Fiber News & Updates

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2026-2027 Season
General Meeting
December 14, 2026

Program
President's Challenge
'Beauty of the Sonoran Desert'

Monthly Meetings are held on the second Monday of month at:
Valley Presbyterian Church
Meeting & Programs
10am ~ 12noon

Membership Form is on our website.
www.valleyfiberartguild.org

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VFAG December Presidents Letter

Greetings everyone!

This is such a wonderful time of year!
With cooler temperatures, it's a great time to be outdoors to enjoy the beauty and wonders of our Sonoran Desert. Let it inspire you to create something beautiful! For me, it is also a time of giving and reflection.

On the topic of giving, thank you to everyone who donated to TAG this year. Jane has passed along the gratitude of those who benefited from your generosity.

While writing this month's newsletter, my husband and I are in Nevada for Thanksgiving week with my niece and her husband. Because the rest of our family is in Hawaii, this is a special time for us to be together. As we reminisce about the larger family gatherings, we are starting traditions of our own. December is when I look ahead for the new year and consider how I can make it better for my family, friends and myself. It's about being present and engaged.

As for the Guild, I look forward to building upon our successes. I am thankful for our volunteers and look forward to getting to know you all. I can't wait to see your **President's Challenge** creations at our Guild meeting on December 14th! Please include a brief statement about your artwork so viewers can better understand your story. There will be great prizes for the Member's Favorites!

Be safe and take care,
Cyndy

Cyndy Padilla, VFAG President

Let's keep VFAG a thriving, giving and creative group!

Membership Renewal Message from Nancy Gould……

VFAG membership follows a calendar year schedule. Payment of $30 is due by January 15 to keep current on membership and participate in study groups and workshops.

Renewing members do NOT need to fill out a new form. Please bring a check or $30 exact change to the general meeting in December or January. (Exact change will keep the process moving along at the meeting and help to eliminate a long waiting line from forming.).

If you have had any changes to street address, email or phone please write this information on a note and include with payment.

Checks can also be mailed to: Nancy Gould
902 West Mountain Stone Drive,
Green Valley, AZ 85614.

TAG (The Art of Giving)

By now many of you are familiar with TAG and what it stands for. But just as a reminder, this is a group that provides gifts for the low income during the holidays. We work with Valley Assistance to distribute the goods and the local Firemen deliver the gifts mid December.

I want to thank all of you who have donated items for TAG this year. There are many beautiful and useful items for the low income in the area.

As Valley Assistance manages the delivery of these items, they are always impressed with the gifts we provide. Know that you have provided gifts that will brighten their holidays. THANK YOU.

The last items were collected at the VFAG meeting in November and delivered to Valley Assistance before Thanksgiving so that they can match the gift with the recipient. They do a nice job ensuring that the gift is appropriate to the person.

Thank you in advance for your support. *Jane Tempel*

November General Meeting Program ~ Thank you to Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga for her fabulous presentation: 'Beads, Beads and More Beads'

Patrice shared her beginnings and evolution in making lamp work beads and etching on glass murals.









Photos: Courtesy of Marge Delker

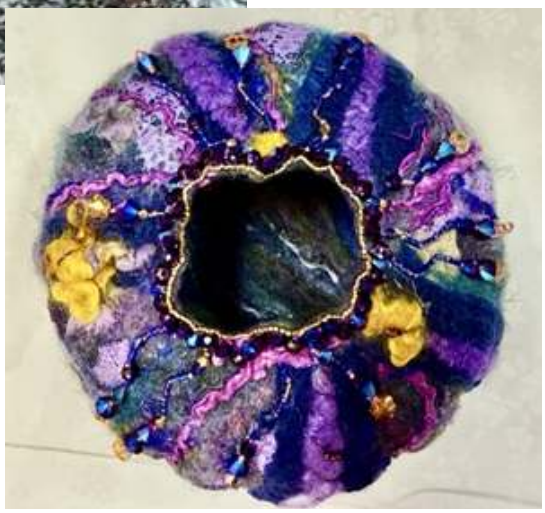
November Show & Share











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November Show & Share











Fiber Art Events

VFAG ON EXHIBIT!
As of November 6th, Valley Fiber Art Guild has our members' work on exhibition. Desert Hills Lutheran Church is the host venue. Twenty-four of our members have placed 57 items for viewing. A few have been listed for sale and to date a few sales have been made.

A reception was held on opening day where many of the techniques featured were demonstrated. The exhibition features spun fibers, weaving, knitting, beadwork, art quilts, painting on silk, basketry and feltwork. If you haven't had a chance, be sure to swing by this church on Camino del Sol to view our exhibit. The exhibition runs through January 3rd. Many viewers have been very impressed with the creativity,
quality and scope of our work. This is a wonderful way to let our community know about the work that we do.

I wish to express my thanks to our committee members; Trudy Baker, Annelle Holzman and Jo'lene Northup. We plan for this to be the first of many such exhibitions. Martha Fine, Exhibit Chairperson

News from Nancy Gould……..
March of 2027
All quilters and fabric enthusiast will want to see this!

https://mulqueen.regfox.com/sewzona-2027

SewZona
2027
THE ULTIMATE SEWING, QUILTING & EMBROIDERY EXPERIENCE

For those who weren't able to join the field trip to the Tucson Botanical Gardens, the Tapestries of Egypt Exibition runs through January 4, 2027
The artists of Egypt's Ramses Wissa Wassef Art Center return to the Gardens with a new collection of contemporary, one-of-a-kind wool and cotton tapestries. Crafted specially for this exhibition, each piece is woven directly on the loom with no preliminary design and depicts the flora and fauna of Egyptian landscapes in rich color palettes.

Valley Fiber Arts Guild
General Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2026

Program

Patrice Ballew-Zubillag presented her work with Beading and Etched Glass.
Patrice's early artistic endeavors were in painting, knitting and crochet. She has been designing original beads now for 40 years, starting with her first bead - which actually won best of show.
Patrice explained how she creates beads by making rods and stringers which can be wound around a metal rod to form the beads. Beads are embellished with artwork internally and on the surface.
Some of her embellishments include series of botanicals, faces and a koi series.
Larger hollow beads can be constructed by merging 2 halves of the bead. Some tools Patrice uses include a torch and kiln for glass beadwork.
She also shared some of her etched glass work, which is made using sandblasting to remove the glass in layers to create dimensions, texture and layers of translucency.

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02. Previous meeting minutes were approved as published.
New members and guests were welcomed.

President's Report

Cyndy Padilla reported:

- As a reminder, the President's Challenge this year will be due for the December 14 general meeting. The theme this year is the Beauty of the Sonoran Desert. An artist's statement should be included with your submission.
- A "free" materials table will be available at general meetings for members to share.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Terlisner reported the checking balance as $10352.72. Deposits: $2986, Workshops $2855, membership $150 and $1088 paid out.

Library

Apple Gibson and Mary Hughes asked for requests to be submitted through study group leaders.
Magazine subscriptions are not available at this point.

Membership

Nancy Gould reported a current membership of 147.

- Thanks to Sue Olsen for joining the membership team.
- 2027 membership dues are due in January.

November 9, 2026 General meeting Minutes
Continued…

Programs/Workshops
Lyndy Runyon reported on upcoming programs:

- Extreme Makeover weaving class now has 9 participants.
- Silk painting, a second class has been opened up
- A zoom class on Cordage & Conversations
- Intro to machine knitting

Debbi discussed a field trip to Tucson Botanical Gardens on Dec 9 where they currently have an Egyptian collection of tapestry art. Details and signup were discussed.

Exhibition Committee
Martha Fine reported on the success of the VFAG exhibit at Desert Hills Lutheran Church. The exhibit was very well received by the venue and its congregants.

Show and Share
Felted sculptures, basket weaving sculptures, dishtowels and other basketry were shared.

Other Announcements

- Fiber Day was a great success with lots of sharing and camaraderie, and there are requests for a repeat performance.
- Jane Tempel let us know that there have already been 2 deliveries to Valley Assistance for holiday gifts.
- There will be a felting machine field trip to Phoenix this coming Saturday.
- There are 2 upcoming Artisan festivals in Green Valley.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Secretary, Laura Hayden

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: Gary Terlisner ~ garyft45@cox.net
Where: Home of Pat Merritt
271 E. Paseo Churea, GV
When: 3rd Thursday OTM, 9am-12noon

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—12noon

Knitting:
Who: Jane Tempel ~ tempelj@aol.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 4th Tuesday OTM, 9:30 a.m. -12noon

Spinning Study Group:
Who: Debbi Brunner ~ misseyb@gmail.com
Where: Friends in Deed
When: 1st Monday OTM, 12noon-2:45pm

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: Phillenore Howard phillenore@taosnet.com
Phone: 520-393-6752
Where: Desert Hills Lutheran Church chapel
When: 3rd Monday OTM 1:30-3:30pm
Note: No meeting in December

Felting Study Group:
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 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 ~ December 2026

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

December 14, 2026 Meeting features the President's Challenge

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Winter Schedule 2027

Winter Workshops: Silk Painting, Weaving Workshop, Cordage, Art Dolls & Machine Knitting

See pages 11-15 for new workshop information &
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Workshops 2027 Winter Season

Cordage and Conversation with Saoirse Byrne
Feburary 5, 2027 9am-12noon
Zoom Workshop (our first!)
Class Fee: $80. Venue: VPC Fellowship Hall
Limit: Min. 5 Students ~ Max. 15 Students



The ancient art of cordage using the fabrics in our lives- sharing in the joy and exploration using materials and found objects, a perfect opportunity to turn things from your stash in to useful and meaningful pieces of art. Cordage is accessible even to those who would not consider themselves artists or crafty. The process is fun, simple, and repetitive in a way that leaves room for conversation, laughter, contemplation. Cordage making is accessible to folks as mentioned, would not consider themselves crafty as well as to artists wanting to explore another way of engaging with materials.

Perhaps there is fabric in your life that is dear to you that no longer serves in its current form. This workshop is an invitation to explore this ancient process and the share in conversations as our hands find the rhythm of the making. Come away with an understanding of how to turn materials in your life into beautiful and useful lengths of cord, whether to wrap a gift, hang as a garland or wear as a necklace.

Supply list available at registration







Workshops 2027 Winter Season



Silk Painting a Silk Scarf with Peggy McGaughey
February 12, 2027 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm
February 26, 2027 ~10:30am-1:30pm
Class Fee: $60. Includes silk scarf & all supplies
Venue: Valley Presbyterian
Limit: 8 Students in each class

Since 1987 I have been fascinated and frustrated with silk painting. Over the years I have kept loving it though and have many good memories of what I accomplished. Teaching silk painting has been a love of mine and have taught many classes over the years. I have made and sold many silk scarves, several large wall hangings, art pictures, silk jackets, blouses, yardage and pillow covers. The thing I love most about silk painting is the vibrant colors that can be achieved on silk. Also, I can draw a design onto silk and make it a picture of whatever I decide. So much can be done with silk and especially painted silk.

In the class I will explain the different kinds of silk available and which silk to use for each item. Where to buy silk and supplies. Explain the difference between silk painting and silk dyeing. Examples of various techniques to apply. Each person will be given a long white silk scarf and silk paints. All supplies will be provided, you only need to bring a fun attitude and an apron or old shirt to cover up your clothes just in case the paint would get on your garment. Gloves are nice…keeps your hand and fingers from being rainbow fingers at the end of class!! The class will be 3 hours long (approximately) and you will leave with a wonderful ORIGINAL silk scarf to show your friends.



Silk Painting Art collection from Peggy McGaughey





Workshops 2027 Winter Season

Extreme Warp Makeover with Robyn Spady
Unlock the Potential of a Single Threading



Date: March 6, 7 & 8, 2027
Time: 9am ~ 4pm each day
(the 8th is flexible)
Venue: Green Valley Elks Lodge
Cost: $325. plus $15. supply fee
Limited to 20 Students

Hate to warp, but love to weave? Want more versatility from a single warp? Then this is a workshop for you! In this workshop, participants will warp their loom with their choice of one of three four-shaft threadings and dive deep into the creative possibilities that lie within a single threading by performing an extreme makeover and weave it many different ways . . . from twill, lace, and overshot to swivel, corduroy, deflected weft, and double-faced. At the same time, participants are presented with the basics of different weaves and weave structures and how to adapt a single threading to weave an astonishing variety of woven structures, including concepts such as star vs. rose fashion, weaving on opposites, and echo treadling. Come learn why a single warp doesn't mean a single look!

Four-shaft loom required.
(Note: This is not a round-robin workshop.)

Level: Intermediate to Advanced (and adventure-seeking beginners)
Materials fee: $15/person

Looms will be warped prior to the workshop. There is not a supply list, but Robyn will provide detailed information about 6 weeks before the workshop.

Pop Top Doll Workshop with Maryann Lundin
March 18-19, 2027 9am-3:30pm
Class Fee: $93. 6 spaces remain
Supply Fee: $15. pattern, iron on interfacing for the body, various yarns for the hair, embroidery thread for the hair trim, eyes, fabric pens for face, powdered blusher, modpodge, paint for hands, etc.
Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church Room #1
Limit: 8 Students



Come join Maryann for an introduction to the fun and creative world of cloth art dolls! In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll create a charming **Pop Top Doll**, a variation of the Pop Top Doll pattern by Julie McCollough. Along the way, you'll learn the basic techniques and skills used by cloth doll makers.



You'll learn how to:

- Stitch and construct the doll pattern
- Stuff your doll properly to achieve the desired firmness and shape
- Create a simple, expressive face
- Use Mod Podge to seal painted facial features
- Create a fun hairstyle using yarn
- Work with a variety of tools and materials used in cloth doll making



By the end of the workshop, you'll have your own Cloth Art Doll to make you smile—and the basic skills and confidence to create many more!

Student supply list:

Sewing machine, basic sewing tools; scissors, thread, straight pins.

Quilting fabrics, fiberfil for stuffing, the exact fabric requirements are available at Registration.

Workshops 2027 Winter Season

INTRODUCTION TO FLAT BED MACHINE KNITTING

with Susan Fowler

March 17, 2027 ~ 1-4pm

Venue: Susan's Studio in Tucson

Class fee: $50.

Material Fee: $20. Payable to Susan the day of class



Are you machine knitting curious?

Then this class is for you! This is a rare opportunity as the instructor will provide machines for you to use. By the end of the class, you'll leave with a completed beanie cap that you machine knit yourself.

No machine knitting experience needed!

If knitting the beanie gets you hooked (pun intended) and you want to take it a step further, and as time permits, you will touch stitch samples and appropriate yarns by machine type. You will view the endless possibilities of stitches and techniques of machine knitting. We'll talk through how to decide which machine is best for you, where to buy it, and how to learn to use it.

Valley Fiber Art Guild arranged these workshops to further your knowledge and fiber art experiences. You must be a VFAG Member to register for a workshop or class, a great perk that come with your Membership. All you have to do is print and fill out a registration form (page 16) with the required information then submit it with the appropriate fee(s). You may do this in person at a general meeting with a check or cash or send a check with the registration form to the address listed on the form. There are no refunds for workshop registration, if there is a reason you can not attend you are welcome to find someone to replace you, if the workshop is full we will also advertise your available space. If you have any questions please contact the Workshop Chairperson: Lyndy Runyon ~ lyndyrunyon@gmail.com

Workshop Registration Form

To insure your place in the workshop, please fill out the form and send it with your payment to the Workshop Chairperson listed or bring it to a guild meeting.
All registrations are confirmed in order of first received.

Date: _____

Please check one: VFAG Member___ Not a VFAG guild member___

Workshop	Instructor	Date	Amount

Total Tuition Amount $_____

Mail this completed Registration Form and
your check payable to; VFAG for the full tuition amount to:

Lyndy Runyon, Workshop Chairperson
Valley Fiber Art Guild
477 E Chuparosas
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Student Name: _____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone_____ Email _____

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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

Deadline the 25th of each month.

Equipment for Sale continued on next page...

Heavy duty, sturdy yarn winder, adjustable arms, made by Nancy's Knit Knacks... $100
Contact Pat Merritt
Phone: 607-656-9795 or





Norwood Loom Co.Warping Mill Cherrywood~ warp up to 14 yards $45.

Debbi Brunner
misseyb@gmail.com

Equipment for Sale continued on next page...





50" Norwood Loom 4 harness/6 treadles $800.

Solid cherrywood in excellent condition.
Built in Freemont, Michigan serial number T4532
Has original Norwood no-kink chains and 1000+ heddles. Three reeds: 8, 10 and 12 dent and two shuttles. Sale by original owner
Debbi Brunner ~ misseyb@gmail.com



Equipment for Sale

Ashford Double-Heddle 32" Loom with floor stand and table stand $450. for all

2 ~ 10 dent reeds (for double heddle)
1 ~ 7.5 dent reed
1 ~ 12.5 dent reed
3 ~ 29 -30" stick shuttles
all equipment like new



Ashford Traditional Wheel Single Treadle $80. *OBO*

Good condition ~ 3 jumbo and 3 small bobbins

Susan Bollinger email ~ susanab754@gmail.



Equipment for Sale continued on next page...

Spinning wheel, previously owned by fiber artist and author Betty Beard.
I have not used it, know little about it.
Wheel Asking $125.00 Warping Board $45.
Contact: Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga







Embroidery /Sewing Machine -Baby Lock - Ellisimo
Large hoop for many selection of Patterns. Includes all accessories and hoops of different sizes. & Manuels. $2,200.00
Contact: Patrice Ballew-Zubillaga pbeadallew@aol.com





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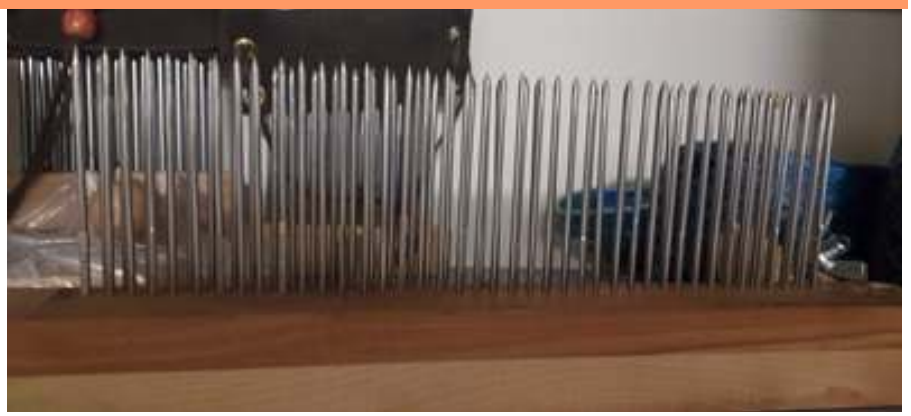
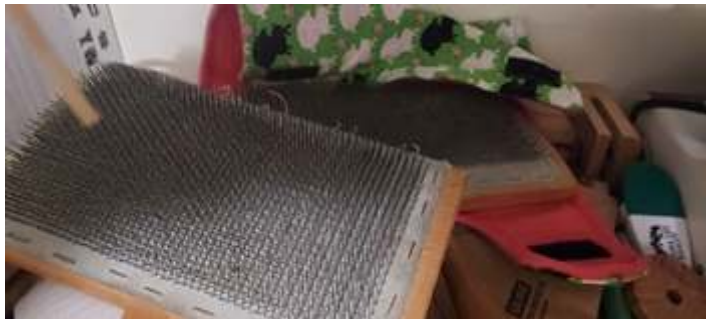


Fiber Tools

All the combs are Valkyrie.
Two are fines and one is regular.
$100 each includes covers.
The hackle is $50
Fine cards $50
Books~
The Art of Tapestry Weaving.
Mezoff New $15
Handweaver's Pattern Book (green) $65
Learning to Weave Chandler $15
Handweaver's Pattern Directory Dixon $50
Opinionated Knitter Elizabeth Zimmerman $30
Weaver's Inkle Pattern Directory Dixon-New $20
Techniques of Rug Weaving Collingsworth $35
Contact: Sally Young rare1alaska@gmail.com













Equipment for Sale continued on next page...

Kromski Flip Rigid Heddle Loom
w/all accessories pictured $120.
Assortment of yarn $25.
Contact: Jane Tempel tempelj@aol.com
(303) 551-3222 "Please leave a message"











