



# Fiber News & Updates

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**2025-2026 Season  
General Meeting  
January 12, 2025  
"Hopi Quilting:  
Stitched Traditions  
from an  
Ancient Community"**

**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.**

**See page 3 for more info**

**Membership Form is on our  
website.  
[www.valleyfiberartguild.org](http://www.valleyfiberartguild.org)**

## January 2026 Presidents Letter

I usually avoid making New Year's resolutions as they tend to throw my own lack of discipline and follow-through in startling black and white but here goes.

### MY FIBER ARTS RESOLUTIONS WITH PROBABILITY OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

1. Find the appropriate music for each project or craft (90%) Cox just added more music channels
2. Open myself to more inspiration from nature and art (100%) I am traveling to Norway to see the Aurora Borealis and will stop by the Rijks Museum on my way home
3. Work on each current project every day (40%) too many current projects and I tend to focus more on one rather than another)
4. Finish UFOs (5%) Who am I kidding
5. Post a knitting pattern on Ravelry.com (85%) This, a resolution for a few years, maybe this will be the year.
6. Use my stash instead of buying more yarn, fabric, roving, beads, leather, etc. (20%) Because shopping is so much fun
7. Downsize my stash (5%) See #6
8. Learn new crafts, techniques etc (100%) VFAG workshops and study groups are totally inspiring
9. Get really good at one thing (20%) See #8
10. Organize my craft room (30%) It's so much more fun to start a new project

Anyway, I wish all of our members a year of health, joy, learning, inspiration, camaraderie and the making of beautiful fiber art. Happy 2026 to us all!

Fondly,

*Martha Fine, President*

# Local Events of Interest



## **Patsy Heacox** ***“Storyteller in Textile”***

Thursday January 8, 2026,  
3:30 pm

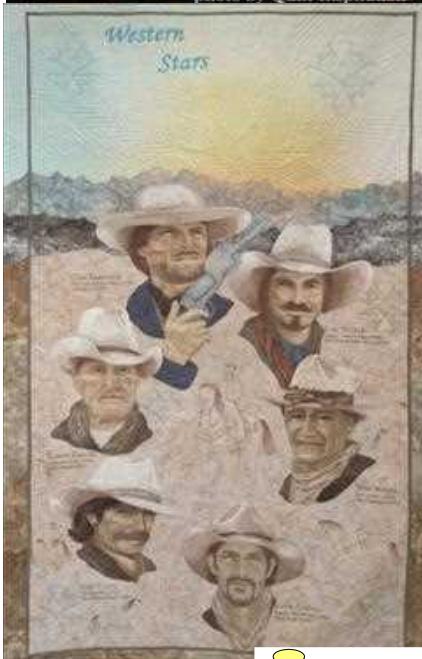
Desert Hills Lutheran  
Church (Chapel)  
2150 South Camino del Sol, Green Valley

This is a special combined meeting of two local groups: Desert Fiber Friends and the Art Quilt study group of Valley Fiber Art Guild.

We are fortunate to have a presentation by local quilter, Patsy Heacox, who has had her quilts published and widely shown including at Houston, Road to California, and the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum.

In many of her works, she depicts western/ Native American themes. Her techniques include inked faces, hands, and words, raw-edge applique, thread work, and free-motion work for a unique style of lettering and quilting.

Please join us for this free presentation. We will have an opportunity to see Patsy's amazing quilts and learn about the techniques she has used.



If you have information of interesting fiber related events, nearby or discovered while you travel, we are happy to spread the word.

Please send info to: [newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com)

# Let's keep VFAG a thriving and creative group!



**Hey there!**

Do you teach or have an idea for a program, class or workshop?

Perhaps you've experienced something recently that you enjoyed and thought fellow members may enjoy it as well.

This is how we keep things interesting, we all want to continue our education of the fiber arts and related fields. Learning new things and spreading the word about the myriad of opportunities out there.

This is what the Program & Workshop committee looks for 'members participation, bringing us ideas. We don't do it alone, the committee coordinates and helps implement your Ideas.

Thank you to all who help us along the way to bring the best to our guild.

Sincerely, The Committee

Lyndy Runyon, Sudie Durham, Martha Fine, Julienne Valentine and Debbi Brunner



## From the Membership Committee

IT'S TIME!! If you have not already paid your 2026 guild dues, it's time to do so. If you are a new member and paid \$30, you are good to go until 2027. However, all other members who have not yet paid need to pay their dues by January 15th. Those with unpaid dues after January 31st will be dropped from the roster (that would be so sad)!

Ways to pay:

Print up a membership form from our website, fill it out and send it in with your check for \$30 to the address listed on the form.

Pay in person at the January meeting. Be sure to bring your checkbook or exact change.

Not sure if you've paid or not? Check at the membership table at the January meeting, or email either Cindy (pclobo2@gmail.com), or Nancy (tngould@icloud.com). We'd be happy to check for you!

## Arizona Fiber Art Festival ~ Swag Bags

Each Member Guild of the Arizona Federation of Weavers & Spinners has been tasked with contributing 150\* items for the swag bags given to each Registrant when they check in for the event.

Help create the \*150+ items we need for the VFAG 2026 contribution.

We're going to the Birds!!!

The Birds 2.0 pattern, designed by Michael Fulkerson, is the inspiration for our contribution, the little bird makes a great pin cushion! The pattern is a no longer available with sewing instructions so the VFAG Board will make the first 'flock' of birds then, form 'Bird' sewing groups to pass on pattern pieces and instructions. Please join the fun, it's a perfect way to use fabric scraps you probably have and if you don't we do. Details will be announced at the January 12th meeting.

\*We don't yet have the final word on the exact number of birds the Federation will need for the Arizona Fiber Festival Swag Bags but we know we are up to the task of meeting the goal.

**See page 18 for complete AZ Fiber Festival information**



December 8, 2025 ~ President's Challenge  
'Think Outside (inside, around, through) the Box'



# President's Challenge

## More outside the box!



Thank you to Marge Delker for photographing the event.

# President's Challenge



# President's Challenge Awards

1st ~ Trudy Baker

2nd ~ Debbi Brunner

3rd ~ Frances Lunney

*Thank you to all who participated to make this a special day.*



**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: Home of Vicki Bohnhoff  
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  
Note: January meeting will be on Friday the 2nd

#### **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 12noon-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 to 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 ~ January 2026

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

## Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Winter Schedule 2026

**January 12th Program ~ Hopi Quilting: Stitched Traditions from an Ancient Community with Carolyn O'Bagy Davis**

**There is still room in the following Workshops  
See pages 12~16 for details.**

**Nuno Felted Scarf & Nuno Felted Shawl workshops with Patti Barker  
Double Weave on 4 Harness workshop with Patty Huffer  
Eco-Dye Garment workshop with Lori Kovash**

# Workshops 2026 Winter Season

The 2026 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](http://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, page 13

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.

## 'Weaving with Little Looms' with Lindy Brigham

**Workshop has filled ~ Wait list Only**

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-loom. \$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

# 'Nuno Felt Stained Glass Shawl'

with Patti Barker

If you enjoy puzzles, you will love this class. Participants cut up hand dyed silk gauze, then piece it together using a mosaic Nuno felt techniques. There are two color options to choose from ..... colorful or neutrals.

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$75.00 + Material Fee \$80 includes fabric and fiber, MF payable to instructor the day of class

Limited to 12 Students

Registration ends January 20th

Students will receive an equipment supply list upon registration.



# 'Nuno Felt Circle Vest'

with Patti Barker

The Circle Vest is flattering because of the curve at the lower back and a versatile vest because It can be worn 4 different ways. Participants create a vest in colors of their choice. This is a one day class. Students will be able to discuss their color choice with Patti via email.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2025

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$75.00 + Material Fee \$80 includes fabric and fiber, MF payable to instructor on class day

Limited to 12 Students

Registration ends January 20th

Students will receive an equipment supply list upon registration.



# 'Double Weave on 4 Shafts' with Patty Huffer

Date: March 13, 14, and 15, 2026

Time: 9:30am ~ 3:30pm

Venue: La Posada Recreation Center

Cost: \$ 140, this includes a \$20 materials fee

Min/Max students - 10/12

**2 spaces remain**

**Registration Deadline - February 1, 2026**

Registration open to public - December 15,

2026 with membership in VFAG

Level - Beginning to Advance - Students should be able to read a draft and weave without assistance.

Explore the potential of double weaving in this class.

Using only four shafts, you can create cloth that is twice the width of your loom. You can create tubes, pockets, multiple layers, and even pick-up designs.

During class you'll learn the theory of double weave, experiment with different materials, and complete a storage caddie sampler that you can use for shuttles, scissors, or other weaving tools.

Note: Students will receive warping instructions and loom set up in advance of the workshop.



*Bio - Patty Huffer has been weaving since 1981. After graduating from Central Washington University, she took a summer class in weaving. This began her almost 40 years of weaving and teaching. The love of fibers and teaching others has been a life-long inspiration for her. She always looks forward to the moment when a student understands for the first time how a woven piece is constructed resulting in a beautiful finished piece. Patty's experience and use of many types of looms, and threading possibilities has contributed to her ongoing passion for weaving.*

# 'Eco-Dyeing Magic' with Lori Kovash

Do you want to experience the magic of eco-dyeing? You will learn how to create a one of a kind piece of art using leaves and flowers. I will walk through the process of how to prepare your fabric to accept the tannins and natural dyes from plants. We will talk about how to use leaves and flowers to create the clearest prints. I have several examples of natural dyes you can achieve in your own home with plants and flowers locally grown. These natural dyes pair so beautifully with eco-dyeing. I just love it and hope you will too!

**Workshop is Full ~ Wait list only**

**Date: Thursday March 19, 2026**

**Time: 9am ~ 3pm**

**Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church**

**Cost: \$70.00 + Kit: Silk Scarf & Fabric \$15.**

**Limited to 12 Students – Minimum 8**



# 'Eco-Dyeing a Garment~ Continue the Magic

with Lori Kovash

The next step in Eco-Dyeing; learn the intricacy of doing a garment as you work with Lori to create a beautiful top. Planning the design and implementation are the core of this workshop, allowing you to create the eco-print design best suited to the style of the garment. Lori will have a variety of tops to choose from and purchase after her program at the February VFAG meeting.

Date: Friday March 20, 2026

Time: 9am ~ 3pm

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$70.00 + Plus garment choice \$ varies

Limited to 12 Students

5 spaces remain Registration ends February 9th.





## 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  
[missyeb@gmail.com](mailto:missyeb@gmail.com)

Please include instructor's name on check memo line

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Your name

**Address**

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City/State/Zip

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## Phone

Email



## "Arizona Fiber Festival"

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

April 10, 11, and 12, 2026  
Camp Verde, Arizona

We're ready for Volunteers to sign up! Please go to the Website fill in those 2 hr. slots!

For details Go to: <https://azfed.org/volunteers/>  
OR

cut and paste in your browser

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040444AFA92BABF85-61212166-azfiber#/>

All Class & Workshop Registration ends March 1, 2026!

Register now to reserve your spot.

Brochure and easy on-line registration

Go to ~ <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/>

TAKE CLASSES\*  
VISIT THE VENDOR HALL  
WATCH DEMONSTRATIONS

VISIT THE GUILD BOOTHES AND MEET ARIZONA ARTISANS

ENTRANCE TO THE VENDOR HALL, DEMONSTRATIONS  
AND GUILD BOOTHIS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

\*Classes, workshops, and seminars require registration and have a fee.

Camp Verde, AZ is a nice little town with hotels, restaurants, museums and a casino just off the I-17 freeway approximately 230 miles/3hr 30min from Green Valley.

## Valley Fiber Arts Guild

Minutes of the General Meeting, December 8, 2025

**Program - President's Challenge** - The theme of this year's Challenge was 'Think Outside The Box' and over 25 members brought their creations in response to that idea. Guild members were given the opportunity to look over all of the entries and enjoy visiting with others as they feasted on the cookies that all had brought. Everyone was then given a chit to put in the bag that represented the piece they liked best. After the voting was finished, all participants then told about their works of art. The three members receiving the most chits were awarded with gift cards from area fiber arts shops. Trudy Baker showed her felted house filled with felted accouterments. Debbi Brunner told about her boxes reflecting the love of books. Frances Lunney showed her box folded container and circular box with beaded and woven additions.

### **Business meeting**

The minutes of the October 13, 2025, General Meeting were approved as published.

New members and guests were welcomed.

**Treasurers Report** - Gary Terlisner reported a current balance of \$10,787.83

**Membership Report** - Nancy Gould reported a membership role of 151 with several new members to be added.

**Field Trips** - Martha Fine reminded that there is a field trip to Caywood Farms in Casa Grande in January. Information on the date, time and travel arrangements will be sent out.

**Arizona Fiber Arts Festival** - The Arizona Federation has released information about the Arizona Fiber Arts Festival at Camp Verde on April 10, 11, 12, 2026. It is available on their website: <https://azfed.org/arizona-fiber-festival/>.

**Arizona Fiber Art Festival Swag Bag** - Our Guild will contribute "bird pincushions" to be included in the Festival Swag Bag. Debbi has included a link to a pattern on the Guild newsletter. At the January board meeting, officers will work on creating birds and then share the instructions at the General Meeting so members who wish to participate in the project can be informed of the process.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Delker, Secretary

# Member Teachers Workshops & Classes

## BASIC WEAVING CLASS

In this Basic weaving class you will learn the ins and outs of weaving. How to make a warp, dress your loom, how to handle your shuttles, read weaving drafts, and understand basic weave structures and much more. At the end of class you will take home samples of all your projects .

All looms and materials are provided.

Classes are 4 consecutive days, and you need to be able to attend all classes.

Cost: \$375. A \$50 non refundable deposit. If there is a waiting list and the space is filled the deposit will be returned.

Dates: January 22,23,24, and 25. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
February 26,27,28, and March 1. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Times: 9:00am to 3:30pm

This course is also good for weavers that need a refresher course or any one just wanting to get started.

I have been weaving for over 40 years after receiving a BFA in Textile design, and have been teaching for 20 years.

Please feel free to ask any questions about the course.

Jolene Northup

541-350-3356

[Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com](mailto:Jolene.northupstudio@gmail.com)



## *Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Board of Directors and Committee Chairs*

### ***Board of Directors:***

President: Martha Fine [president@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:president@valleyfiberartguild.com)

Vice President: Sue Bollinger [vice-president@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:vice-president@valleyfiberartguild.com)

Secretary: Marjorie Delker [secretary@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:secretary@valleyfiberartguild.com)

Treasurer: Gary Terlisner [treasurer@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:treasurer@valleyfiberartguild.com)

AZ Federation: Susan Bollinger [azfedrep@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:azfedrep@valleyfiberartguild.com)

### ***Committee Chairs:***

Programs/Workshops: Debbi Brunner [programs@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:programs@valleyfiberartguild.com)

Membership: Nancy Gould  
Cindy Wolf [membership1@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:membership1@valleyfiberartguild.com)  
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Librarian: Mary Hughs [library@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:library@valleyfiberartguild.com)

Newsletter: Debbi Brunner [newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com](mailto:newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com)

Deadline for newsletter copy is due by the **25th of each month** preceding the monthly publication of each issue.

**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](mailto:newsletter@valleyfiberartguild.com)  
Deadline the 25th of each month.

# Equipment For Sale



Baby Lock Model EMB 7  
(left)  
Embellishing machine  
used lightly to felt bracelets and  
wall hangings. Downsizing.

Available after Jan 1 /26 \$125.  
Contact: [boxldale@yahoo.com](mailto:boxldale@yahoo.com)



Warping board 12 yd.  
Harrisville Designs \$50.  
(above)  
Contact: Sandy Vanderpuy  
[svpuy@yahoo.com](mailto:svpuy@yahoo.com)

Ashford  
warping mill \$45.  
(right)  
Contact: Sally Young  
[rare1alaska@gmail.com](mailto:rare1alaska@gmail.com)



Yarn Swift  
warping mill \$25.  
(left)  
Contact: Sally Young  
[rare1alaska@gmail.com](mailto:rare1alaska@gmail.com)

# More Equipment For Sale

**Embellishing/Felting machine for Sale**

Like new Husqvarna Felting machine

Needles, tools, plug and foot pedal

\$150 or best offer

Call Lyndy 707-373-8584



**Cyndy Padilla has 3 hat mannequins for displays. If anyone is interested, please contact her at 619-254-6458 or [cheatertees2@gmail.com](mailto:cheatertees2@gmail.com)**

