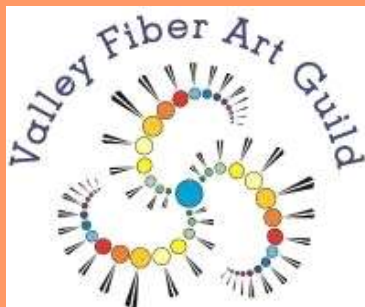




**2026-2027 Season
General Meeting
September, 14 2026**

**Program
"What I Did This
Summer"
Members Show &
Share**

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**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

Fiber News & Updates

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VFAG September Presidents Letter

Welcome everyone to the 2026-2027 season! It is my honor to have been elected your President for the next two years. I gladly accepted the nomination having experienced the camaraderie and sense of community I felt when first joining this organization. That said, I am looking forward to working with all of you to build upon the success of the Guild's mission.

As a volunteer organization, we depend on just that--volunteers. There are many opportunities for your involvement whether it be participating in the Study Groups or serving on a committee. Just wait until you see what the Program and Workshop Committee has planned! Everyone benefits when members share their time and talents.

And speaking of talents, the next **President's Challenge** theme is **"The Beauty of the Sonoran Desert"**. What strikes you the most? Is it our beautiful skies? Our wildlife? Our mighty Saguaros? How about the varieties of cacti and their beautiful blossoms? A visit to our local Desert Meadows park, the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum (grounds and galleries), Tucson Botanical Gardens or Tohono Chul Botanical Gardens and Galleries is certain to provide inspiration. Our reveal date to show and share with the Guild is Monday, December 14th. Along with your artwork, we request that you provide a very brief artist statement/description of your work so that the voters may understand the story and or inspiration behind your creation. And...we now have a new Exhibition Committee, so perhaps we'll be able to showcase your artwork as members of the Valley Fiber Art Guild!

I'm looking forward to our season kick-off meeting! As tradition has it, as part of our September program, our Guild members "Show & Share" what they've created over the summer months. With respect to time constraints, you may bring up to three (3) of your favorites. Word has it that some of the Study Groups will have group presentations. Come and be inspired!

See you soon,
Cyndy Padilla
VFAG President



Let's keep VFAG a thriving and creative group!

Part of that is volunteering within the guild.

If we all take turns filling positions in need, each of us benefits. It is volunteers that make the inner workings of the guild go smoothly: providing programs, workshops, field trips, keeps the Library available for our members and the Study Groups an educational and congenial part of our guild life. It is an opportunity to help steer the guild forward in our mission to foster the fiber arts.

When you volunteer for a position there is someone there to teach you the ropes, so don't hesitate, volunteer and make a difference.

News from the Membership Committee.....

Cindy Wolf is announcing it is time for her to "retire" from her position as co-chair. Many, many thanks are due Cindy for diligent and faithful execution of tasks that help to keep the guild running smoothly.

Therefore, the membership committee is in need of a co-chair. The time involved is not overly burdensome because tasks are split between the co-chairs. The particular duties needing to be filled requires a computer and basic knowledge of Excel. Cindy has accomplished these from both her summer and winter homes. Ideally the new co-chair would be a full time resident of this area.

The position entails to following:

- Maintain the Guild Roster (Excel)
- Maintain the Member Paid List (Excel)
- Email a Welcome Letter to new members
- Email updated roster and paid list monthly to designated guild board members
- Sit at the membership table at general meetings (with co-chair)

To Volunteer please contact: Cyndy Padilla, president@valleyfiberartguild.com

For further information and questions about the position please contact:

Cindy Wolf, membership1@valleyfiberartguild.com OR

Nancy Gould, membership2@valleyfiberartguild.com

Field Trips & Opportunities

FIELD TRIP to Needles & Knots

Take a beginning sewing class, join the monthly "Sewing Lab" class and learn a new skill or basic fitting and tailoring. Through varied programs you can bring a group or take an individual class. On our Field Trip, Shana will show us some of the many options available to students. Special for the day is to teach us how to make a small fragrant sachet to enjoy afterwards. Meet up at the commuter parking lot in front on Fry's, September 23rd at 9:30AM and carpool to Needles & Knots on 1735 Fort Lowell (near Campbell). Lunch at Beyond Bread following our visit. We will need a couple of drivers. No charge for the event. Contact Lyndy ~ lyndyrnyon@gmail.com

The Instructor, Shauna

Your Sewing Sherpa Shauna, the founder of NAK Sewing, is a lifelong seamstress, professional pattern maker, soft goods product developer and fashion designer. She has worked in the sewing and design industry for 35 years and is the founder of First Samples, one of the original sewing lounges, back in 2005. She has taught thousands of people how to sew and design over her career and looks forward to introducing YOU to your next favorite skill.

SOUTHWEST SKIES POP-UP ART SHOW:

VISIONS OF A SOUTHWEST SKY

CALL FOR ENTRIES

<https://southwestskies.cfa.harvard.edu/>

During the Southwest Skies astronomy and dark skies festival, Whipple Observatory and Green Valley Rec will host a one-day pop-up art show on October 1, 2026 with viewing from 5pm-9pm during the open public exhibits.

This is a juried art show.

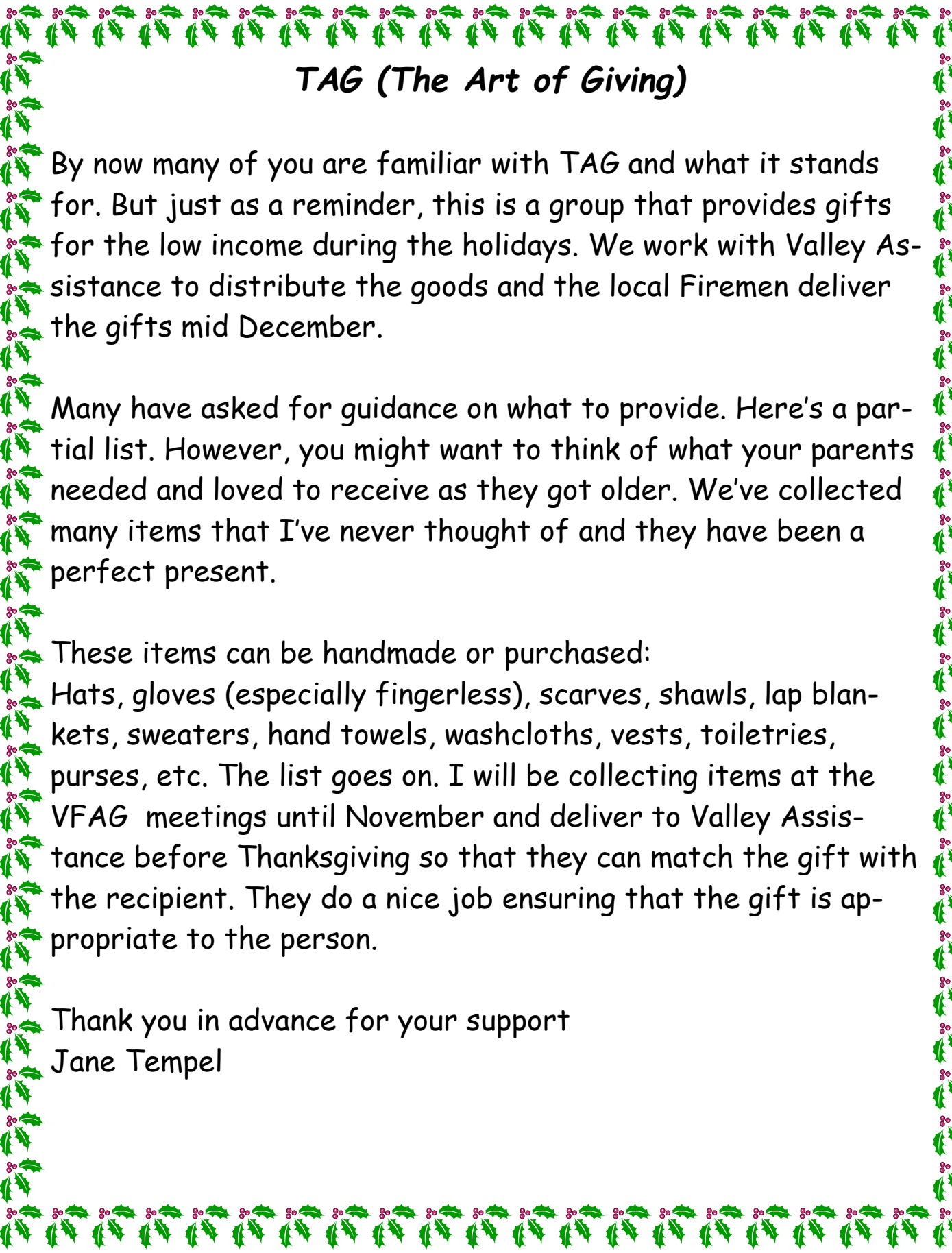
Entries are now being accepted for the art show. We are accepting photography, audio-visual, sculpture, large and small format art.

Entry forms may be filled out at: <https://forms.gle/qW84aTER3HCJKiDb9>

We are looking for art that represents the uniqueness of Southwest landscapes or night sky. We will also accept art pieces showcasing the night sky of other locations.

The entry deadline is September 10, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.

*Entries from staff of the Smithsonian Institution will not be juried



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.

Many have asked for guidance on what to provide. Here's a partial list. However, you might want to think of what your parents needed and loved to receive as they got older. We've collected many items that I've never thought of and they have been a perfect present.

These items can be handmade or purchased:

Hats, gloves (especially fingerless), scarves, shawls, lap blankets, sweaters, hand towels, washcloths, vests, toiletries, purses, etc. The list goes on. I will be collecting items at the VFAG meetings until November and deliver 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

Valley Fiber Art Guild

Proposed Budget May 1, 2026 ~ April 30, 2027

Approved by VFAG Board ~ April 9, 2026

Proposed Expenses		Proposed Income
Discretionary/Reserve Funds	\$5260.10	Membership Dues \$4500.
Programs	1500.	
Workshop Reserve	200.	Fund Raising/Donations 500.
Study Groups (Capital Expense)	200.	
Operating Expense		Total Proposed Income \$5000.
Insurance Liability	600.	
Facility Use	1000.	
Postage	20.	
Website (Go Daddy)	200.	Capital Reserves
		Available Bank Balance \$13895.10
Outreach Venue	200.	Continuing Education
Outreach Supplies	100.	Reserve 795.
Hospitality Supplies	100.	Workshop Reserve 3220.
Library Fund	500.	
Continuing Education Fund	-0-	
Total Proposed Expenses	\$9880.10.	Total Income \$9880.10

'October Fiber Day' a new tradition?

Many of you told us how much you enjoyed
Fiber Day last February and thought
we should do it again. Okay!

Then someone said more cupcakes!

The VFAG Board replied 'let them eat cake!'
So that's what we're going to do
Wednesday, October 21st
in the Fellowship Hall of Valley Presbyterian Church
10am ~ 3pm

The VFAG Board members will be baking a variety of their
favorite recipes for you and provide coffee, tea & ice water.

Bring your Brown Bag lunch, a project or two and spend a
few hours communing and sharing
your interests with one another and eat cake!

We'll send a sign-up list around during the
September and October meetings, please join in the fun.

April 2026

Show & Share



Photos courtesy of
Susan Bollinger



Photo from Lyndy Ruyon,
Summer felting fun. New Vest

Tell us What you Think, the VFAG Board of Directors is interested in your interests.

This a very short questionnaire that allows you to take part in the decisions the Board and various Standing Committees make as they plan for the activities for fellow guild members.

The questionnaire is anonymous, just print this page or the form that is attached to the Newsletter email, answer the few questions and drop it the basket provided at the next guild meeting. What could be more simple?!

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VFAG Interest Survey

Do you belong to a Study Group? Yes____ No____

If yes, which one(s) _____

Name three things you would like to learn in order of most important:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name an Instructor you would choose for a workshop and why:

What do you think is fair fee for a one day workshop/class? \$_____

It's almost time for Art in the Park!

Put October 17, 2026 on your calendars

Art in the Park The Outreach Committee is organizing plans for the Valley Fiber Art Guild's participation again this year.

Do you have something for display that shows what we do at the Valley Fiber Art Guild?

**Would you like to demonstrate a fiber technique:
Spin? Weave? Felt? Stitch? Knit? Basketry? Bead?**

**We have so many talented and knowledgeable members
Please sign-up to share ~ 'demo what you do'**

Contact: Martha Fine, Exhibition Coordinator ~ marthafine52@gmail.com

**September 14th General Meeting Program "What I Did This Summer"
Members Show & Share**

Don't forget to bring your favorite fiber art projects accomplished during the summer months hiatus. This is always a fun experience as members show and share up to three items each to inspire all of us!

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 Terliner ~ 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: Sandy Vanderpuy ~ svpuy@yahoo.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

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 ~ September 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	10 Beading Study Group	11	12
13	14 VFAG General Meeting	15 Cloth Creations Study Group	16	17 Basketry Study Group	18	21
22	23 Weaving Study Group Felting Study Group	24 Knitting Study Group	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Fall Schedule 2026

September Program: "What I Did this Summer" Members Show & Share of fiber art projects accomplished during the summer months hiatus. Always a fun experience as members up to three items each to inspire all of us!

October Program: Karen Lukcas shares her Passion and Focus on Sustainable Fashion

Fall Workshops: Hand Woven Cracker Basket, One of a Kind Felt Bowls, Zhen Xian Bao (Chinese Thread Box folder)

Winter Workshops: Silk Paintedding, TBA Weaving Workshop, Art Dolls and Cordage

Workshops 2026 Fall Season

The 2026 -2027 Workshop committee has an interesting array of Workshops for the coming season. You can read full details on our website, www.valleyfiberartguild.org for all information that is confirmed and ready for registration.

Send questions to: *Lyndy Runyon, Workshop Chairperson ~ lyndyrunyon@gmail.com*

Take full advantage of your membership, learn something new and enjoy sharing the experience with other members. Never stop learning!

Hand Woven Cracker Basket with Gary Terlisner

October 23, 2026 ~ 9am-2pm

Class Fee: \$58. Plus \$15 materials fee paid to the teacher

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Class limited to 8 students

Miss this class and wish you hadn't! Learn the basics of basket making and leave with a lovely basket you can use daily. Gary Terlisner is a "Master Basket Maker" who enjoys sharing the fabrication and interlacing of plant materials to make one-of-a-kind art pieces. You will learn the why and why not to basic basketry in this class. There will be several colors to select from to set your piece apart from the rest. This is a beginner class that will get you hooked.



Workshops 2026 Fall Season

One-of-a-kind Art Bowl with Lyndy Runyon

October 27, 2026 ~ 9AM-1PM

Class fee: \$65.*

(includes variety of wool, silk, fabric, all tools)

*No additional supplies are needed by participants.

Lyndy's Studio—477 E Paseo Chuparosas

Class maximum -6 students



Create a wet-felted bowl shape using wool, silk fibers along with silk fabric and novelty yarns. Learn easy layering techniques, embed rocks or marbles into the surface or create ruffles, holes or layers to cut through and reveal secrets you laid under the outer layer. A variety of techniques will be demonstrated, and you can put them into your piece to create interest.

Make a one-of-a-kind Art Bowl to enjoy as a sculpture, basket or holder for your favorite things. Everyone will be able to take home new skills to explore the Fiber craft of Felt Making with their beautiful bowl.



Workshops 2026 Fall Season

Zhen Xian Bao ~ Chinese Thread Box Folder with Deborah Brunner

November 6, 2026 9am-4pm

Class Fee: \$75. includes paper and embellishment elements

Venue: DBFA Studio

Limit: 8 Students

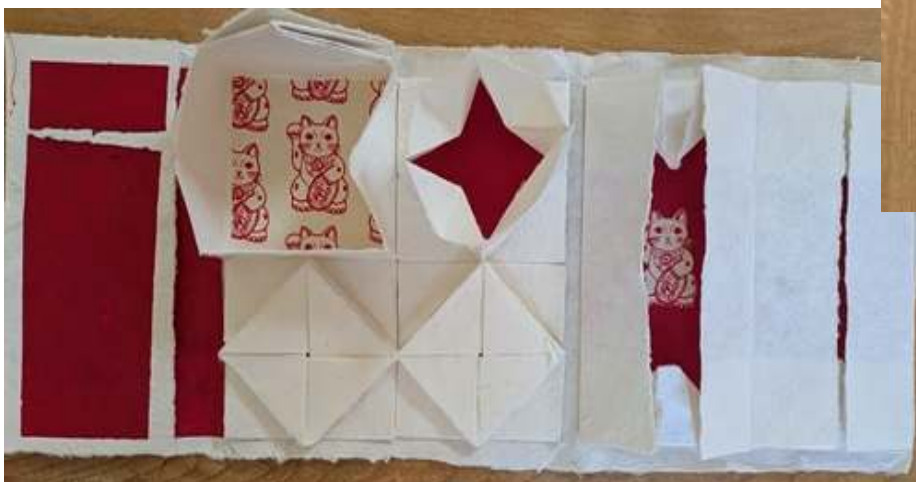
Make a replica of a vintage Chinese thread keeper with a contemporary aesthetic, using a hand-made, textured cotton rag paper. You will learn how to cut, fold and glue a series of boxes into a fascinating folder suitable for many things besides thread keeping. We will embellish the cover of the folder with collage and stitching before the final assembly. It is truly an objet d'art that would make a beautiful and interesting gift, a conversation piece on a table or for the utilitarian service it was originally created. This workshop will entail the math it takes to create each element of the folded box, how to cut and paste the paper elements and assemble them into the folded box portfolio.

Student will complete the thread box folder in class.

Student Supply List:

Glue Sticks: 2 Large and 2 small

Rotary cutting equipment; mat cutter and ruler
OR 18" ruler, scissors



Workshops 2026 Fall Season

Silk Painting a Silk Scarf with Peggy McGaughey

February 25, 2027 ~ 9am-12noon

Class Fee: \$60. Includes silk scarf & all supplies

Venue: Valley Presbyterian Church

Limit: 8 Students

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 shirt to cover up your clothes just in case the paint gets 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





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 _____

Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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Exhibition Coordinator: Martha Fine	exhibition@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

Deadline the 25th of each month.

Member Teachers Workshops & Classes

Hello Fiberistas,

The group I will be teaching at in Tubac this winter just sent out this notice and have opened up the registration to the event to anyone interested in attending. I am offering a sculptured bowl class and it poses to be lots of fun. Take a look and see if you could put it in your schedule. Lots is going on at that time, however, there are a lot of wonderful things planned during the art event. Come and meet artists from all over the world!

Lyndy

<https://www.iseaartexhibit.org/Symposium2026>

Art Innovation Symposium Tubac AZ 2026
December 2-5, 2026



Where ART meets INNOVATION

Equipment For Sale

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\$500.

Contact: Gary Terlisner
garyft45@cox.net

