

# Fiber Arts News

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Newsletter of the Valley Fiber Art Guild

## *Looking Ahead ~*

### **2022**

*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. Meeting starts at 9:30am.*

*Nov. 21st: General Meeting Time:  
**9:00am at CPAC***

*Jere Moskovitz, Wire crochet/  
Knitting/Mixed Media*

*Mon. Dec. 12th; General Meeting  
**Time 12pm at Continental Mall,  
2nd Floor***

*Holiday Opportunity Baskets  
Sweets for the Season Potluck*

## **Valley Fiber Art Guild**



**Membership \$25 per year**

<https://valleyfiberartguild.org/>

## *VFAG President's Newsletter*

### *November 2022*

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I'm writing this as I return from a 5-day whirlwind visit to the Houston International Quilt Festival. This was my first visit to this show and I jumped in with both feet; 2 classes, 3 lectures and thousands of steps viewing quilts and shopping the market. It was simultaneously overwhelming and inspiring. The array of quilts on display ranged from vintage and modern Baltimore Album Quilts, quilts from Guatemala, Japan, France, Australia, Canada and elsewhere. There was a Kaffe Fassett retrospective and a special exhibit from SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates). The range of subject matter was all-encompassing - representational depictions of people, pets, wildlife, architecture flowers and foliage to all manner of abstract and geometric designs. The colors were monochromatic to every color on the spectrum.

Strangers became friends even if only for a few moments spent gazing at the same quilt. Festival was attended by tens of thousands of people (that was the best estimate I could get)  
There is a powerful force that drives so many of us to create and come together with others who respond to this same drive. The question that intrigues me is the "why". Lately, I have felt the need to find my own voice. I am no longer content to only work on others' designs. I want to find my own voice in my preferred crafts of knitting and quilting and to join my voice in a glorious harmony with other fiber artists. I can't sing but I can sew.

## Spotlight on Jere Moskovitz – November 21st Program

As a young girl I learned from my mother and grandmother how to knit and crochet and delighted in turning balls of yarn into something that could pass for clothes. It was some years later that I developed a passion for yarn and design which led to a BFA in Apparel Design from the Rhode Island School of Design and a 20 year career in the Fashion Industry in New York City.

My current direction was inspired by Arline Fisch's seminal book "Textile Techniques in Metal". I taught myself to crochet with wire; then studied knitting with wire under New

England Fiber Artists Adrienne Sloane and Joy Raskin. My designs use 4 different wire knitting techniques as well as crochet, macrame, and kumihimo. My jewelry collection includes adjustable or magnetic closure bracelets, earrings and necklaces.

I use non tarnishing copper wire due to its malleability and availability of colors. Mixed media designs incorporate variegated yarns, hand dyed ribbons and glass or resin beads. Beaded embellishments include gemstones, glass beads, raku, and bead weaving techniques.



You can also check out Jere's personal web site: <http://www.studiojere.com>

# October 17th Meeting Minutes

## Valley Fiber Art Guild Meeting

October 17, 2022

Officers:

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Treasurer: April Boyson

[gaboysen1@gmail.com](mailto:gaboysen1@gmail.com)

Members and guests were welcomed by President Martha. All were asked to silence cell phones.

Election Announced: Vice President Jo'lene again introduced Martha Fine as our "acting" president and announced that at the next meeting (November) we will hold a vote to officially elect her.

### PROGRAM

The Tucson Buttoneers with Roberta Schueler and several other members gave an excellent program about history and types of button collections. Guild members were invited to have a close-up look at the collections they brought.

The **business meeting** was called to order after a break.

**Secretary's report:** M/S/A as published in the newsletter

**Treasurer's report:** a checking balance of \$8640

**Vice President's report:**

Advertising of meetings is happening again the Sahuarita Sun. Today they sent a reporter (Ellen Sussman) to cover our program and meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Peggy announced we have 58 paid members and 2 new members today.

**Program:** Marge announced that Jere Moscovitz will present a program and demo her WIRE CROCHETING.

**Library:** Melanie announced a new publication added to library: Fiber Art Now. WE have two issues so far. Older magazines are being given away....find them in the foyer after the meeting.

**Federation:** Jo'lene mentioned that AZ Fed will have a new Newsletter soon. They already have a presence on Facebook. They also have funds to use toward study or a workshop.

**Special Projects:** Holiday Fund raiser....Opportunity Baskets. Ellen Kelley and Sue Helle volunteered to organize this project. Bring your donations to the November meeting or get them to Ellen or Sue.

**TAG (The Art of Giving):** Jane Tempel is organizing this effort to provide for low income elderly in the area. Please bring donations to the November meeting or get them to Jane. Always appreciated are lap blankets, fingerless gloves, shawls and cowls as well as toiletries. Also suggested were word search books and hand sanitizer. This is a great outreach for our guild and your participation is very much appreciated by all.

## October 17th Meeting Minutes, Con't

**Holiday Party:** December 12 There will be a Dessert Pot Luck and the fundraiser Opportunity Baskets. It will be held at the Meeting Room upstairs in the Continental Mall. Note: Meeting time will be 1 o'clock.

### Study Group reports:

**Beading** meets at Friends in Deed Thursday October 13, 10:30 to noon They will do a Cactus bead embroidery project

**Clothing** will meet at Posada Java at 9:30 Thursday, October 20 for Show and Tell of their projects

**Spinning** met last year in Desert Meadows Park and will continue to do so as long as weather is appropriate.

**Weaving** meets in homes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday afternoon. This year 's goal: to weave something using a picture as inspiration. They are also working on Overshot. ALL weavers are encouraged to join

### Show and Share:

Joan Ruane: cotton baby blanket for a new grandchild. Joan also announced several workshops she's organizing. Amy Tyler (knitter) on January 16 and Inkle Weaving Feb 24-25. Contact her for more details.

Fran Lunney shared a chenille scarf she wove. She also showed a wall hanging woven from scraps of fabric used for making masks during COVID.

Marge Delker shared several pine needle baskets she's woven. She collects items she can use as centers and creates very beautiful baskets that reflect that center. She also collects Bear Grass, splits it and weaves with that as well.

Gary Terslinger shared a number of baskets he's woven. One was woven on a ceramic bowl as a base.

Marge Lind showed a shawl of bamboo and Tencel stripes that she created trying to use of some of her stash. She also showed a basket woven on a gourd.

Karen Gabriel showed a Saguaro Pin she created.

Debbi Brunner spent time dying some fabric using plants from her garden. She used it as a study to see the variety of shades she could produce.

Jo'lene Northup wore and shared a beautiful scarf she wove from her hand dyed fibers. She was able to get interesting colors and design...which is what she loves.

**The Beading Study Group** will meet on Thursday, November 10, from 10:30 AM to noon at Friends in Deed. We will start a bead embroidered Christmas tree that can become a pin or a pendant. A supply list will be sent to members of this study group or you may contact Karen at [karengary15@gmail.com](mailto:karengary15@gmail.com), or call 520-207-0799.

**The Weaving Study Group** will be meeting as scheduled November 14th at 1:00 p.m. Our focus this year will be a study of the fascinating weave structure of overshot. Meeting will be held at the house of Bonnie Wollin



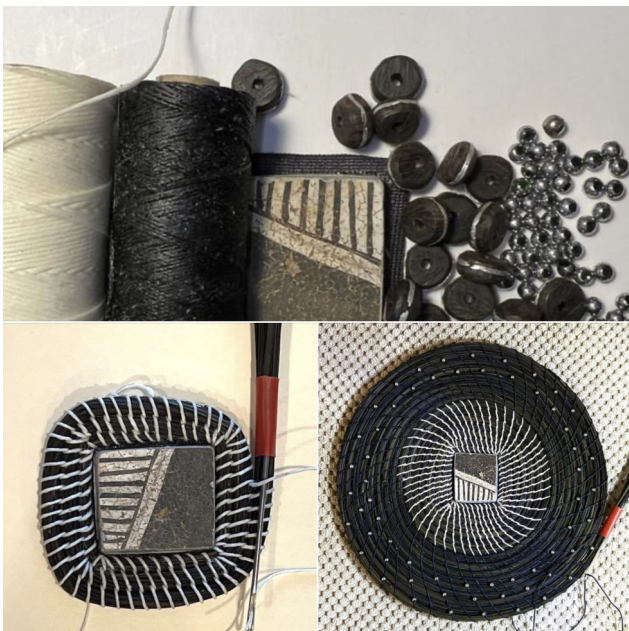
## Show and Share from the October Meeting



Weaving with scraps from mask making—Fran Lunney



Natural dyed fabric— dyed with Alkanet roots, Sandalwood bark, and Assorted Flowers dyebath, Avocado, Walnuts and Indigo. - by Debbi Brunner and friends



IT SPOKE ITS NAME : "Midnight at Chaco Canyon". Having been attracted to the ancient cultures of the Southwest for years, Chaco Canyon has been a place we've returned to over time. Attuned geometrically to alignment with the stars, Chaco is thought to have been a spiritual and trading center of the Ancestral Puebloans ... the Anasazis. As I created the basket, I imagined the white lines radiating out from the pottery shard as being spirit lines extending to celestial stars towards the white diamond ghost spirits. Witnessing this are the People in a kiva circle above them.— Marge Delker



## Show and Share from the October Meeting, con't.



This fossilized little herring was swimming down the stream and millions of years later landed in the center of my latest basket. I found the stone beads at the Tucson Mineral and Gem Show ... and as it turns out : they were perfect for this basket : serendipity. Materials: dyed and natural Apache Pine needles and 4-ply waxed linen thread. Size: 12" diameter and 4" high. The Apache Pine needles are harvested in the Chiricahua mountains. - Marge Delker



Penelope's blanket. For my great granddaughter due in January 2023. The warp is all handspun solar dyed yarn, and the weft is Monte Cristo textured cotton from Henry's Attic. It is handwoven and trimmed with a satin binding. - Joan Ruane



Basket woven on a gourd—Marge Lind



Bead embroidery cactus that JoAnn Haydocy made and attached to a purse





More fabulous baskets from Gary Terlisner

*Surface Design Association Southwest  
Regional Exhibition at Tubac Center of the  
Arts—September 30–November 13th, 2022,  
9 Plaza Road, Tubac, AZ 85646*

**MOUNTAIN SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD  
PRESCOTT-AREA WOODTURNERS**

*Holiday Show  
and Sale*

9:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Saturday  
November 12, 2022

**Prescott Armory**  
(Grace M. Sparkes Activity Center) 824 E. Gurley  
Street Prescott, AZ  
**Free Parking**

SHOP HUNDREDS OF HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS  
MORE INFO ON FACEBOOK AT MSWG EVENTS

### *December Opportunity Baskets*

GREETINGS MEMBERS! Sue Halle, Sudie Durham and I are very excited to have the Holiday Opportunity Basket Fundraiser at our Dec 17th party! Kindly go through your stash (you know you have one) to bring art/craft items you no longer need such as: weaving, knitting, crocheting, stamping, sewing, embellishment, kumihimo, painting and ANYTHING creative you can think of to our NOV meeting. Not sure??? Just text me at 520-308-9913. Text is best. Thanks in advance! —Ellen Kelley

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**Kumihimo** meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Nov 23 ( day before Thanksgiving). Our meeting in October was attended by eight bead enthusiasts who learned the dots and dashes design taught by Mary Ellen. In December the meeting will be on he 28th.

## TAG (The Art of Giving)

LAST CHANCE to donate items for TAG is at the next Guild meeting in November.

For those who would like to donate, but don't have time to make something; consider donating toiletries, books, puzzle books, gently used clothing, purses, medium sized gift bags, etc. Of course, donating handmade items is greatly appreciated. It says that someone cares. I've made lists of items that can be viewed on the website, but some of the very special gifts have come from individuals who have had loved ones who wanted specific item. One year my mom wanted dishcloths. So, I got to work and sent her 30+ dishcloths, knit and crocheted. She called, laughing, and said I always was an overachiever, so, could she give some away to neighbors in the assisted living facility. Of course I agreed.

As always, thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Jane Tempel

### Greetings and Hello from the Guild

#### Librarian!

It's been a banner month for all sorts of fibery happenings and projects for me. The library is open for business at every general meeting, and I have quite the collection of magazines that can be checked out, along with DVDs and books!

One new item that has garnered interest is the new journal called Fiber Art Now. I have received two issues so far, and they are worth a look!

Many thanks to the folks who showed up at my table and relieved me of the old issues of many magazines that we subscribe to! Once again my cabinet has room to breathe!

Also, just an FYI—because we are meeting at the Continental Plaza Conference Room in December, anyone who checks out materials in November is welcome to keep them until the January meeting! There will be no bin for returns at the December meeting!

Until the 21st—happy fibery creations!

Melanie Fritz, Guild Librarian

## Spinning Study Group

Are you an avid spinner that enjoys spending time with other like minded spinners? Or are you interested in learning a new fiber art that creates yarn from different animal and vegetable fibers? At the next Fiber Arts Meeting, I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested in learning or is already an accomplished spinner. Once we have interest, I will look for a suitable location in which to have a monthly spinning meeting. The guild owns several spinning wheels and a number of different pieces of equipment for anyone who would like to learn or check out a piece of equipment to spin or process wool on their own. Please contact Melanie Fritz at:

mlfritzi4@gmail.com or come see me at the library checkout station at the next Fiber Arts Meeting.



# November 2022

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13	14 <i>Weaving</i> <i>Study Group</i> 1:00 PM— <i>home of</i> <i>Bonnie Wollen</i>	15	16	17 <i>Crochet—9:30</i> <i>@ Sunrise</i> <i>Clubhouse</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>VFAG</i> <i>General meet-</i> <i>ing—CPAC</i> 9:00 AM— 12:00 PM	22	23 <i>Kumihimo —</i> <i>@ Friends In</i> <i>Deed 1:00 PM</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Holiday</i>	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Knitting</i> 9:30 @ <i>Friends in</i> <i>Deed</i>	30			

# 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, October 13, at 10:30 AM at Friends in Deed. We will continue, or start, a cactus bead embroidery project. A supply list will be sent to the members of this study group. We will also discuss future projects. For more information contact Karen Gabriel at [karengary115@gmail.com](mailto:karengary115@gmail.com) or call 520-207-0799.

**Clothing:** The Clothing Study Group will meet Thursday, Oct 20th at 9:30 at Posada Java. Bring show 'n tell. Contact Peggy at [peg-e-su.silk@msn.com](mailto:peg-e-su.silk@msn.com) for questions.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tempelj@aol.com).

**Kumihimo:** The Kumihimo Study Group meets the 4th Wednesday OTM at Friends in Deed at 1pm. We will reconvene on October 26th. Contact: Laurie Wykoff [lawykoff@yahoo.com](mailto:lawykoff@yahoo.com)

**Spinning:** Interested in learning to spin or just spend time with other spinners who enjoy creating yarn from fiber? Please contact Melanie Fritz—[mlfritzi4@gmail.com](mailto:mlfritzi4@gmail.com)

**Weaving:** The Weaving study group meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. All weavers are invited including Tapestry & Ridge Heddle people! Cindy Wolf – [pclobo2@gmail.com](mailto:pclobo2@gmail.com) or phone: 608-343-6765.

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