

Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

~ *Looking Ahead* ~

2022

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

Mon. Sept. 19th: General Meeting
Time: 10am at CPAC
Guild Member Show and Tell
**Arrive at 9am for chatting,
library browsing & reconnecting
with friends!**

Mon. Oct. 17th: General Meeting
Time: 9:30am at CPAC
Roberta Schueler, Buttons

Mon. Nov. 21st: General Meeting
Time: 9:30am at CPAC
*Jere Moskovitz, Wire crochet/
knitting*

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

Valley Fiber Art Guild



GOOD NEWS ... EXCELLENT NEWS ACTUALLY!!!

We have a new president of our Guild! Martha Fine has volunteered to be our president. This is such wonderful news as Martha's passion for fiber arts will be contagious for us all.

Brief Introduction to Martha:

-  She started out with a degree in clothing and textiles. She worked for the Rockettes and All My Children and then taught Home Economics in a teacher certification program. When middle school Home Ec departments closed, she changed careers to Occupational Therapy and then added teaching high school English to her resume. She has always been true to her first love of clothing and textiles!
-  Her father promised Martha a big party when she grew to be 5' tall. They're still waiting!
-  Moved to Sahuarita in June 2019 when her husband was offered a job too good to pass up; her sister lives in Tucson.
-  Loves to knit, quilt, read, dance ballet, visit with girl friends/family and just hang at home with the hubs and the pets.
-  Active in the Knitting Study Group.
-  She has a dog, Darwin; 2 cats, Eddy and Junipurr; and Lil Keet a pretty little blue parakeet.
-  She has been our Guild Secretary for 2.5 years.
-  She is a grammy to Moses, Tallulah and twins, Ari and Asher.



My First Presidential Letter(!):

Happy New Year fellow fiber enthusiasts! As a teacher for many years the start of my year has always been September and not January 1st. After the dog days of summer, fall brings a welcome change. There is an energy in the air and a briskness to people's movements. This fall brings with it a new hope of health and wellness with a promise of renewed togetherness for our group. While I was teaching one of my very favorite sights was that of my students' faces aglow with the expectation of new learning. I know my face will be aglow with the joy of fellowship and excitement to be inspired by all of you. I also want to thank our "Captain Peggy" for so skillfully steering our ship through the tumultuous currents of covid and our program committee who came through with an exciting roster of guest speakers who quickly adapted their programs to on-line media. I'd like to acknowledge the role Debbi Brunner has played over the years with the Workshop Committee - thank you!

Our amazing Program Committee continues to work on identifying inspiring instructors. Thanks to Marge and her committee for their hard work to keep us entertained and learning!

We started a new feature in the newsletter "Spotlight On Study Groups" that highlights one of our special study groups each month so all members can learn about them and attend those that interest you. While some study groups went on hiatus others continued with Zoom and in-person meetings. Our study groups will now meet in person with mask and distance precautions as desired.

I have always loved fiber arts. I studied clothing and textile history in college, taught college level home economics while I was taking care of babies and then was forced to change fields as home economics became less popular in public school education. This however did not diminish my love for and my interest in fiber arts. I looked forward to retirement as a time for me to once again revisit my first love and was so completely delighted to stumble upon this group.

I learned of this Guild via the internet before I moved here, in June three years ago. I waited impatiently all summer for the first meeting of the 2019-2020 year. What I saw at that first "Show and Tell" exceeded my expectations. There was a wide variety of media used as reflected in the variety of study groups we have and the level of creativity and expertise was inspiring.

This group is important to me for continued inspiration, learning and fellowship. You, the members of this guild, are a wellspring of creativity, knowledge and expertise. Let's all work together to continue to make this a year of sharing, learning and enjoying.

Martha Fine,
President Elect



A new start!

Join us as we gather we celebrate our Guild, one another's creativity and our friendships. We're sorry we're not able to use Zoom for General Meetings any longer as CPAC has poor internet connectivity.

Sept 19th Meeting Show and Tell

Let's have some fun in sharing our creativity as well as our sense of adventure! This month, we'll branch out and ask you to share your summer projects, accomplishments and adventures ... fiber-related and other. Did you get side tracked with non-fiber projects? Maybe gardening, traveling, reading, etc? Please come / share AND bring your designs so we can celebrate YOU and your creativity!

Items Marge Might Share if She Was Able to Attend the Meeting!



VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

-  President Elect: Martha Fine
-  Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
-  Secretary: Open
-  Treasurer: April Boysen
-  Federation: Jol'ene Northrup
-  Programs: Marge Lind
-  Membership: Peggy McGaughey and Cindy Wolf
-  Librarian: Melanie Fritz
-  Webmaster: Kay Burrows
-  Newsletter: Eileen Coyne

Greetings from the library!

I am very happy to announce that the library will be open for business at the September meeting! We plan on having an hour before the general meeting for members to mingle and greet people old and new, browse the library collection and stop by the membership table to pay dues.

For those that are new or returning to attending an in-person guild meeting, here are a few pointers to remember:

First and foremost, everyone is welcome to browse the library collection! If a book or magazine calls to you, please remember that library checkouts are restricted to current dues paying members of the guild.

To get a taste of what the library has to offer, please check out the online library catalog at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/VFAG>

In addition to the book collection, we subscribe to the following magazines: Handwoven, Vogue Knitting, Spin-off, Ply and Threads. There are 2 years of magazines that are just aching to be perused and checked out. Please stop by and say HI!

Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian

PS: We also have DVDs!!

Membership Update

-  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 Sept 19th meeting for a form and to pay \$25 fee!

December 12th 2022

Holiday Opportunity Baskets Fundraiser Committee Needs Help!

- *Sign up at the Sept meeting to lend a hand*
- *Collect items and organize baskets*
- *Organize "Sweets for the Season" potluck*
- *Join our new President and have fun!*
- *Let Martha know of your interest*

TAG

(The Art of Giving)

This summer has been extremely hot! I've been in Iowa and with heat index, there were several days that were warmer in Green Valley. What's up with that? This morning there is dense fog, so it appears that fall is on its way.

I'm sorry I'm missing Show and Tell at this month's Guild meeting. The creations are always an inspiration for my upcoming projects and an admiration for all the artists within the Guild. I hope someone takes pictures!

I will be back for the October meeting. I spent last week going through closets and drawers and chests to reduce my inventory of knitted goods. I found several items that will be great for TAG gifts. AND now I have more closet space! If anyone has items for our TAG project, I will happily take them off your hands in October and November. If you want to donate items but don't have homemade items, toiletries are always welcome.

Thank you in advance
Jane Tempel

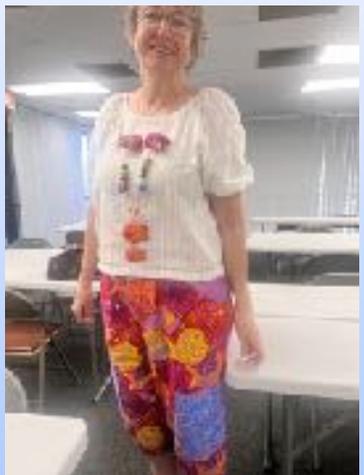
May 16th Show and Tell Combined with Make and Take (Fabric Beads)



Fran Lunney



Jol'ene Northup



Peggy McGaughey



Peggy McGaughey



Making fabric beads!



We wish we knew the name of the artist of this beautiful design!

FOR SALE



- Ashford Loom & Accessories
- \$250
- Contact:
- Marilyn Wrucke
- 303-808-2384
- mwrucke2@gmail.com

VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD
General Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

This month's meeting our annual May "Make and Take" was held at Continental Plaza conference room. In the absence of a President and quorum no business meeting was held.

Fabric beads were featured, they can be made of fabric scraps that coordinate with a favorite outfit or use scraps that you like too much to throw away. Made with a few simple and readily available items, they make up quickly and are readily assembled into a necklace.

Show and Tell

We all admired Jol'ene Northup's woven set of dish towels so much that we all wanted a close examination and an explanation of the process she used to make these elaborate and colorful dish towels. She used a 4-shaft loom with a matted cotton base and colored mercerized cotton contrast yarn.

Peggy was fashion forward with her Kaffe Fasset pants with contrasting pockets and coordinating fish necklace. Kaffe Fasset fabrics make you happy just to look at them. He, Mr. Fasset, and Peggy certainly shared the joy of color at our meeting.

Fran Lunney wore a necklace of black and white fabric beads, the small prints made the beads look as if they were made of marble.

The meeting adjourned at 3 PM. It is sad to think that we won't reconvene until September but we all have high hopes that our future meetings will be held in person.

The September meeting will be a Show and Tell of items made during the summer hiatus.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Fine, Secretary

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.

Basketry: The Basketry Study Group usually meets the 1st Thursday of the month. Contact Debbi Brunner for details - misseyb@gmail.com

Beading:

The Beading Study Group will not meet in September. We will continue meetings on the second Thursday of the month at Friends In Deed on October 13 (time will be announced in the Oct Newsletter. We will continue our bead embroidery projects. For more information contact Karen at Karengary115@gmail.com or call 520-207-0799.

Clothing:

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

Knitting:

The Knitting Study Group 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. Send emails to newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.org

Kumihimo:

The Kumihimo Study Group meets the 4th Wednesday OTM at Friends in Deed at 1pm. We will reconvene in October 2022. Contact: Laurie Wykoff - lawykoff@yahoo.com

Weaving:

The Weaving study group 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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