



# Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

## 2024 / 2025 Season

General Meeting  
January 13, 2025

## Weaving ~ It's Just Sticks and Strings!

Presented by the  
Weaving Study Group

Monthly meetings are  
held on the second  
Monday of the month at:  
Valley Presbyterian  
Church  
2800 S Camino del Sol  
Green Valley, AZ 85622

Meeting / programs from  
10:00am – 12 Noon

Come early to socialize  
at 9:30am.

VFAG Membership  
\$25/year

[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)

Registration Form on last  
page of the Newsletter

Dues are due April 30<sup>th</sup>  
each year

## President's Letter ~ January 2025

Dear Members

I have been taking a series of workshops on making bags which use very different techniques than I am used to. Consequently, not all of my or my classmates' efforts were successful. When a mistake was made the maker often voiced a disparaging comment about her abilities.



It is easy to be down on ourselves. I taught high school for 20 years or so and when I heard students denigrating themselves I would ask "Would you say that to your best friend?" and of course they would answer no.

I also told my own children that I was the number one member of their fan club, one was an aspiring actress and the other was lead singer in a heavy metal band.

I resolve to be my own best friend and my best fan for the coming year. Life can be hard and I think it is okay to be soft on ourselves at times especially when it comes to judging our own creative efforts.

Martha

## Special Request from the President

We need volunteers for the 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The terms for Vice President and Treasurer will be vacant as of April 2025. All terms are for 2 years, beginning May 1, 2025.

We need to form a nominating committee of two or three people to chose a slate of officers for these very important positions. According to our charter these positions must be filled.

Please see the following page for information...

## **Election of Officers 2025**

***President & Treasurers*** are the positions to be filled. Neither are very time-consuming but are critical for the functioning of our Guild. Elections for these positions are held at the April meeting. Please consider volunteering for these important positions, duties are outlined as follows: **Duties of Vice President**

The Vice President shall conduct Guild meetings in the absence of the President and shall facilitate the President deemed necessary. The Vice President shall serve as liaison between the President and the standing committees and act as publicity coordinator.

Our thanks to Jol'ene Northup for serving as our Vice President for the last 4 years.

The Vice President also serves as the liaison between our Guild and The Arizona Federation of Fiber Guilds

### **Duties of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall act as custodian of all funds and shall receive and disburse funds as authorized by the Guild. The Treasurer shall present an accounting at all General meetings and shall give a full account at the Board meetings. The treasury reports shall be made available for audit review no later than May 1st.

Our thanks to Debra Brown for serving as our treasurer for the past two years.

## January 2025 Program

### ***Weaving --- It's Just Sticks and Strings!***

#### ***Presented by the weaving Study Group Members***

Since the dawn of humanity fiber has been used to clothe us, to protect us from the elements, to adorn our bodies and our dwellings, to express ourselves, and so much more. When and how did weaving begin? How does a loom work? Why do we weave today, even though industrialization has taken away our need to weave.

Through a short video, a slide presentation, demonstrations and hands-on experiences you'll be introduced to weaving by the Weaving Study Group. Plan to bring your lunch and stay beyond the regular meeting time to give weaving a try. We'll have a variety of looms set up and ready to go and we'll have on display equipment and woven fabrics of our own creation plus those we've collected from around the world.

Things discovered along the fiber way.....

**I thought this would be apropos considering our Program,  
enjoy!**

<https://littlelooms.com/how-learning-to-spin-can-make-you-a-better-weaver/>

**In important note from our Membership Committee**

The VFAG Board has requested an audit of the Membership Roster. This is something that occurred every year before the Covid 19 period and hasn't been done since. The Board feels it's time to tidy our roster. We need to do this in order to create an operating budget per our By-Laws.

The VFAG dues are still only \$25. per year, a bargain when you consider the general meeting Programs, Study Group privileges and the access to classes & workshops available each year. The dues also pay for things you may not have considered; along with Program fees, the general meeting room fees, our liability insurance, the website Go Daddy hosting, library books to name a few. We all make an investment in the guild each year when we pay our dues. **The dues for each VFAG season are due by APRIL 30, 2024 and are considered delinquent after JUNE 1st.**

**We know it can be difficult to keep track of these things so if you paid dues between March 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31, 2024 you are up to date.** The Membership Committee will have a roster list with your payment noted if paid during that period. If your name is not on the list, your dues are still due for the current guild year. Thank you for checking the list and maintaining your membership!

The new roster will be published after January 15, 2025 to include all who have a current paid membership status.

Member Registration for available for printing on page 17

**Be sure to see For Sale items on page 18!**

## Valley Fiber Art Guild

### *Meeting Minutes ~ December 9, 2024April*

#### **Program**

Martha Fine and Debbi Brunner opened the meeting with a review of the President's Challenge and described the voting process to select the award winners among the submitted items displayed on the tables.

Debbi explained the bidding process for the Silent Auction which included a spinning wheel, Pfaff sewing machine and the Navajo loom which have been donated to the Guild by Shelly Johnson.

Lauri Wycoff, Chair of the Raffle Committee, explained the 50/50 Raffle options for the items from the Artisans Shop in West Center. Tickets were \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for six.

#### **Business Meeting**

##### **REPORTS**

##### **Treasurer's Report**

Debra Brown reported a current balance of \$8,825.45 in the checking account. That amount includes \$223 that will be paid out for workshops. \$2,145 for workshop fees have been received and \$1902 in expenses have been paid out which includes \$400 for room rental related to workshops.

##### **Membership Report**

Nancy Gould reported that there are now 134 Guild members.

##### **Newsletter/Program Report**

Debbi Brunner reviewed the upcoming January and March workshops.

- Twined Rag Rug Technique with Yvonne Steinbring, Fridays January 17,24,31
- Creating a Painted Leather Parfleche with Debbi Brunner, January 22 and 23
- Summer and Winter Weaving with Patty Huffer March 1 through 3
- Eco Dyeing with Merry Warner, March 28

Detailed information and registration forms for each workshop are posted on the Guild website: [valleyfiberartguild.org](http://valleyfiberartguild.org).

##### **OTHER**

Martha Fine shared information about the VFAG Study Groups and the chairperson of each group described their group's focus and meeting details. The Kumihimo Study Group announced that they have an experienced teacher, Sue Helle, who is willing to do a class. A number of members indicated interest and everyone will be informed via the newsletter when arrangements have been decided upon. Nancy Gould received a first place award of \$75 for her entry in the Space/Time Continuum President's Challenge.

The Silent Auction of the spinning wheel, the sewing machine and the Navajo loom yielded \$275.

**SHOW AND SHARE**

Gary Terlisner showed his double weave table runner.

Trudy Baker shared her felted bag and bowl and her double walled basket from Ric Rao's workshop.

Vicki Bohnhoff shared an art quilt wall hanging, the 5-Minute Block, made for her daughter.

Bonnie Wollin shared a hooked rooster themed rug that she made for her sister.

Reba Ashmore showed her beaded scissor holder.

Jol'ene Northup modeled her woven shawl.

Peggy McGaughey showed her dyed fabrics made during Ric Rao's indigo dyeing workshop.

Denise Merrick shared her felt Santa and snowman.

Martha Fine shared an embroidery sample from Ric Rao's workshop

Patti Sievert shared her printed scarfs.

*Respectively submitted, Marge Delker, Secretary*

## *December 2024 Show & Tell*





## More December Show & Share

Look at that  
Holiday Spirit!





## *Presidents's Challenge 2024~ Space and Time Continuum*





## Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Up Coming Events

January 13, 2025	Weaving Study Group Presentation ~ Sticks & Strings
January 13, 2025	General Meeting
February 10, 2025	Off the Reservation with TMA docent Judy Tracey

## January 2025 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Spinning SG	3	4
5	6 Art Quilt SG	7 Tapestry SG	8	9 Beading SG	10	11
12	13 General Meeting	14	15	16 Embroidery SG Basketry SG	17	18
19	20 Weaving SG	21 Cloth Creations SG	22 Kumihimo SG	23	24	25
26	27 Felting SG	28 Knitting SG	29	30	31	

## VFAG Study Groups

The heart and soul of our organization and 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. We are always looking for new study group ideas; please let a Board Member know of your interest.

– Note: "OTM" refers to "of the month."

### Art Quilts:

The Art Quilts Study Group meets the first Monday OTM from 2:00pm–4:00pm at Quilt Central, 701 W Ward Ln. Contact Martha Fine [marthafine52@gmail.com](mailto:marthafine52@gmail.com) for questions.

### Basketry:

The Basketry study group meets the third Thursday OTM at 271 E Paseo Churea (home of Pat Merritt) Contact Pat Merritt 607-656-9795 [wayoutwest18@gmail.com](mailto:wayoutwest18@gmail.com) or Marge Delker 316-993-1768 [daveandmarged@gmail.com](mailto:daveandmarged@gmail.com)

### Beading:

Beading Study Group meets the second Thursday OTM from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Friends in Deed. Please contact Karen Gabriel at [Karengary115@gmail.com](mailto:Karengary115@gmail.com) or 520-207-0799 for questions.

### Cloth Creations:

The Cloth Creations Study Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday OTM at Desert Hill Lutheran Church. Contact Fran Lunney [lunnfrank@gmail.com](mailto:lunnfrank@gmail.com)

### Embroidery:

The Embroidery Study Group will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday OTM 1-3pm at Friends in Deed. Contact Peggy McGaughey [peg-e-su.silk@msn.com](mailto:peg-e-su.silk@msn.com) or 303-241-7686 for questions.

### Felting:

Felting Study Group meets the 4th Monday OTM at Friends in Deed 12noon to 3pm. Contact: [lyndyrnyon@gmail.com](mailto:lyndyrnyon@gmail.com) or call 707-373-8584

### Knitting:

The Knitting Study Group meets the fourth Tuesday OTM, from 9:30am to 11:30am at Friends in Deed meeting room A. Contact Jane Tempel at [tempelj@aol.com](mailto:tempelj@aol.com) for questions.

### Kumihimo:

The Kumihimo group meet on the fourth Wednesday OTM. 1–3pm at Friends in Deed. We are a small but mighty group who would love to see new members. Contact: Laurie Wykoff at [lawykyoff@yahoo.com](mailto:lawykyoff@yahoo.com).

### Rug Braiding:

By appointment with Gretchen Ramsey  
Contact Gretchen ~ [grandmagretchen@cox.net](mailto:grandmagretchen@cox.net)

### Spinning:

Spinning Study Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday OTM at 9:30am~ 12noon at members homes. New spinners are welcome and we have spindles and wheels for members to borrow. Contact: Debbi Brunner [misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com) or Lyndy Runyon [lyndyrnyon@gmail.com](mailto:lyndyrnyon@gmail.com)

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**Tapestry:**

The Tapestry group meets the first Tuesday OTM, 9:30am–11:30am at Friends in Deed. October 1 will be our first meeting of the season. Everyone interested is welcome, beginners to advanced. Group Leaders are April Boysen and Debra Brown. Contact Debra Brown with questions at [debrabrown15@icloud.com](mailto:debrabrown15@icloud.com)

**Weaving:** Weaving Study Group meets the third Monday OTM at 1:00pm at a members home. All weavers are invited including Tapestry & Rigid Heddle people! Contact Ann Bont for detail – [abont@comcast.net](mailto:abont@comcast.net) or 231-652-6275 for additional information.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Debbi Brunner, Please contact Debbi with questions or suggestions – [miskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:miskeyb@gmail.com)

Please note: The deadline for submission is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the Monthly Newsletter. Dead line for the February Newsletter is January 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your consideration.

*Debbi*

## *Let us Entertain and Educate you!*

The 2024–25 Program & Workshop committee has a plethora of great workshops and classes in the coming months. You can read full information on our website, [www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org) take full advantage of your membership. Enjoy interesting programs each month and sign up for a classes, learn something new. We've included a Registration Form in the newsletter (page 15) to print.

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Please note: Workshop/Class registrations fees are non-refundable, if for some reason you are unable to take the workshop or class it is possible to find someone who would like to take the class. We sometimes have wait lists. We will make every effort to help you find a replacement. Thank you for your consideration.

- **VFAG Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**
- President: Martha Fine
- Vice President: Jol'ene Northrup
- Secretary: Marjorie Delker
- Treasurer: Debra Brown
- Federation: Jol'ene Northrup
- Programs/Workshops: Debbi Brunner
- Membership: Nancy Gould and Cindy Wolf
- Librarian: Melanie Fritz
- Webmaster: Tom Brunner
- Newsletter: Debbi Brunner



## 2025 Programs & Classes

January ~ The Weaving Study Group

February ~ Off the Reservation with Judy Tracey of Tucson Museum of Art

March ~ Eco Dyeing Adventures with Merry Warner

April Stash Sale & Dessert



### ***‘Twined Rag Rug Technique’***

with Yvonne Steinbring

*Fridays January 17, 24, 31, 2025*

9:30am ~ 12noon

Valley Presbyterian Church, Room 1

Class participants will weave a placemat size project using strips of fabric on a frame loom. Learn to prepare the fabric, warp the loom, basic twinning technique, adding strips to weave and finish the weaving. Looms and warp will be provided. Participants should bring a sewing shears to the first class. Yvonne will bring samples of her work and talk about the class at the October general meeting. During the first class Yvonne talk about the fabric choices and quantities before you actually bring weaving fabric for the project. You have the use of a loom to finish your project.

Limit 12 students

Class Fee: \$40.

***More Classes on the following pages ...***

***Registration form on page 16***

## ***'Create a Painted Leather Parfleche'***

with Debbi Brunner

January 22 & 23, 2025 9:30am ~ 2:30pm  
(second day my end earlier) 1 Space left

If there is enough interest we will schedule  
January 29 & 30, 2025



The nomadic Indians of the Southwest and Plains carried their most important belongings in a deer and sometimes buffalo skin folding pouch. They were painted with symbols from their respective tribes. We will create



a version of this cultural article in our two session class. You will make a folded leather style suitable for a shopping list pad and coupons, knitting needle case or a clutch style purse that is approximately 10"x 6" folded. The leather will be etched, painted with leather dye and sewn as necessary for the case design you've chosen to explore. Leather piece, dyes, finishing wax and thread will be provided in the workshop kit at Debbi's home studio.

Limit 6 Students

Class Fee \$68. (Includes the workshop kit).

Student Supply List:

12-18" ruler

Fine tip, permanent black marking pen (Sharpie or Sakura Pigma)

## ***'Summer & Winter Weaving'***

with Patty Huffer

March 1-3, 2025 10am ~ 4pm

Venue: La Posada in GV

Cost: \$125. Limit 12 students

Summer and Winter with Patty Huffer March 1-3, 2025 ~ 10am – 4pm each day Venue: La Posada in Green Valley The Summer and winter weave structure has been popular in the United States since the Revolutionary War. Students will study this Block weave including, Bricks, "X's", "O's", Taquette, and Dukagang to name just a few, on their own looms. Drafts will be sent with warping instructions before the workshop begins.

Beginning to advance weavers.

For more information contact:

Ann Bont, 231-652-6275  
[abont@comcast.net](mailto:abont@comcast.net)

or

Jol'ene Northup, 541-350-3356  
[Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com](mailto:Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com)





## *Eco Dyeing'*

with Merry Warner

March 28, 2025 10am ~ 3:30pm  
Valley Presbyterian Church ~ Fellowship  
Hall

Learn how to prepare your items for  
printing and how to design the layout of  
leaves and other organic. materials.

Teacher will demonstrate how Materials  
fee: \$25 includes silk scarf blanks, silk  
fabric pieces, paper, assorted leaves,  
onion skins, and tea,

Skill level: No experience needed

Limit 11 Students

Class Fee: \$58.00

Materials fee: \$25 includes silk scarf  
blanks, silk fabric pieces, paper, assorted  
leaves, onion skins, and tea, as well as all  
tools and equipment needed for class.

Supply list: Optional, Bring extra silk scarves and sample fabric pieces if you wish

Registration form is available for printing on the next page or from our website:

[www.vallyfiberartguild.org](http://www.vallyfiberartguild.org)





### Workshop Registration Form

*To reserve a seat in a Workshop, tuition must be paid in full at registration.*

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one

☐

VFA Guild Member

☐

I am not a Member of the VFA Guild

Workshop	Instructor	Date	Amount

Total tuition amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed Registration Form  
and your check payable to 'VFA Guild' for the full tuition amount to:

Debbi Brunner,  
1692 W. Corte de Cajamarca  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629  
520-631-9908  
[misseyb@gmail.com](mailto:misseyb@gmail.com)

Please include instructor's name on check memo line

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

## Valley Fiber Art Guild Membership Form

The Guild extends a welcome to anyone with an interest in Fiber Arts. Valley Fiber Art Guild dues are \$25 for the membership year, May 1st through April 30th and are due in April and shall be delinquent after June 1.

THERE ARE NO PRO-RATED DUES \_\_\_\_\_ Please initial

Please print and send this membership form with your check payable to Valley Fiber Art Guild for \$25 to:

VFAG Membership ~ Nancy Gould, 902 W Mountain Stone Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

The following information is exclusively for publication in the membership roster. PLEASE print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full time resident \_\_\_\_\_ Part time resident \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing member \_\_\_\_\_ New member \_\_\_\_\_

The following policy applies to all members of the Valley Fiber Art Guild (VFAG) who include but are limited to members, study group attendees, workshop attendees, and visitors. The VFAG reserves the right to modify its privacy policy at any time. You can be assured that any information you share with us will be treated confidentially. Information gathered will be used to further serve VFAG members and their future needs. Attendee agrees to hold VFAG harmless from any and all claims, demands, lawsuits, liability damages, loss cost, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature which arise out of a result from attending or participating in a VFAG sponsored event whether or not foreseeable, including and without limitations, personal injuries to the attendee.

Signed in agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of signer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_



## *Member Items For Sale*

Ashford 32" 8-shaft Table loom

Price: \$900

32" 8 Shaft Table Looms w Shuttle Race They fold flat even with a warp on making them ideal for workshops and guild meetings. Ashford table looms are versatile and portable as well as easy to use. Beginner and experienced weavers appreciate their features. The overhead beater, with automatic bounce back, gives a wonderful shed and even beating. Levers are within easy reach for comfortable weaving. Each shaft can be lifted simply and quickly and is independent enabling a wide variety of patterns to be woven.

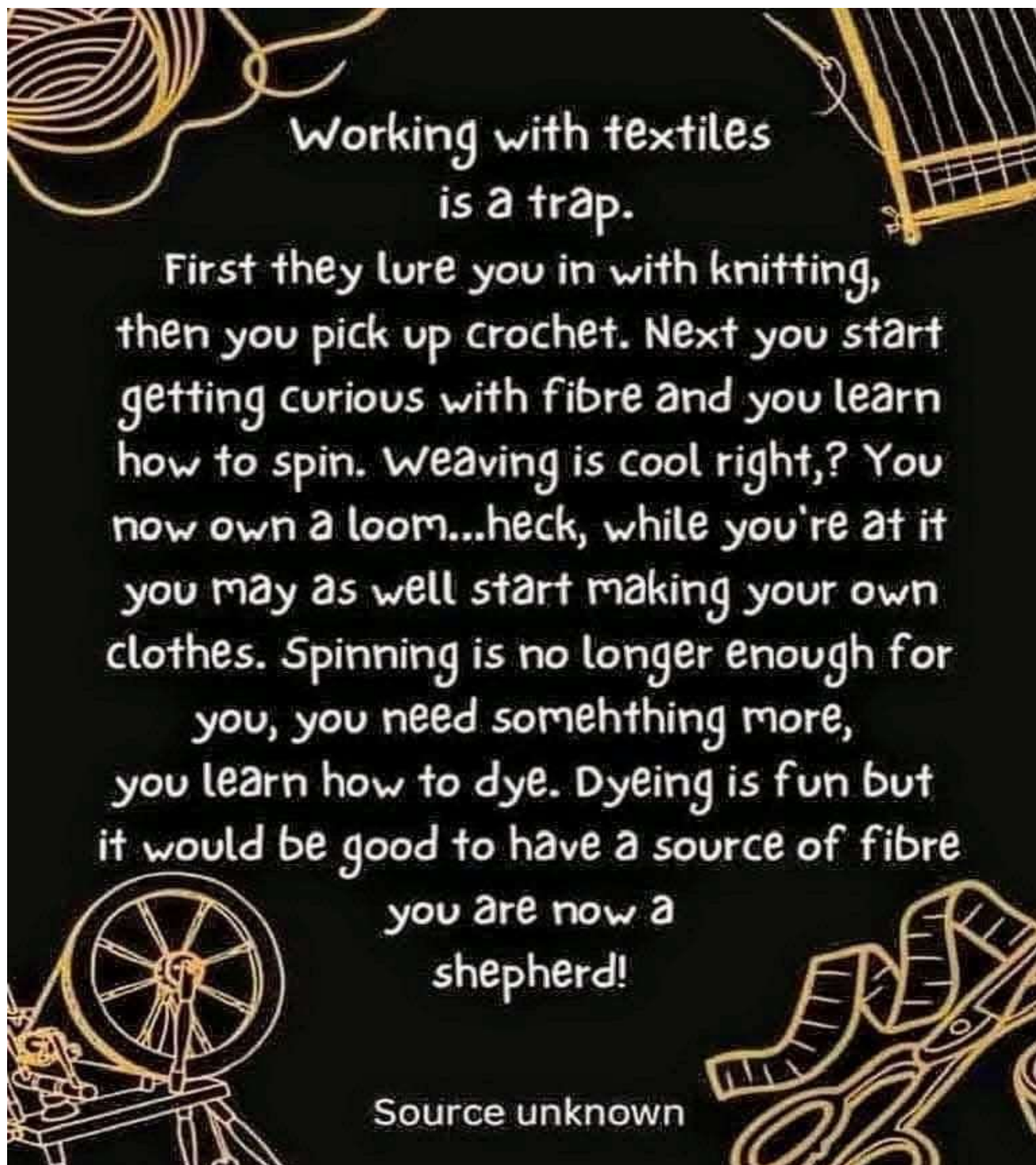
The solid Silver Beech hard wood is lacquered for long-lasting good looks. Non-slip rubber feet give extra stability. 10 dent Stainless Steel Reed, 640 Texsolv Heddles, Threading Hook, Warp & Cross Sticks, 2 Shuttles and Weaving Guide. Lacquer finished New Zealand Silver Birch. Dimensions: approx. 38 in. wide x 22 in. high x 29 in. deep. Folded height: 7 in. Weighs approx. 27 lbs. **Contact :Audrey Wolfter** [audreywolter@att.net](mailto:audreywolter@att.net)



2 Winco heavy duty stainless steel 24 quart dye pots. New \$100.... These are priced at \$25 each. For more info contact:

Pat Merritt [wayoutwest18@gmail.com](mailto:wayoutwest18@gmail.com) text or call

607-656-9795



*Shared by member, Audrey Wolter*