



Fiber News & Updates

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October 2025 Presidents Letter ~



OUTREACH

We are lucky to start our new season with increased membership and we are delighted to have these new members.

But was it only luck? Last year we were fairly diligent in handing out informational fliers but our biggest effort was saved for Art in the Park.

This is an annual event held in Desert Meadows Park, Green Valley. This is a truly unique and delightful place filled with eclectic ornaments in a desert garden. In fact it is such a charming place that Arizona Highways magazine ran an article in their current issue featuring this lovely garden. Once a year the park is transformed with artists, craftspeople and food vendors.

Last year Valley Fiber Art Guild was given probably the best and prettiest spot in the entire park for our guild to strut our stuff. From 9 am to 2 pm our members displayed items they had made and demonstrated how they made them. Spinning wheels, table looms, beading boards, kumihimo rings, knitting needles, crochet hooks and other implements were brought out and used. We attracted a wide audience of interested people and future members.

Our members were able to enjoy the company of our members and meet and greet potential new members.

For this event to be successful we need members to show up with loom, needles, what have you in hand and show people what we do. Please sign up for a 2 hour time slot to demonstrate, which still leaves you plenty of time to do your own shopping and get a delicious treat from a food truck.

Sincerely,
Martha Fine

President

**2025-2026 Season
General Meeting
October 13, 2025
"Fiber Journey to
Coiled Baskets"
with Nancy Gould**

**Monthly Meetings are held
on the second Monday of
month at:**

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

**Meeting & Programs
10am ~ 12noon**

**Come early for social time
at 9:30am**

**VFAG Member \$30. @ yr
Due by January 15th,
each year beginning
January 2026.**

**Registration Form on our
website.
www.valleyfiberartguild.org**

October 13, 2025 Program

"A Fiber Journey ~ Coiled Fabric Baskets"

Nancy Gould will talk about her fiber forays and how she was led to making the coiled fabric baskets we have admired during past Show & Shares.

Nancy's approach to her baskets is unusual as she doesn't use rope or cording and no sewing machine! Join us for this interesting program and be sure to read about her upcoming class scheduled on November 14th. Info in the newsletter on page 6.

If you have made coiled baskets bring them for a special Show & Share!

TAG

'The Art of Giving'

Several members have asked if they could see photos of previous gifts that members have made for TAG. I'm pleased to tell you that there is an easy way to access some photos.

Please go to the VFAG website:

www.valleyfiberartguild.org

Click on "Member's Corner" and you will be given several options, one is TAG. Please click on this site. You will find several photos of various donations in the past. Please remember that many members have provided gifts that their loved ones would appreciate. I'm always pleased to see the creativity in gifts of all crafts.

I will be gathering gifts during the October and November meetingJs to distribute. Thank you in advance.

Jane Tempel

Don't Miss....

For Sale

&

Members Workshop

see listings on the last pages of the newsletter.

If you have something you're not using or offering classes or workshops in the area, we are happy to let our guild members know.

We all love an opportunity to explore new things whether it's a learning experience or new to us equipment.

Email your info to: Debbi
misseyb@gmail.com

"Art in the Park"

Once again, Green Valley will be holding "Art in the Park". This is a great opportunity for outreach. We have reserved a booth, where we can do demos and strut our stuff. Please volunteer to spend a couple hours with us in Desert Meadow Park on October 18. Bring your spinning wheel, table loom, current knitting project or whatever you are working on and an item or two to display. We will have a sign up sheet at the September 8th general meeting.

Special Note: It was our intention to have, for the first time, a sales booth. Unfortunately the cost became prohibitive so we are looking at new options for the future. We are proceeding with our Transaction Privilege Tax status. We need 6 volunteers to form a committee to pursue this goal.

Please contact Debbi Brunner ~ misseyb@gmail.com to volunteer or ask questions by December 1, 2025.

It's Time for another field trip!

Tubac Center of the Arts Lunch, Exhibition & Lecture

Meet for lunch Saturday Oct 4th at the Tubac Deli 11:45 and then we can cross the street to attend the lecture and exhibition

The Tubac Center of the Arts upcoming exhibit, Viewpoints in Fiber, featuring FASA (Fiber Artists of So. AZ) opens October 3rd and runs through November 9th. On Saturday, October 4th, there will be a Fiber Artist Art Talk from 1pm - 3pm. Mary Vaneecke and Trisha Hastings-Sargent, members of the Fiber Artists of Southern AZ, will take you on a guided tour of the exhibition. They will explain their methods and process of working with fiber. (Free to the public, suggested \$10 donation). Cyndy Padilla cheatertees2@gmail.com

Study Groups are open to all current guild members. Learn a new technique, share ideas and resources or just enjoy the friendship.

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.

Art Quilts:

Who: Martha Fine ~ marthafine52@gmail.com
Where: Quilt Central, 701 W Ward Ln.
When: 1st Monday OTM, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Basketry:

Who: Marge Delker ~ daveandmarged@gmail.com
Where: Home of Pat Merritt
271 E. Paseo Churea, GV
When: 3rd Thursday OTM

Beading:

Who: Karen Gabriel ~ karengary115@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 2nd Thursday OTM, 10 am-12 pm

Cloth Creations:

Who: Fran Lunney ~ lunnfran@gmail.com
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church rm #102
When: 3rd Tuesday OTM 9:30am

Knitting:

Who: Jane Tempel ~ tempelj@aol.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m.

Spinning Study Group:

Who: Lyndy Runyon ~ lyndyrunyon@gmail.com
Where: TBA meet in Member homes
When: 1st Thursday OTM, 9-12noon

Tapestry:

Who: April Boysen & Debra Brown
debrabrown15@icloud.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 1st Tuesday OTM, 9:30am-11:30am

Weaving Study Group:

Who: Ann Bont - abont@comcast.net
Phone: 231-652-6275
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1:30-3:30pm

Wet and Needle Felting:

Who: Lyndy Runyon - lyndyrunyon@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1-3pm

Wool Rug Braiding:

Who: Gretchen Ramsey - grandmagretchen@cox.net
When: by appointment, contact Gretchen

Joining or visiting a Study Group is a great way explore something you have been curious about. Visit a meeting and discover the ins and outs of the techniques, equipment needed, etc.

Groups are always happy to share knowledge with interested people and some groups have equipment to loan should you want to experiment and learn more.

Calendar of Events ~ October 2025

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

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Fall Schedule 2025

October 13th Program ~ "Fiber Journey & Coiled Baskets" with Nancy Gould
 October 18th Art in the Park ~ VFAG demo/outreach booth



November 10th Program ~ "Continuous Weave on a Little Loom" with Lindy Bringham
 November 14th Workshop ~ "Coiled Fabric Baskets" with Nancy Gould

December 8th Program ~ "President's Challenge ~ Think Outside the Box"

Boxes are the most useful vessels, we use them for shoes, jewelry, food storage, holding our pets, gifts. ... You get the idea. "Think Outside the Box", think inside the box, think alongside, beside, under, over, wherever, the box. Where is Schrodinger's darn cat, anyway? This challenge begins with a box. You can start with an already existing box to decorate or create your own box structure. Use any fiber media that strikes your fancy. These will be "judged" on innovation, creativity and daring. As always the challenge parameters are open to interpretation. And there will be prizes for the winners!

Workshops 2025-26 Season

The 2025-26 Program & Workshop committee has an interesting array of Programs and Workshops in the coming months. You can read full information on our website, www.valleyfiberartguild.org
Take full advantage of your membership, enjoy interesting programs each month and sign up for a Workshop/Classes, learn something new.

We've included a Registration Form to print in the newsletter.

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.

'Coiled Fabric Baskets' with Nancy Gould

No Sewing Machine and No Rope Core Technique

Students will explore making coiled fabric baskets using two basic techniques. Light weight fabric wrapped around a core cloth wrapped and stitched with a thin binder material and/or another using heavier/bulkier fabric without a core that is wrapped but not sewn with a thicker binder material. We will play with thread tension, fabric manipulation and going where the process takes us.

It isn't likely you will walk away with a finished project (unless it is very small or you work very fast) but you will be able to continue on your own journey into endless possibilities. I find the process to be relatively simple, relaxing, inexpensive and as creative as one wants to be.

I will have supplies and materials to use but you might want to go through your stash if you want a particular color or simply want to try with your own materials. We can work with almost anything for fabric and any binder that will fit through a large eye tapestry style needle. **Student Supplies:** Scissors, Binder clip (used to hold papers together), Old sheet (to use as a core cloth), Outer fabric — cotton / upholstery / just about anything. Heavy thread / embroidery floss / crochet thread / etc. Needle — I like to use size 3 doll needles and large eye blunt tapestry needle, thimble and craft pliers (optional). A willingness to let perfection go, relax, enjoy, de-stash.



Date: Friday November 14, 2025
Time: 9am ~ 3pm
Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church
Cost: \$50.00
Limited to 10 Students

'Weaving with Little Looms' with Lindy Brigham
Continuous weaving method to create accessories and clothing.

This is designed as a beginners class on pin loom weaving. But those who have some experience may also find it interesting in that we will start the process for a completed project going from basic weaving to joining the squares. A manual will be provided with information on different kinds of pin looms available, tools needed, yarn considerations, joining techniques, and useful references. A simple scarf of individual squares will be started in the class and students should have enough information by the end of the workshop to complete it at home or during the workshop if you have made pin-loom squares before!

A kit is available with enough yarn to complete a pin loom scarf for those with their own pin-looms. \$10.

A kit with a pin loom and yarn for a scarf \$40.

In the class we will weave at least two squares and then attach these two with a join of your choice. The kit has enough material to finish the project on your own.



Date: Friday January 30, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$50.00 + Kit of your choice

Limited to 10 Students



Workshop Registration Form

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

Today's date

Please check one

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VFA Guild Member

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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

Please include instructor's name on check memo line

Your name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

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"Arizona Fiber Festival"

sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Weaver & Spinners
2nd AZ Fiber Festival

April 10, 11, and 12, 2026

Camp Verde, Arizona

Workshop/Lecture schedule coming soon ~ www.azfed.org

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Board of Directors:

President: Martha Fine marthafine 52@gmail.com

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Programs/Workshops: Debbi Brunner misseyb@gmail.com

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Newsletter: Debbi Brunner misseyb@gmail.com

It is the volunteers who keep our guild moving toward the future. Since the guild was founded there have been members who are willing to devote time to help share the joys and love of fiber art.

Our aim to educate the public through outreach and 'bring them into the fold' by offering programs and the opportunity of membership to join study groups and classes which help keep the fiber arts alive for future generations.

Please consider volunteering for any of the Committee Chair positions and we will be looking for a new President and Secretary to take the reins in April of 2026.

Each person listed in a current position would be happy to talk with you about their role and what's involved. Each new Board member brings their personal spin and fresh ideas to share and keep the alive and well. You could be instrumental and gain a new perspective to the Valley Fiber Art Guild.

A rewarding experience!

Rah! You can do it!

For Sale? Free?

Do you have fiber supplies or equipment you no longer use?

Workshop/Classes scheduled to teach?

Place and ad in our newsletter, no charge. Email Debbi with ad copy and pics. newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com
Deadline the 25th of each month.

Valley Fiber Arts Guild

Minutes of the General Meeting, September 8, 2025

Business meeting

Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2025, meeting were approved as published.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Reports

President - Martha Fine

Presidents Challenge : Martha reminded members to create their artwork to enter into the President's Challenge, "Thinking Outside the Box". Entries will be judged and prizes awarded at the December meeting.—

Field Trips : September 12th from 4 to 6 pm at the Sonora Desert Museum - Studio Art Quilt Association's juried exhibition exploring themes of concealment, adaptation and visual deception using fabric, stitch and layered textile techniques. Those wishing to carpool will meet at the Safeway on Duval Mine road at 2:30 near the entrance to Safeway. The Desert Museum's entry fee is \$30. Local libraries often have passes available. Call the Sahuarita Library or Joyner-Green Valley libraries to see if they have them in stock.

October 4th at 1pm Tubac Center of the Arts Fiber Artists of Southern Arizona is featuring a display of textiles and fiber arts. There will be a talk and the group will go for lunch. More information will be contained in the VFAG Newsletter.

Volunteering :

- Art in the Park : As part of the Guild outreach efforts, we will have a demonstration booth at Desert Meadow's Art in the Park on Saturday, October 18th. Volunteers from Study Groups are needed to demonstrate their arts. A co-chair is needed to help manage the event that day. Ellen Kelly expressed an interest in doing that.

- Exhibition Committee : Martha revisited the idea of having a Gallery Show featuring the artistry of VFAG members in a setting such as the Center for Performing Arts. She asked for the formation of a committee to further develop this plan.

- Nomination Committee : A nominating committee is needed for the election of the positions of President and Secretary. Martha called for the formulation of this committee.

- Program Committee : Martha asked that members consider volunteering to serve on the Program Committee.

Treasurer - Gary Terlisner

Gary Terlisner reported a current balance of \$7,334.75.

Membership - Nancy Gould

Nancy reminded members to check their name on the sign-in sheet at the general meetings. The membership year has been changed to the calendar year which makes dues payable in January.

Library - Mary Hughes

Mary explained that as the new co-chair, she is learning the library procedures.

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Programs and Workshops - Debbi Brunner

Debbi presented the list of programs and workshops scheduled for this year. More details can be found in the Newsletter.

September 8 - Program: What I Did This Summer

October 13 - Program: Artful Rag Baskets with Nancy Gould

November 10 - Program: Continuous Weave Looms with Lindy Bringham

November 14 - Workshop: Rag Baskets with Nancy Gould

December 8 - Program: President's Challenge/Brown Bag Lunch and Cookie Party

January 12 - Program: Hopi Quilting - Stitched Traditions from an Ancient Community with Carolyn Bady

January 30 - Workshop: Continuous Weaving on Small Looms with Lindy Bringham

February 9 - Program: The Art of Eco Dyeing with Lori Kovash

March 9 - Program: Navajo Rugs - The History, The Artistry and the Contemporary with Linda Friedman

March (Friday) Workshop Day 1, Eco Dyeing Silk Scarf and Fabric

March (Saturday) Workshop Day 2, Eco Dyeing a Garment (Day 1 Workshop a prerequisite)

April 13 - Members Stash Sale

Other

Continuing Education Fund : Martha and Debbi Brunner described the Continuing Education Fund which can be applied for by members to help pay for a class. Further information is available in the Documents section contained on the VFAG webpage. valleyfiberartguild.com

Program

The theme of the program was "What I Did This Summer" in which members displayed and described the artwork they accomplished over the summer. Photos will be posted in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Delker, Secretary

What I did this Summer 2025

Show & Share



Show & Share...



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Equipment For Sale



Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine

Excellent condition, sews perfectly, and has all the extras. Only tiny issue is that I would be afraid to pick it up by the leather handle. \$325.

Contact Sally Young ~ ph. 907-322-9264

Super Duty Skein Winder.

Heavy and well made \$45.

Contact Sally Young ~
ph. 907-322-9264



Mulberry Silk Lap

Two pounds \$260.

Contact Sally Young ~ ph.
907-322-9264



Navajo Loom \$75.

Contact: Sally Young



more Equipment For Sale



Majacraft Little Gem (left) double treadle spinning wheel. Comes with both standard flyer and 3 bobbins and plying flyer with one bobbin. Very little used as I bought it to fill in before I shipped my other wheels down. Excellent craftsmanship. Comes with a carry bag. \$1000.

EEW Nano (above) with extras including a battery, 6 bobbins, yarn guides (aftermarket) and an extra motor \$100

Ashford warping mill \$150.

Manual bobbin winder \$25

Sally Young 907-322-9264 to see these items.

more Equipment For Sale

Pipy Spinning Wheel was made by Philip Poore in New Zealand, through his company Pipy Craft Ltd. Double drive band with counterbalanced wheel. Scotch tension and high speed whorl attachments plus a lazy Kate and 4 bobbins. All included. Made of Remu wood. \$595.

Will take payments.

Joan Ruane
spincotton@yahoo.com



Silver Needle LK150

Knitting Machine \$200.00

It is essentially new, only sampled techniques. Sigh.... Complete package still in the box, see information here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McbgJfzL_tU



Mid-gauge machine perfect for beginners and experienced for Sport to Bulky yarns.

Contact: Debbi Brunner ~
misseyb@gmail.com

Members Workshops & Classes

Learn How to Wet Felt at Viola Jo's

Explore an art form that uses the interlocking characteristics of wool. Don't miss the coming wet felt classes:

Ask for materials list as you sign up:

September 20th, 10:30AM-1PM, Wet felted bowl, \$45 and a \$10 materials fee.

October 25th, 10:30AM-3:30PM, Wet Felted Hat \$75 and a \$20 materials fee

November 15th, 10:30-2PM Wet felted mittens \$50 and \$10 materials fee

December 13th, 10:30-12:30, Felted soap gift bars \$35 and \$10 materials fee.

Sign up to reserve your place. Ask for the Materials lists for each class.

Lyndy Runyon, teacher. Wet felting is a creative process that utilizes the shrinking features of wool. Learn new and enjoyable tricks to make the process fun and easy. Learn that NOT ALL wool shrinks the same.

Future Fall classes include: Blending fibers for felting, felted mittens, cracked earth technique, felted beads, and textured bowls.



**Call 520-398-2240 Viola Jo's
To reserve your space**

The Spinning Study Group wants You!

Always having fun and learning new techniques and revisiting basics along the way. The 2024-25 season was very productive, we gained three new spinners and look forward to enticing more members to learn the joys of spinning. We are happy to have interested members join one of our study group meeting to see us in action and decide whether they might enjoy spinning as much as we do. We are happy to mentor and have spinning wheels for loan. We meet the first Thursday of each month in members homes, 9am-12noon. Please contact Lyndy Runyon for info: lyndyrunyon@gamil.com



This year we met over the summer, as you can see above, Sandy VanDerPuy husband transported us to a place near the Alps (via Photoshop alas). Gary Terlisner it seems had joined us from Vienna! Isn't it a lovely place. We can't promise such exotic venues but will promise you a lot of fun.

PS ~ Be sure to check out the For Sale pages, there are spinning wheels and other equipment available!