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What I Did This Summer

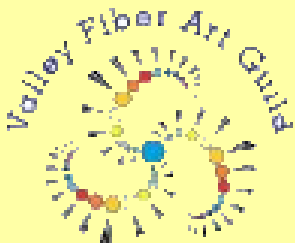
Monthly meetings will
be held at :

Valley Presbyterian Church
2800 S Camino del Sol
Green Valley, AZ 85622

Come early for socializing
and library browsing at
9:30am.

Meeting / programs from
10:00am – 12 Noon

**Valley Fiber Art
Guild**



Membership \$25/year

www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Download an enrollment
form from our Web Site.

President's Letter

As a school teacher for most of my working life, September, rather than January has always signaled the start of a new year for me. A new year literally means renewal, a time of renewal of body, spirit and hopefully, creativity. This year for VFAG is starting on a very auspicious note - we have a new meeting venue. Our new venue at the Valley Presbyterian Church features a single-level meeting room with tables and chairs in a well-lit space and even coffee service. The Board is sure our members will find this venue more conducive to viewing items, socializing, sparking inspiration and camaraderie.



The program committee has worked diligently this summer to bring you a slate of inspiring and edifying speakers and workshops.

There has been renewed interest in reviving study groups that have lapsed due to covid, continuing those hardy groups that met in spite of covid and forming new ones such as felting, dyeing and making art quilts.

Let's all work together this year towards building new skills, finding new inspiration, enjoying old friendships and forming new ones.

Fondly,
Martha Fine,

New Meeting Space

The Board is proud to announce VALLEY FIBER ARTS GUILD has a new meeting venue!

Valley Presbyterian Church
2800 S Camino del Sol
Green Valley, AZ 85622

This is a well space, fully handicapped accessible (no stairs) with coffee service. We are sure our members will enjoy this inviting and hospitable space where we can hold programs, socialize and share our work and ideas in fellowship and comfort.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 18 at 9:30. From 9:30-10 is social hour and the program is from 10-12.

There's Still Time to Create Something Special to Share for the President's Summer Complementary Color Challenge

I hereby challenge every member of VFAG to a COLOR SMACKDOWN.

The challenge is to create anything of your choice that uses a pair of complementary colors (opposites on the color wheel, sometimes called opposites).

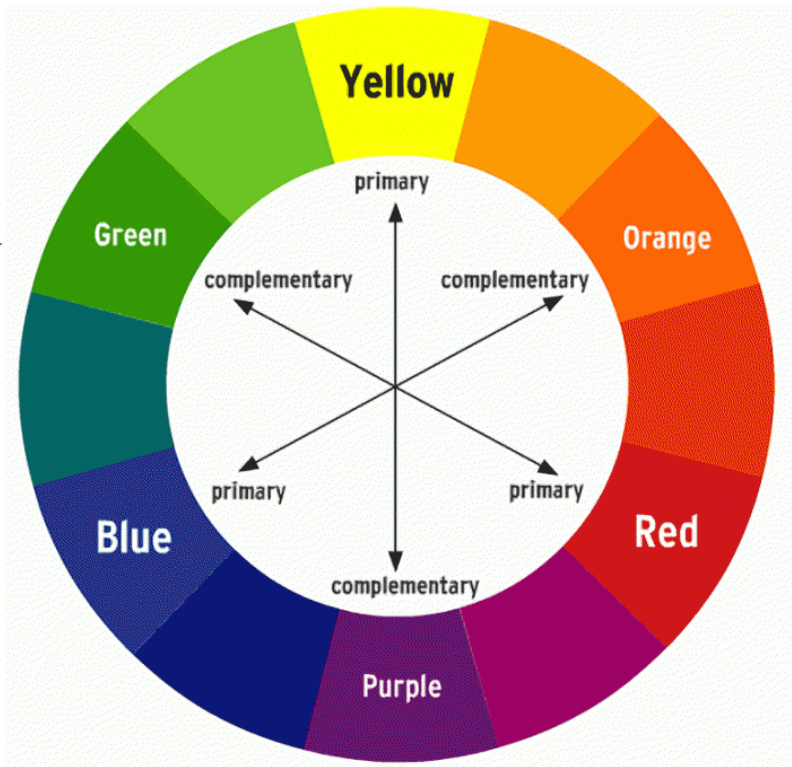
- Violet and Yellow
- Red and Green
- Blue and Orange

You may add a neutral but the majority of the piece must use the complementary color pair.

You can submit an individual piece, one you make with a partner or even a group piece made by a study group, or all of the above. You may submit as many entries as your creativity and time permit. There are no size, material or subject guidelines; let your imagination be your guide.

I am already thinking about violet and yellow as I see spring arrive in our beautiful desert but I know by the summer I will be delighting in blue waters and orange sunsets. I'm sure many of you will be intrigued with creating a Christmas delight in red and green.

Bring your entries to the VFAG general meeting on December 11, 2023. All members present will be able to vote for the "People's Choice Award" which is a gift certificate for the lucky winner.



New Members

VFAG Continues to grow. Please join us in welcoming our new members:

- Sharon Anderson sharon.anderson28@gmail.com
- Susan Bollinger susanb754@gmail.com
- Phyllenore Howard phyllenore@taosnet.com
- Scott Loman sherlomejssl@gmail.com
- Sarah Price sprice7342@gmail.com

2023 / 2024 General Meeting and Workshop Schedule

September 18, 2023	“What I Did This Summer” Bring your items, your experiences, and your memories to share. This will be a giant "Show and Share" program.
October 9, 2023	Basketry
November 11 & 12	<i>Shibori & Indigo Dyeing Workshop with Ric Rao</i>
November 13, 2023	Natural Dyeing
December 11, 2023	Holiday Luncheon President’s Challenge Presentation & Voting: “President’s Summer Complementary Color Challenge”
January 8, 2024	Handmade Sorochka Experience
February 12, 2024	The Color Red
March 11, 2024	Art Quilts
April 8, 2024	Member’s Stash Sale

October Meeting Program: Baskets – An Essential Art

Guild member Pat Merritt will present a program on baskets from around the world. She will bring in some of the baskets from her collection that represent a wide range of techniques and materials used by indigenous basketweavers from Vancouver, B.C. to Venezuela and from Asia to Uganda. Some are old, some new with skill levels ranging from extremely fine to simple and crude. Of course samples of SW Native American tribes are included as well.

A display of locally collected basketry materials will be displayed as well. Materials that were and are currently used by Native Americans in the SW as well as different types of materials used by modern weavers locally.

Anyone who has baskets that they own or have made is encouraged to bring them in for show and tell.



Shibori & Indigo Dyeing with Ric Rao

1½ day Workshop

November 11th 9am-3pm & 12th 9am-1pm, 2023

Cost \$100.

Ric Rao of Las Cruces, New Mexico will be with us again this Fall! It been 6 years since Ric shared his love of Indigo dyeing with us so we are excited he is able to offer this opportunity to our members. Day 1, Ric will show his samples as you prepare fabrics for the Indigo vat, teaching you how to wrap and tie fabrics on a pipe, folding techniques and sewing options to create different designs. Day 2, he will explain the how the dye vat is created and guide you through the dyeing process.

Shibori Dyeing is wonderful on natural fabrics such as cotton, linen, and silk. Yarns of the same fibers and wool. This will be an opportunity to create samples that may be combined in a collage, accessory or garment.

There will be information and sign up sheets available at the September general meeting.



Study Groups

Study groups are the heart and soul of our organization. They are vital for sharing ideas, techniques, and most of all: friendship.

The VFAG will follow 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 new study group ideas; please let a Board Member know of your interest.

Beading:

Meetings have historically been the last week OTM at Friends in Deed. Time and locations to be determined and may change. Please contact Karen Gabriel for updates if you are planning to attend meetings over the summer.

Karengary115@gmail.com or 520-207-0799

Clothing:

Clothing Study Group meets the third Tuesday OTM at 9:30, Desert Hills Lutheran Church. No meeting is planned for September. First meeting of the season is in October. Contact Peggy McGaughey – peg-e-su.silk@msn.com or 303-241-7686 for questions.

Felting:

First meeting Monday, September 25th, 1pm-3pm at Friends in Deed. Contact Lyndy Runyan – lyndyrundy@gmail.com or 707-373-8584 for questions.

Knitting:

The Knitting Study Group meets the 4th Tuesday OTM, from 9:30am to 11:30am. I'm excited to report that we have several new members. We meet at Friends in Deed, but the meetings have to be rescheduled each year in September. I will have more information at the Guild meeting as to the first meeting date. Contact Jane Tempel at tempelj@aol.com for questions.

Kumihimo:

The Kumihimo group met on the 26th of April working together to learn how to make earrings. Thank you to Dale Box for her creative ideas. We are a small but mighty group who would love to see new members in the fall. Contact: Laurie Wykoff at lawykoff@yahoo.com.

Weaving:

The Weaving study group meets the 2nd Monday OTM, 1:00 p.m. The April meeting will be the last of the season. Contact Cindy Wolf for more details. All weavers are invited including Tapestry & Rigid Heddle people! Contact Ann Bont – abont@comcast.net or 231-652-6273 for addition information.

Spinning:

This study group has started with strong interest. The next meeting will be on May 19th at 2pm at 300 E Paseo Chuparasos. For more information contact Sally Young - rare1alaska@gmail.com or 907-322-9264.

Tapestry:

The Tapestry group will meet the first Tuesday OTM, 9:30am-Noon at Friends in Deed. Please see the sign-up sheet at the September General Meeting to sign up. Contact Debra Brown at debra.brown15@icloud.com or 520-372-2075 for questions.

Newsletter Editor:

Cheri Golden. Please contact Cheri with questions or suggestions - cheri-golden@comcast.net.

VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

- President: Martha Fine
- Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
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- Librarian: Melanie Fritz
- Webmaster: Open
- Newsletter: Cheri Golden

YouTube Channel



Valley Fiber Arts Guild has a YouTube channel all our own. It is a private channel; available only to our members. Information to access then channel will be made available in the members-only password-protected section on our website.

Library



The library will be making its move to our new meeting facility at Green Valley Presbyterian Church. The move is scheduled for September 15th, just in time for our first meeting.

Arizona Fiber Festival (AZFF)



April 5th – 7th, 2024. Workshops will be posted on the AZFFED.org website soon. Registration begins in November. Deborah Jarchow and Carol Byrne co-chair the festival. Jol'ene will have committee chair names and contact information at the September general meeting. They will be looking for volunteers to think about how you can help. Our guild will have a booth which will need volunteers as well.

Tubac Center of the Arts



Tubac Center of the Arts is holding an exhibition by the SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Association). Martha has seen it twice so far and is amazed at what can be created using fabric, thread, imagination, and skill. This show is well worth the trip to Tubac but it's only there through September 17th so hurry and get there if you can.

TAG (The Art of Giving)



Since many new members have joined the Guild, a brief explanation of TAG is in order. TAG was implemented 10 years ago. Our focus is the low income elderly in the immediate area. We target our gifts to reach people just before the holidays. We work with Valley Assistance and the local Fire Department to manage and delivery the gifts.

Our gifts include home made items; shawls, scarves, hats, gloves, lap blankets, etc. These items can be knit, sewn, crocheted, woven or any craft. They also encourage toiletries, books (I (Jane) try and include a homemade bookmark) or decorative items. Please use your own imagination and experience with interaction with older people for ideas for these gifts. In addition, there are more ideas on the website.

Jane Tempel will be collecting items in the September and October Guild meetings as I deliver to Valley Assistance in early November.

DanDoh Retreat Date Change

Monday, April 15 - Thursday, April 18, 2024

Happy knitting and crocheting!

DanDoh Style

- No shaping
- Easy to knit
- Adjustable length/width/sleeves
- Make your own style

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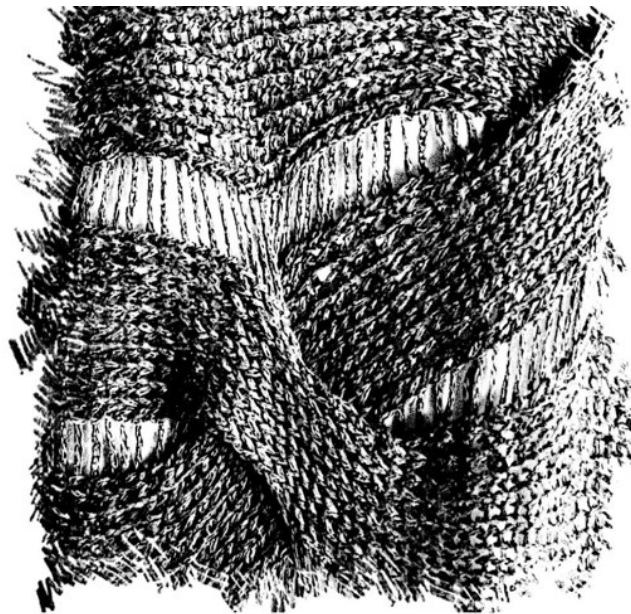
New Retreat Date: Monday, April 15 - Thursday, April 18, 2024

We're all about community.

Immerse yourself for two and a half days into the world of DanDoh, including lectures, a Mystery Knit Along, a Pop Up Shop, knitting, food, beverages, more knitting, reuniting with old friends, making new friends, sharing ideas and techniques, learning, (did I say knitting?) and building community, all within a very relaxed, informal atmosphere.

RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 AT 9:00 AM MST

Visit www.dandoh.com, select more, and select retreat to register.



DanDoh

In The Desert Retreat

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