

# Fiber Arts News

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Newsletter of the Valley Fiber Art Guild

## 2023 Meetings

*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.*

**February Meeting Monday—  
February 20th 9:30 AM**

**March Meeting Monday—March  
20th starting at 9:30 AM**

**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

**February 2023**

### LOVE MONTH

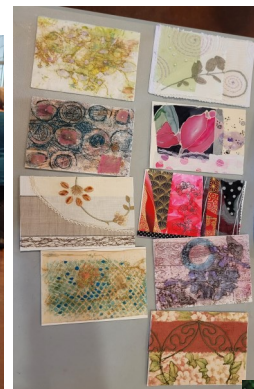
The best distraction from unrelenting cold weather and leaden, gray skies is, of course, Valentine's Day. As a life-long chocoholic it rates as one of my favorite holidays. My grown children show their love for me by sending me a box of chocolates every Valentine's day and I struggle with



reminding myself that chocolates are not a healthy lunch. There are so very many ways to express love. When I was a little girl, my mother tasked me with ironing my father's handkerchiefs. It was boring and tedious but she framed it as a labor of love for him. Being a daddy's girl, I fell for it. Throughout my working life I performed innumerable "labors of love" for my children, husband and extended family, for work colleagues and especially for my students. Once I retired I busily set about making quilts and knitted accessories for family. But having a dangerous amount of time to listen to my own thoughts, I began to balk at all these labors of love and wanted to work on my own creations and ideas. I seriously carved out blocks of time to explore my ideas and bring some of them to fruition. I'm still working on the balance of performing :labors of love: and showing myself some love. And as I do so, I am beset with myriad conflicting emotions; guilt at not working on the promised quilt for a grandchild, knitting mittens for the grandnieces in frigid Minnesota and the joy of bringing my own ideas into fruition.

Last week I had intended to finish up a quilt for a grandson's seventh birthday (which is actually on Valentine's day) but instead invited myself to tag along with two other members of our group to an exhibition of Art Quilts at the Tucson JCC. As we walked around the gallery we engaged in discussions of many of the pieces which helped me to see deeper into the nuances of the art work. It was a joy to share this experience with others who found it as meaningful a pastime as I do. Sharing time exploring fiber in all its forms, deepening my understanding of art and the craft that gives it expression are labors of self-love that this group allows me to experience.  
- Martha Fine

# January meeting highlights Clothing Study



# January General Meeting Minutes

Valley Fiber Arts Guild Minutes of the General Meeting, January 16, 2023

The January Guild meeting featured a program presented by the Clothing Study Group in which they explored the repurposing of clothing while modeling the newly created apparel. In addition, clothing items of the group were on display in the lobby. During Show and Share, other creations were shown by members. The Guild business meeting then followed.

## I. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the December, 2022, minutes published in the newsletter were approved and seconded.

## II. General information

1. Martha Fine asked that any study group who would like to do a presentation about their project/activities to contact the Program Chairman.

2. If members are aware of any community events that would be of interest to the Guild members, please send the relevant information to the newsletter editor, Melanie Fritz. Events mentioned were an upcoming quilt show and other craft fairs.

3. Martha presented the idea of describing individual member's goals for their own creative process for which the Guild might provide support. Slips of paper were passed out for noting such goals and were collected.

4. Martha described the process of forming a fiber arts related Study Group. Persons interested organizing a group write up a description of the purpose, contact person and meeting times of the proposed group and report this information to the president of the Guild.

Information about the Study Group will then be included on the Valley Fiber Art Guild website.

## III. Reports

### 1. Vice President

Jol'ene Northrup announced the awarding of an Education Fund Grant to a member. She described the Grant's purpose and the application and approval process.

### 2. Treasurer

April Boysen reported a balance of \$8,181. She announced that the role of treasurer is now open and she described the aspects of the role. Martha announced that a nominating committee needs to be formed by March. The only position for which a candidate is needed is that of the treasurer. The slate of officers will be presented at the March meeting and will be voted on in April.

### 3. Membership

Peggy McGaughey announced current member roster is 80, including 5 new members today. Membership information is on the Guild website.

### 4. Library/Newsletter

Melanie Fritz reported that there are active library checkouts. She needs information to be submitted in order to compose the newsletter. Please make submittals by the first of the month.

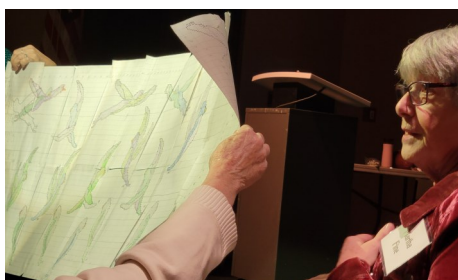
### 5. Program

Marge Lind announced that the presenter for the February 20 General Meeting will be Deb Brunner who will talk about Slow Stitching.

Respectfully Submitted

Marjorie Delker, Acting Secretary

# January Show and Share



# February Meeting Presentation

What is Slow Stitching?

Debbi Brunner will explain this contemporary term for many handwork techniques and show samples of her journey through this medium. Having spent many years exploring various handwork there will be a PowerPoint presentation and lots of examples of her vocation and avocation of design and handwork.



## Notes from the Library

Greetings!

It's great to see so much interest in the library, our circulation has been very robust this season!

Next month, depending on my health schedule, I may or may not be in attendance. If by chance I am scheduled for surgery during that time frame, I will have an alternative for folks wishing to browse and checkout and return items. It will be on an honor basis unless I can get another guild member to sit at the desk and handle transactions.

There will be a sign up sheet for new checkouts—I just need a name, title of the book and the (teeny) barcode numbers that are in the upper right corner of the material.

There will be a separate sheet for returns, same format as for checkouts. That way I will be able to clear the system without being present and having to handle lifting and shelving materials.

For returns, once they have been logged on the checkin sheet, please re-shelve materials. My system isn't very organized, but it works for now!

Thanks everyone!

Melanie Fritz, VFAG Librarian

## Felting Workshops now available!

ATTENTION FELLOW FELTERS

Fiona Duthie has announced open registration for her online felting workshops for 2023!

Information is available on her website... [fionaduthie.com](http://fionaduthie.com).

Check out the STUDY IN COLOR BLENDING workshop or RAISED SURFACE workshop. All offerings look very interesting.

Pictures of creations by our own Eileen Coyne are shown here. Eileen's felted creations were inspired by Fiona Duthie classes. BEAUTIFUL





Guild members enjoying a holiday luncheon starting at left: Sally Morrison, Jane Tempel, Eileen Coyne, Sharon Laws, Fran Lunney, Bernie Olson, Barbara Copeland

The Weaving Study Group will be meeting February 13th at 1:00 PM in the home of Cindy Wolf, 1775 E Coastland Dr., Green Valley.



Creations from Dale Box. Images 1 & 2 were made at Christmas and I loved making them. Tiny little pillows embellished with embroidery, boiled wool appliqué, rick rack, beads and buttons. I actually saw a book on Bowl Pillows in Joann's last week. Who knew???

Image 3 is a collage bowl that was a class project from the 'Clothing and More' group in January .

# Upcoming shows and events of interest



**64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TUBAC FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

**February 8-12**  
Wednesday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm

- Over 250 Fine Artists & Craftsmen
- Horse-drawn Trolley Rides
- Restaurants, Shops, Galleries & Boutiques
- Festival Eateries & Live Music

For more information, visit [www.tubacaz.com](http://www.tubacaz.com)

Tucson Golf Cars | Village of TUBAC 1788 | Vermillion Promotions | ARIZONA THE GRAND CANYON STATE

Tucson Quilters Guild presents

# Quilt Fiesta!

2023

Pima County Fairgrounds  
Old Pueblo Hall  
11300 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ

**Feb. 24-26**  
Friday & Saturday 🐾 9am - 5pm  
Sunday 🐾 10am- 4pm

Hundreds of Quilts, Basket Bonanza, Vendors, Antique Quilts, Small Quilt Charity Sale & Auction, Quilts of Valor Sit & Sew, Demos, Special Exhibits and More!

\$10 per day or \$20 per 3-day pass  
\$5 Parking

Info at [TucsonQuiltersGuild.com](http://TucsonQuiltersGuild.com)



2023 Opportunity Quilt Tucson Magic Trick 45" x 68"

## Tucson Handweavers and Spinners



Mae Olden Davidson  
Felted Doll

### GALLERY SHOW

February 2-26, 2023  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
River and Dodge

CELEBRATING FIVE DECADES OF  
FIBER ARTS AND FRIENDSHIP

OPENING RECEPTION: Sunday, February 5 • 11am-2pm  
Gallery hours: Mon-Thurs: 5am- 8:30pm  
Fri: 5am-6pm • Sat-Sun: 7am-6pm

Self-guided and Docent-led tours available February 2-26.  
Click the link below to schedule a docent-led tour.

See examples of members' work from 1973 to the present.  
Weaving • Spinning • Dyeing • Felting • Knit • Crochet  
Basketry • Beading • Braiding • Wearable Art



Betty Headrick  
Ancient Ghosts Tapestry



Olga Neuts  
Refuge Tapestry



Curt Dornberg  
Paper-lined Box



Rebecca Fabos  
Rep Weave Table Runner



Sally Hall  
Diving Down Felted Fish



Colette Landen  
Knit Sweater

Arizona State Button Society  
"Anchors Away" Feb 18 & 19  
Hilton Garden Inn, Avondale AZ  
[Arizonastatebuttonsoc@gmail.com](mailto:Arizonastatebuttonsoc@gmail.com)

Green Valley Recreation Arts & Craft Assoc  
2023 Arts & Crafts Festival Feb 17 & 18  
West Social Center, Green Valley

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Proudly Presents:

### THE 68TH ANNUAL TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW

**SILICA Agates & Opals & Quartz Oh My!**

Tucson Convention Center  
February 9-12, 2023  
for more information, visit: [www.tgms.org](http://www.tgms.org)



LA ENCANTADA  
Fine Art Festival  
OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2022  
FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2023

# February 2023

Sun

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Fri

Sat

			1	2 VFAG Board Meeting 1:00 PM, TPD	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Weaving Study Group 1:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 VFAG General Meeting 9:30 AM	21 Clothing Study Group 9:30 AM Desert Hills Lutheran Church	22 Kumihimo 1:00 PM Friends InDeed	23	24	25
26	27	28				



# 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, February 9th, 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](mailto:karengary115@gmail.com) or call 520-207-0799.

**Clothing:** The clothing study group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Room #102 of the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. Contact Peggy McGaughey at [peg-e-su.silk@msn.com](mailto:peg-e-su.silk@msn.com) or Sudie at [susandurham@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto:portraitsbytoni@yahoo.com)

**Knitting:** 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). Jane Tempel

**Kumihimo:** The Kumihimo Study Group meets the 4th Wednesday OTM at Friends in Deed at 1pm. 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? 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. 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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## VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

- ◆ President: Martha Fine
- ◆ Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
- ◆ Treasurer: April Boysen
- ◆ Secretary: Vacant
- ◆ Federation: Jol'ene Northrup
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- ◆ Membership: Peggy McGaughey & Cindy Wolf
- ◆ Librarian: Melanie Fritz
- ◆ Webmaster: Vacant
- ◆ Newsletter: Eileen Coyne