



# Fiber News & Updates

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## ~ 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.**

Mon. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: General Meeting  
**Time: 9:00am at CPAC**  
*Roberta Schueler, Buttons*

Mon. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: General Meeting  
**Time: 9:00am at CPAC**  
*Jere Moskovitz, Wire crochet/  
Knitting/Mixed Media*

Mon. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: General Meeting  
**Time 12pm at Continental Mall,**  
**2nd Floor**  
*Holiday Opportunity Baskets  
Sweets for the Season Potluck*

## Valley Fiber Art Guild



Membership \$25/year

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## ~ PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER ~



I've had a chance to review some files on our guild's history. This group started in 1988 as an informal group of spinners and weavers. As membership and interests expanded the group became part of the Arizona Federation of Fiber Guilds, and thus the Valley Fiber Arts Group was formed. As all groups must, evolution and change are part of the dynamics. Many of us are demarcating our time as pre-covid and post-covid. As we emerge from the covid years we are a changed organization. Some of our senior members have moved out of the area to be with family and others have decided to curtail their activities. That has left us with vacant leadership positions and a feeling of being left to "sink or swim" on our own as we wait for some of our snowbirds to flock back to us. All groups evolve as they must and this group is no exception.

Our first in-person post-covid meeting was attended by a small but enthusiastic group. Interest in forming new study groups was expressed and admiration for the work of our members as seen in the Show and Share was quite evident. Our members are a multi-talented and very creative group. Let's continue to make this group a true reflection of our combined interests, skills and vision.

As we leave our monsoon season and enter the "spooky" season, let us embrace one of America's best loved holidays, especially for decorating, and have some fun! Orange and black, high-contrast colors, stormy nights, spiders and bats can be a strong inspiration for creativity. Let's tap into the energy of this season. Are spiders and bats really frightening creatures up close or do they have a subtle beauty all their own? What colors are on a spider's back, what pattern does a bat make as it flies through a moonlit night? So let's hop on our brooms and take a bat's eye view of the world!

Fondly,  
Martha Fine, Acting President

## ~ October 17th Program ~

Roberta Schueler of the Tucson Buttoneers & National Button Society (NBS) will be our program speaker. She will discuss the history, materials and construction, competition and judging of buttons.

As an added bonus, using the NBS Blue Book of button collecting as a guide, Roberta together with other Buttoneers will be on hand to assist Guild members wishing to obtain information about buttons in their personal collection.

Be sure to check out your button “stash” now & select one or two buttons to bring to the October meeting!



## ~ November 21st Program ~

Jere Moskowitz will speak about her background and show many examples of her work as well as doing demos of some wire knitting techniques and crochet with wire. In addition to jewelry, she will also plan to bring some mixed media baskets she has made.

Jere will be one of the juried artists at SAACA La Encantada Fine Art Festival in Tucson on October 22nd & 23rd (<https://www.saaca.org/laefineart.html>)

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



## September 19th Show 'n Share



Martha Fine upcycled needlework pieces from White Elephant combined with leather to make the purse; knitted shawl; and one of her first quilts.

Peggy McGaughey handing over the Presidential reigns to Martha Fine! THANK YOU Peggy & Martha.



Peggy McGaughey's small quilt and hand made cards.

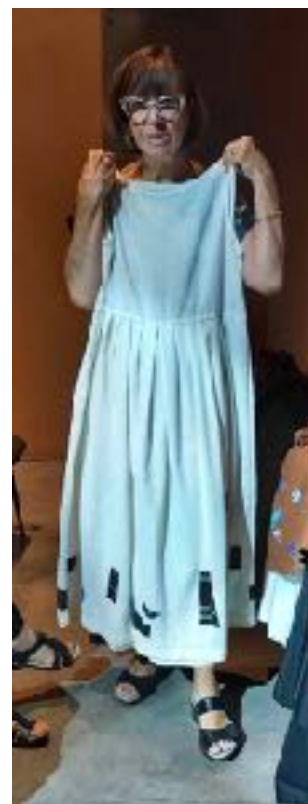
## September 19th Show 'n Share ... continued



Patricia Merritt's Baskets



Debbi Brunner's Hand Stitched Designs



## September 19th Show 'n Share ... continued



Joan Michaud's art quilts; look closely for the tea bags.



Our Librarian, Melanie Fritz!



One of our new member's rag rug embellished with beads made into a wall hanging.



Friends reconnecting!

### Greetings from the library!

Last month saw the library open for business and yes, we had plenty of interest and checkouts of materials, although attendance was light for our first month in person. It was a great meeting, and I hope to see more of our fiber arts community come back to see what's new and exciting in the months to come.

At this month's October 17th meeting I will be putting out older journals that I no longer have room for in the library cabinets. They are will be on the table and available for free! Stop by and pick up some back issues and make your librarian happy!

And as the old journals go to new homes, I am happy to report that we have subscribed to a new and exciting journal called Fiber Art Now. This journal is published 4 times per year, and covers all aspects of fiber arts, with a focus on artists and exhibits. It contains so many different ideas that I'm excited to see what is new and trending in the fiber arts field.

The first issue has arrived, and I will have it available for folks to browse, although I will wait for the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue to arrive before they will be available for checkout.

And a gentle reminder to anyone wishing to check out any library materials, you must be a current dues paid member. The library has available books, DVDs and magazines. Check out some new inspiration!

See you on October 17th! Melanie Fritz

### Membership Update

- We have 3 new members for a total of 52 Guild members! Please extend a warm welcome to our new members at the Oct meeting
- Annual dues are \$25
- If you didn't pay in Spring 2022, please pay ASAP
- A new membership form needs to accompany your payment
- Download and print the FORM found on our website and follow the directions (<https://valleyfiberartguild.org>)
- Visit the Membership table at the October meeting for a form and to pay the \$25 fee!

### December 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 12pm

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Opportunity Basket Fundraiser! A committee is actively working to pull details together for this fun event. More details will be shared at the October General meeting.

### TAG

(The Art of Giving)

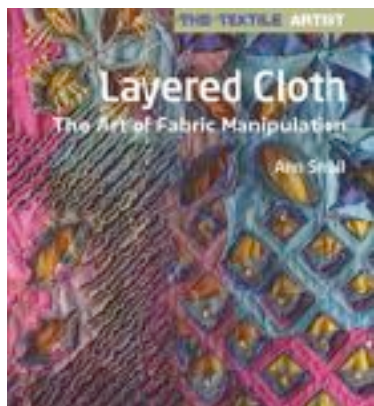
I can tell from the traffic that the snowbirds are coming back early this year! It's been great reconnecting with friends and neighbors in Green Valley.

Short and sweet: I will be collecting gifts for TAG at the October and November meetings.

People really appreciate the hand made items; but also, the toiletries, books, puzzles, and other useful items. Valley Assistance would appreciate gift bags that are medium to large size - all colors or designs welcomed!

Thanks again to all who contribute.

Jane Tempel



## **Review of Layered Cloth – The Art of Fabric Manipulation by Ann Small**

If you have done fabric manipulation in the past or are thinking about trying it, this is a great book to explore expanding your creative fabric ideas or start a new adventure learning about fabric manipulation. It gives you all the information you need to start and then evolve your technique. The author lives in Hertfordshire, UK and was in theatrical costuming and teaches and shows her work in art galleries, so she is very talented.

The first section of the book starts out with inspiration and design. She shows you how to come up with designs that are original to you. There is page after page of directions and pictures of the finished pieces. Some pieces have hand embellishments and Kantha sewing. One of her ideas, I personally liked, was to keep a tablet by your side as you create to write all those 'must try' or 'what if I do this' notes, while you are working on your project.

The second section is on pushing the boundaries. WOW, is all I can say. She has so many ideas on how to make fabric manipulation 'out of the box' so to speak. There is a chapter on Trapunto if you are interested in trying that. She made a 3D piece that looks like a vase (page 90-91) that looks so creative my fingers are just itching to give it a try! Another is twisted blooms and buds (pages 116-117) you have to see the picture to understand.

The last chapter is all about going further in fabric manipulation. If you read this book and aren't inspired to do something creative, I would be very surprised. But, even if you aren't inspired, it still is a lovely book with lots of pictures that are excellently photographed and enjoyable to just look and dream.

Create on...fellow VFAG members!

Peggy McGaughey

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- La Encantada Fine Arts Festival in Tucson; Oct 22nd & 23rd <https://www.saaca.org/laefineart.html>
- Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival in Tucson; Nov 10th to 12th; <https://quiltcraftsew.com/tucson.html>
- AZ Federation info & events on Facebook - search for Arizona Fiber Arts Federation
- AZ History Museum in Tucson; Los Desconocidos: The Migrant Quilt Project now through Feb 2023 <https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/museum/arizona-history-museum/#programs>
- AZ State Museum in Tucson; multiple fiber arts showcased <https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/online-exhibit/19-century-navajo-weaving-asm>

## FOR SALE

- Gilmore loom, 6 shafts
- 40 in weaving width, 130 needles per shaft
- Schacht adjustable bench
- \$ 900.00
- This is a great all around loom. Weave anything from lace to heavy rugs.
- Jol'ene Northup
- [Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com](mailto:Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com)





## 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:

The Knitting Study Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Send emails to [newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.org](mailto:newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.org)

### Kumihimo:

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