



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

2024 / 2025 Season

General Meeting
February 10, 2025

'Beyond the Traditional'

Presented by TMA
docent Judy Tracey

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

Registration Form on
page 14 of the Newsletter

Dues are due April 30th
each year

President's Letter ~ February 2025

Dear Members

LET'S KEEP OUR GUILD VITAL!

Our guild is a chartered organization with a mission statement and a mandated roster of officers and committees. To keep our guild running we need to fill all those positions. Valley Fiber Art Guild, just like other guilds and clubs, requires a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and committees. Officers serve 2 year terms with President and Secretary alternating with Vice-President and Treasurer. This year our Vice-President and Treasurer are due for election. These offices serve a vital function for our guild while only requiring a small time commitment.

The committees we have are Programs, Outreach, Nominating, Fundraising and Library. Again, these are vital for keeping our guild functioning at the level we all enjoy. These also require a small time commitment and benefit from the expertise our members have garnered over a lifetime of working. In return, our guild offers monthly meetings with inspiring programs, a library of useful resources, study groups, socialization, field trips and fun. So please consider doing your part to ensure our guild continues to offer a beautiful meeting space, programs and workshops, study groups, resources and camaraderie.

Fondly,

Martha Fine, President



Volunteer and be involved in VFAG's future!

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**

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.

A note from our Membership Committee

The VFAG Roster has been updated to reflect all paid members.

If you haven't paid your 2024-25 dues please plan to do so via mail or at the next meeting.

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 new roster will be published after January 15, 2025 to include all who have a current paid membership status. Form to print on page 14.

Weaving Study Group Presentation Highlights



Study Group News!

The Embroidery Study Group and Cloth Creations (formerly Clothing study group) have merged. These two groups have many members and interests in common. Going forward the group will meet on the third Tuesday at 9:30 am at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church, Room 102 [2150 S Camino del Sol](#). Join us if you have an interest in stitching and cloth. At our January meeting we shared ideas about projects to make with scraps. Our meetings always include an opportunity to share projects you are working on or need input on. Future meetings:

February: Making/embellishing a snap top bag/case or name tag AND stash exchange.

You can also work on making a name tag or a project of your own choosing.

March: Alabama Chanin reverse applique technique – demo and experimenting with the technique



April: Experimenting with paints and dyes (tentatively scheduled at Desert Meadows Park)

Right: Felted collage by study group member Lynn Ocone



Valley Fiber Arts Guild Minutes of the General Meeting, January 13, 2025

Business meeting

Minutes

The minutes of the December, 2024, meeting were approved as published.

Nominating Committee for Officer Elections

Martha Fine announced the need to form a Nominating Committee for the upcoming Election of Officers for the positions of Treasurer and the Vice President. She passed around a signup sheet for those who would be willing to serve on the committee. The roles of both offices were subsequently described.

Nominating Committee for Outreach

Martha also explained the need to form a Committee for Outreach Actions to identify opportunities which would address that part of the Guild's mission involving reaching out to inform the community about fiber arts and to attract new members to the Guild. In October, the Guild had an information booth demonstrating the artwork of our study groups at Art in Park which attracted much attention and interest in the Guild.

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Field Trips

Members or Study Groups may discover events that would be of interest to Guild members. If they wish to arrange an informal field trip, they can send a descriptor including information about the event, meeting place to carpool, contact information, etc. to Martha. She will then send out an email-blast. An example given was the upcoming Yarn Sale in Tucson.

Reports

Treasurer

Debra Brown reported a current balance of \$10,308 which includes funds yet to be paid out for upcoming workshops. She then described the duties of the office of treasurer.

Membership

Nancy Gould reported that there are still a few members who have yet to pay their dues. Members can check their status on the roster sheet at the check-in desk.

Library

Melanie Fitz announced that all books and materials that have been checked out need to be returned in April which is the end of the year. She is looking for an intern who can serve as a backup in managing the library. She will be cancelling subscriptions to journals since they are infrequently used and are available online.

Programs

Debbi Brunner reviewed the upcoming workshops. A complete description of each workshop is on the Guild website

- Creating a Painted Leather Parfleche with Debbi Brunner January 22-23
- Summer and Winter Weave with Patty Huffer March 1-3
- Eco Dyeing with Merry Warner March 28

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Show and Share

- Dale Box modeled a slow-stitch vest that she made along with a slow-stitched nightgown made of antique cotton.
- Jol-ene Northup showed a Northwest Indigenous Culture themed pillow and a woven shawl.
- Reba Ashmore showed a delicate beaded needle case.
- Debbi Brunner showed a primitive with copper wire woven sculpture
- Marge Delker showed a tapestry phone bag.
- Martha Fine showed a tote bag and a woven neck scarf.

Program

The program, "Weaving --- It's Just Sticks and Strings!" was presented by the Weaving Study Group Members. Addressed were the concepts: 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, members were introduced to weaving. A wide variety of looms and woven works of art were on display.

Submitted by Marge Delker, Secretary

News from the Fiber World

Debra Brown reports there is a new place to visit if you are traveling, Fiber Arts on 4th in Albuquerque has been opened by Cael Chapell, who is a well known twined basket maker and the president of the National Basket Association. Here is the link: <https://fiberartson4th.com>

Here is a video about weaving Feather blankets! From From Nancy Gould
<https://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/videos/>

The Archeology Southwest YouTube channel lists quite a number of videos that could be very interesting!

*Member Items for Sale & Studio Classes
available on page 15-16*

January Show and Share



Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Up Coming Events

February 10, 2025	'Beyond the Traditional' with TMA docent Judy Tracey
February 10, 2025	General Meeting
March 17, 2025	Eco Dyeing with Merry Warner

February 2025 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

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

2025 Programs & Classes

January ~ The Weaving Study Group

February ~ Beyond the Traditional with Judy Tracey of Tucson Museum of Art

March ~ Eco Dyeing Adventures with Merry Warner

April Stash Sale & Dessert

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 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 or Marge Delker 316-993-1768 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 or 520-207-0799 for questions.

Cloth Creations:

The Cloth Creations Study Group meets the 3rd Tuesday OTM at Desert Hill Lutheran Church. Contact Fran Lunney lunnfran@gmail.com

Embroidery:

The Embroidery Study Group has merged with the Cloth Creations SG Contact Peggy McGaughey 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 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 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 lawykoff@yahoo.com.

Rug Braiding:

By appointment with Gretchen Ramsey
Contact Gretchen ~ grandmagretchen@cox.net

Spinning:

Spinning Study Group meets the 1st Thursday OTM at 9:30am~ 12noon at members homes. New spinners are welcome and we have spindles and wheels for members to borrow. Contact: Lyndy Runyon lyndyrnyon@gmail.com

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Tapestry:

The Tapestry group meets the first Tuesday OTM, 9:30am–11:30am at Friends in Deed. Group Leaders are April Boysen and Debra Brown. Contact Debra Brown with questions at 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 or 231-652-6275 for addition information.

- **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

Newsletter Editor:

Debbi Brunner, Please contact Debbi with questions or suggestions – miskeyb@gmail.com

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

Debbi

News from the Felting Study Group

Everyone had been making prefelts for a few months so we could put them together and create landscapes, animals, and more in felt. 11 felted in total!

Next month we will have a guest teacher, Francis, who will teach us how to use felting/embellishing machines and make felted coasters.



Education Opporntnities

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 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 13) to print and send with your check.

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.

2025 VFAG Workshops

'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. eginning to advance weavers.

For more information contact: Ann Bont, 231-652-6275 abont@comcast.net or

Jol'ene Northup, 541-350-3356 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





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
miskeyb@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

Burnham loom, it is 48" wide, floor loom, 8 harness, 12 heddles. Must disassemble to move but easy to put back together. Great loom for rugs and tableware or towels.

Price: \$550

Please text questions and interest to: Kay Huisjen: 970-371-1880



Teaching Studio Opportunities

Kumihimo Lessons with Sue Helle

Kumihimo Lessons: Wed. 1:00 – 3:00 Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19

Wk. 1 Basic braid – you will make a bracelet or necklace using satin cord

Cost– \$30 This covers your basic equipment and project supplies

If you already have the disc and weight, cost will be \$15

Wk. 2 Beaded bracelet – you will make a beaded bracelet using 6/0 seed beads

Cost– \$10 You bring your own size 6/0 seed beads

Wk. 3 Beaded bracelet – you will make a bracelet with a magnetic clasp

Cost – \$15 You bring your own size 8/0 seed beads

Wk. 4 Braiding over a core – project is a bracelet

Cost – \$10

If you are interested, email/text: Hnorasue@yahoo.com or 419-670-3926

Class size will be a minimum of 4 with a maximum of 8. These will be held at my home.

2239 Via Alonso (this is in The Legends, off of South Abrego) Sue Helle

Creative wire Weaving with Debbi Brunner

February 19 & 26, 2025 9am-12:30pm Two-day Workshop Fee: \$60.

Student Limit: 6

Learn to warp and weave with wire on a small loom to create a one of kind work of art, approximately 6" x 6-7". The loom and wire to begin are included in the class fee and yours to keep. By adding, yarns, ribbons, beads and small found objects to the weaving, each student will have a unique decorative piece that reflects their personal aesthetic. Although there will be fibers, odds and ends available for your weaving, you are encouraged to bring items from your stash, it's a wonderful way to use small pieces of fabric, yarns and ribbons, narrow sticks, flat seed pods or other natural materials which will interweave with the bronze wire we will be using. We each have favorite colors, those little bits of fiber we can't part with? If in doubt, bring it!

Email Debbi to register ~ misseyb@gmail.com

Workshop will be held in my home studio.

Details will be emailed.

