an article in Piecework Magazine to make this hand stitched top. Debbi & friends pursued this labor of love with embroidery reflecting their lives. Much like the women written up in the article, "Embroidery Dress of Willard Asylum". Debbie suggested doing a search for Willard Asylum for more details.

Jol'ene Northrup, a member of the weaving study group will be demonstrating weaving at GVR Artisan Shop from 10 to 2 on Saturday, December 10th. Location is the GVR West Center located off La Canada just past Continental Rd.

More Show and Share from the November meeting



Lynn Swan bought a typical black sweatshirt and cut it up the front. She embellished it with a variety of fabrics and notions. In addition, during the Covid pandemic, Lynn splurged and bought personalized labels with her name.



Fran Lunney is modeling Marge Lind's Mobius woven out of rayon boucle. The white shawl is a 'huck lace pattern' and fiber is Monte Cristo cotton.



TAG: The Art of Giving

Thanks to all who contributed items for TAG this year. I delivered the items to Valley Assistance the Monday after Thanksgiving. The volunteers always have a wonderful time viewing the gifts and help in deciding who will receive these gifts. Some of our new Guild members asked who receive the gifts. The targeted population is the low income, with an emphasis on the elderly in the southern part of Arizona. Many of these people are home bound and still live in small homes throughout the area. Due to HIPAA Rules (Health Information Privacy) these recipients are protected and their names and addresses cannot be released.

During the middle of December, the Firemen in the area deliver food to these people. Several years ago these Firemen started delivering our gifts along with the food. The Firemen said the people are appreciative of the food, but "they want one of those gift bags!"

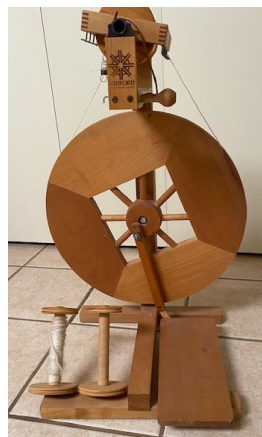
Valley Assistance knows their customers well, and try to match the gifts with the individuals needs.

Please know that all your gifts are truly appreciated and put a smile in many people who have very little.

Thanks again
Jane Tempel

The **Clothing Study Group** will have a Tubac field trip to Viola Jo Studio, garden tour & lunch on December 20th. Carpool will meet at Desert Hills Lutheran in parking lot outside the main office at 9:30 am. Those choosing to drive separately can meet at the Viola Jo Studio at 10:00 am at 37 Tubac Road. For further information and to rsvp please call Peggy McGaughey at 303-241-7686 or Sudie at 520-548-4138.

For Sale



Beautiful Ashford spinning wheel with three spindles. Single treadle with scotch tension. Solidly built. In excellent condition. \$200 Original price \$850.

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				1 VFAG Board Meeting 1:00 PM	2	3
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11	12 VFAG General meeting— 1:00 PM @ Continental Plaza	13	14	15	16	17
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Study Groups

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

The VFAG will follow CPAC & 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. 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.

Beading: The Beading Study Group will meet on Thursday, December 8th, at 10:30 AM at Friends in Deed. The e-mail reminder to BSG members will have information about the current bead embroidery projects and a peyote Christmas tree. For more information contact Karen Gabriel at karengary115@gmail.com or call 520-207-0799.

Clothing: The clothing study group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am in Room #102 of the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. This month will be a field trip to Tubac. Contact Peggy McGaughey at peg-e-su.silk@msn.com or Sudie at susandurham@cox.net for more information

Crochet: The Crochet Group meets the third Thursday OTM at Sunrise Clubhouse at 9:30 am. Contact Toni Prutch 503.349.6491 or at portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com

Knitting: Attention Knitters! Over the past couple of years there has been quite a change in the knitting study group (KSG), The first order of business is reestablishing a list of knitters to receive notification of upcoming meetings or any other notifications for knitters. Please submit your name and address to me and I will incorporate it into the list of knitters. The KSG meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Friends in Deed @ 9:30 AM. My email address is tempelj@aol.com.

Kumihimo: The Kumihimo Study Group meets the 4th Wednesday OTM at Friends in Deed at 1pm. Contact: Laurie Wykoff lawyloff@yahoo.com

Spinning: Interested in learning to spin or just spend time with other spinners who enjoy creating yarn from fiber? Spin in the park @ Desert Meadows Park, Thursday afternoons from 1 PM—3 PM.

Weaving: The Weaving study group meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. The study group will not be meeting in December, but will once again be back in January. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. All weavers are invited including Tapestry & Ridge Heddle people! Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.

Newsletter Editor is Melanie Fritz - Interim). Please contact Melanie with questions or suggestions

VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

- ◆ President: Martha Fine
- ◆ Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
- ◆ Treasurer: April Boysen
- ◆ Secretary: Vacant
- ◆ Federation: Jol'ene Northrup
- ◆ Programs: Marge Lind
- ◆ Membership: Peggy McGaughey & Cindy Wolf
- ◆ Librarian: Melanie Fritz
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