



Fiber News & Updates

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~ *Looking Ahead* ~

2022

General meetings are held the third Monday of the month, September – May starting at 9:30am - AZ time

Mon. May. 16: General Meeting

Time: 1 to 3pm (this meeting only)

Topic: Make and Take Fabric Beads

Location: Continental Shopping Plaza, 2nd story building on northwest corner of shopping center, room 203 on second floor, elevator on east side of building.

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June – August: Summer Break – no meetings scheduled

***Tues. Sept 19: General Meeting
What I Made Over the Summer***

Valley Fiber Art Guild



Membership \$25/year

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Dear Members of the Valley Fiber Art Guild,

As we take a look back to our past season of meetings, study groups, and fiber fun, we feel pride in our success. We navigated the ongoing world health challenges and transitioned from online meetings to (finally!) an in-person meeting - - that was the stash sale, no less! Many study groups returned to their monthly meetings as well. Some study groups we are happy to hear, will even continue meeting through the upcoming summer.

Summer is quickly approaching and we wish you all happy and safe travels, especially to members who are heading north to their summer residences. We will miss you and look forward to your return in the fall. Over the summer we will keep you, our valued members, posted as to our search for a President and Webmaster as well as the status of our guild's fall meeting schedule.

We look forward to continuing our wonderful lectures, workshops, camaraderie, show and tell sessions, Study Groups and oh so much more! We understand that at the Stash Sale, there was some interest in the President position. We are clarifying the responsibilities of that position as well as the Webmaster position on page 2. While both of these positions may initially sound daunting, they have actually been filled in the past by normal people - - just like you and me! Your willingness to step up and help will be greeted with open arms and tremendous support (members who have held these positions in the past will be available to help guide you through learning the ropes of either position).

Your VFAG Board

Valley Fiber Arts Guild President Responsibilities (approximately 4 to 5 hours/month)

- ✓ run monthly Board of Directors and Guild meetings (Sept through April)
- ✓ write a monthly column for the newsletter
- ✓ oversee the selection of the General Meeting location (already confirmed for upcoming year)
- ✓ approve disbursement of funds & sign checks in absence of the Treasurer
- ✓ select members to be on the Nomination committee in January of each year

Contact Peggy McGaughey at 303-241-7686 or
peg-e-su.silk@msn.com



Valley Fiber Art Guild Webmaster Responsibilities (approximately 4 to 5 hours/month)

- ✓ maintain a Guild member distribution list on the website
- ✓ distribute monthly newsletter September through April and occasional special notices
- ✓ keep the web site current with Study Group info, workshop, calendar, etc.
- ✓ attend monthly Board meetings

Contact Kay Burrows at 520-204-1774 or
newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.org



TAG

(The Art of Giving)

It's finally spring and I've begun to clean my closets! I'm finding many things to donate, so I can start filling the voids in my closets. During my search and purge, I have found several things for TAG that I forgot I had. This past year, Valley Assistance asked for people to donate books for the holidays. We have always given some books and added home made bookmarks. A quick, easy gift.

Many of you like to donate items for TAG before the summer. Since I have space, I'm happy to take anything you wish to give. With the stash sale coming up, I can collect your items at that time. Look forward to seeing you, in person.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Jane Tempel



May 16th Make and Take Fabric Beads

Following VFAG tradition we will once again have a Make and Take hands-on experience for our members. Originally, Gretchen Ramsey was going to lead us but now others from the Clothing Study Group will teach us this wonderful technique to use fabric scrap and create a one of a kind necklace or bracelet. Join us for a fun afternoon of play. You will also learn options for assembling when you finish your full complement of beads.

Supplies to bring:

A few fabric scraps to cut circles at least 6" in diameter

Printer paper: 2 pieces

Ruler or compass for drawing circles on paper

Straight pins to hold paper templates to fabric

Scissor to cut templates and fabric

Sturdy thread: upholstery or quilting thread, any color

Hand sewing needles (Size 7 and 8 Sharps are easy to thread)

Swizzle stick, chop stick, crochet hook, etc. for poking fabric

Program Ideas?

The Program Committee would be interested in your ideas for the coming year's presentations. Do you know of someone who would present an interesting program? Would YOU like to present a program about your special interest? Perhaps you know of a 'national instructor' who the Guild would enjoy! Let your imaginations go wild!

In addition, the Committee will be contacting the various Study Groups regarding their interest in sharing their experiences.

Please send Marge Lind your ideas along with contact information for the possible speaker. mjlind69@gmail.com



VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES April 18, 2022

The “Stash Sale” meeting took place in the meeting room at Continental Plaza, Green Valley. Members began to arrive at 9:30 to set up displays of their wares and the sale took place from 10-10:30.

The business meeting convened at 10:32 with Vice-President Jol'ene Northrup presiding.

The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates which had also been published in the newsletter;

President - no candidate

Secretary - Martha Fine

Membership Co-chairs - Peggy McGaughey and Cindy Wolf

A motion was made to approve the slate and seconded.

The 26 members present voted unanimously to elect the slate as presented.

Congratulations to our new officers.

Gretchen Ramsey informed the membership that a webmaster is also needed as Kay Burrows, our previous webmaster, has moved out of the area.

Jol'ene spoke about our need for members to step up and fill the vacant president position, it is critically important for our Guild to have a president to continue to function. While this is a very important position it is not very difficult nor very time-consuming. A job description will be published in the next newsletter that delineates the duties of the officers.

The \$25 annual membership dues for the 2022-2023 year are due by May 31st and the membership form is available on the website.

The March general meeting minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

April Boysen reported \$9034.17 in the Guild's account.

Melanie Fritz reported that the library stash sale raised \$289 and reminded members that the library catalog is online but you must be a member to borrow items.

The Arizona Fiber Guild has started publishing a quarterly newsletter and has a new facebook page. Our newsletter is published on their forum. On Facebook, search for “Arizona Fiber Arts Federation” to join.

Marge Lind told us the customary May “Make and Take” meeting will feature cloth beads. Gretchen modeled a lovely necklace of cloth beads that coordinated perfectly with her outfit.

The May meeting will most likely be held in the same venue as the stash sale. A materials list will be sent out to members.

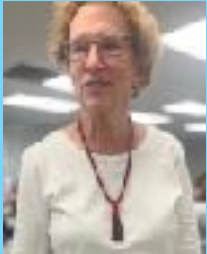
Marge requests that members give her suggestions for speakers and programs for the future.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:53am.

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Martha Fine's Show and Tell Notes

Karen Gabriel



... of the Beading Study Group showed the slinky chains with tassels that they made. These are sophisticated designs that would enhance a variety of casual to very dressy outfits.

Jane Tempel

... has declared war on her yarn stash and is adapting knitting patterns to use multiple yarns



from her stash. (As a knitter with an ample stash, I am simultaneously in awe of Jane and slightly abashed that I have no plans to minimize my stash).

Bernie Olson



Showed her "No Sew Quilted Ornaments" that are made of fabrics folded over a styrofoam ball and pinned in place for a quilted effect. These are quite intricate and reminiscent of origami but in 3 dimensions. (and now I am again inspired to minimize the size of my fabric stash by making "No Sew Ornaments", but please do not check on my progress in September as I fear I will be doubly embarrassed!)

Gretchen Ramsey



..braided this 5'7" X 4'6" rug for her granddaughter's graduation gift.

Sharon Anderson



Knitted a multicolor cowl that uses the Fibonacci sequence to dictate when the color changes occur. The cowl is delightfully soft and warm and her niece who lives in the north will surely appreciate this gift.

The September program is "What I Made Over the Summer".

The meeting adjourned 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fine, Secretary

APRIL 2022 STASH SALE documented in pictures!



Study Groups

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"It is the expectation of the Valley Fiber Art Guild that all members attending guild in-person events are vaccinated and properly wearing a mask."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and national recommendations for social distancing, study group meetings have been modified.

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."

Basketry:

The Basketry Study Group is meeting in person the 1st Thursday of May, 9-11am. Contact: Debbi Brunner – misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

We are meeting in person at Friends in Deed from 10:30 AM until 12:00, on the second Thursday of the month. Bring your own project to work on or the group projects. Details are sent out via email prior to the meeting. For more info contact Karen at karengary115@gmail.com or 520.207.0799

Braided Rug:

Instruction is offered on an individual need-to-learn basis. If interested, please contact: Gretchen Ramsey -grandmagretchen@cox.net (393-6179)

Clothing:

Meetings are the 4th Thursdays of the month. Time 9:30 am
Contact Peggy at peg-e-su.silk@msn.com for questions.

Crochet:

The Crochet group is meeting the third Thursday OTM at Sunrise Clubhouse at 9:30 am. Contact Toni Prutch 503.349.6491-portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com

Knitting:

Usually meets on the 4th Tuesday OTM 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Friends In Deed, Room A. The group needs a new Group Contact/ Leader, please consider this easy and fun position. This group will meet informally over the summer at the usual time and place.

Send emails to newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.org

Kumihimo:

Usually meets 4th Wednesday OTM at Friends in Deed at 1pm. We will reconvene in September 2022. Contact: Laurie Wykoff - lawykoff@yahoo.com

Marudai:

Suspending all in-person meetings until further notice. Usually meets the 1st Thursday OTM; 12:30-3:00 pm at Friends in Deed. Pam Roederer - roederers@gmail.com

Mixed Media Fiber:

No meetings scheduled.

Rigid Heddle Weaving:

No meetings scheduled.

Spinning:

No meetings scheduled.

Tapestry Weaving:

No scheduled meetings. We hope to continue the tapestry group next guild year. Contact Debra Brown - debrabrown15@icloud.com or April Boysen -gaboysen1@gmail.com (720-545-7748)

Weaving:

The Weaving group usually meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. Cindy Wolf – pclobo2@gmail.com or phone: 608-343-6765.

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