



Fiber News & Updates

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Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ www.valleyfiberartguild.org

2024 / 2025 Season

General Meeting
December, 2024

'President's Challenge Show & Share

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 last
page of the Newsletter

Dues are due April 30th
each year

President's Letter ~ December 2024

Dear Members

Jack of All trades, Master of ...

As our season got off to a rip-roarin' start, with my usual enthusiasm for novelty, I jumped head first into workshops. The workshops had been

preceded by a summer of learning to spin and a foray into tapestry weaving.

This, of course, is in addition to my usual activities of knitting and quilting.

Which led me to question my lofty goal of becoming an expert at something. As

my poor overworked hands and eyesight begin to falter slightly I rush to take

advantage of all of the myriad opportunities to expand my repertoire of fiber related activities. So, do I pursue breadth of knowledge or narrow my scope to

perfect one of my dearly loved fiber activities? So far, as I delightedly rush into

a flurry of varied fiber pursuits my quest for renown in knitting or quilting is running a distant second. I'm having way too much fun.

Martha



December 9th, 2024 Program

'Presidents Challenge'

There will be coffee & Tea, for the cookie pot luck!
Bring your favorite batch to share.



The Art of Giving



THANK YOU ALL for the wonderful gifts. There were two people from Valley Assistance who helped me unload the gifts from my car. They were SO excited to see the number and the quality of the gifts for the low income this holiday season. They said they were going to spend some time going through to admire all the gifts that afternoon and couldn't wait! Please know that you have made a difference for many people this holiday season.

Jane Tempel



A note from our Membership Committee VFAG 90+ Paid members!



DUES, DUES, DUES!!! Sometimes there is some confusion about when dues **DUE**. Dues for the 2024-25 upcoming guild season were due by APRIL 30, 2024 and are considered delinquent after JUNE 1st. It can be an easy thing to forget so why not just take care of it soon? Forms can be printed from the guild website and mailed in or visit the membership table during a meeting and fill one out there (save a stamp!). Checks are accepted, or cash (exact change is appreciated). Thank you! What could be easier?! We've included a membership form you can print from this newsletter for your convenience: print page 14

VFAG General Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2024

Program

Debbi Brunner introduced the guest speaker, Ric Rao, a well known expert in the art of Colcha Embroidery, a common art form in the Mexican culture. Ric, also a Master Spinner, is an internationally renowned natural dyer utilizing plants from a dye garden at his home in Las Cruces, NM.

Business Meeting

The General Meeting opened at 9:30 with a welcome by Martha Fine, President. The minutes of the October meeting were approved *as published*.

REPORTS

President's Report

Art in the Park

Six guests present at today's meeting became aware of VFAG at the Art in the Park event. Debbi Brunner announced that if there's enough interest among the membership that the Guild may consider applying for a business license for the Guild that would enable members to sell items at selected events. A signup sheet was passed around for those who would have interest and thereafter a meeting will be held to further explore the process.

Vice President Report

Jol'ene Northup described the Continuing Education Fund and announced that Lyndy Runyon has been approved for funding for a workshop on 3-dimensional felting. She also *announced that the Arizona Federation will be sponsoring a Fiber Festival every other year.*

Treasurer's Report

Debra Brown reported a current balance of \$9,349 in the checking account. After subtracting the committed amounts for current workshops, the resulting balance will be \$8,277.

Membership Report

Nancy Gould reported that there are now around 120 members. Four new members have enrolled at today's meeting.

Newsletter/Program Report

Debbi Brunner announced that there's still openings for Ric Rao's workshops this week : November 12, Colcha Embroidery; November 13, Shibori and Indigo Dyeing; November 14, Double Walled Basket Workshop. She reviewed the January and March workshops. Detailed information and registration forms for each workshop are posted on the Guild website : valleyfiberartguild.org.

OTHER

Monthly Raffle : There will be a monthly raffle for donated items that members can purchase. Laurie Wycoff, chair of the Raffle Committee, reported that there were \$72 worth of raffle tickets sold.

SHOW AND SHARE

Vicki Bohnhoff shared a quilted portrait of Tony Bennett. Nancy Gould showed her rag coiled baskets. Gretchen Ramsey showed a large braided wool rug. Martha Fine displayed a quilted wall hanging featuring a sun shining over the landscape. Sally Young shared a silk scarf with eco-dyed embellishments. Debbi Brunner modeled a beaded bracelet created by Reba Ashmore. Marge Delker shared a tapestry iPhone bag.

Respectively submitted, Marge Delker, Secretary



November 2024 Show & Share



As always we enjoy seeing what members have been doing during their creative time, we encourage everyone to bring their new creations to the General meetings.





Program & Workshop Memories ~ A week with Ric Rao



Valley Fiber Art Guild ~ Up Coming Events

December 9, 2024	President’s Challenge
December 9, 2024	General Meeting
January 13, 2025	Weaving Study Group Presentation

December 2024 Calendar of Study Groups and Events

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

Please note, some Study Groups are not meeting in December.

VFAG Study Groups

Study groups are the heart and soul of our organization. They are 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 will meet the 3rd Thursday OTM 1-3pm at Friends in Deed. 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. **December Meeting cancelled due to holidays.** Contact: lyndyrnyon@gmail.com or 707–373–8584 for questions.

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: Debbi Brunner misseyb@gmail.com or Lyndy Runyon lyndyrnyon@gmail.com

Tapestry:

The Tapestry group meets the first Tuesday OTM, 9:30am–11:30am at Friends in Deed. October 1 will be our first meeting of the season. Everyone interested is welcome, beginners to advanced. 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.

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 October Newsletter is September 25th. Thank you for your consideration.

Debbi

Let us Entertain and Educate you!

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 to print.

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.

- **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

2025 Programs

January ~ The Weaving Study Group

February ~ Off the Reservation with Judy Tracey of Tucson Museum of Art

March ~ Surprise!

April Stash Sale & Dessert



'Twined Rag Rug Technique'

with Yvonne Steinbring

Fridays January 17, 24, 31, 2025

9:30am ~ 12noon

Valley Presbyterian Church, Room 1

Class participants will weave a placemat size project using strips of fabric on a frame loom. Learn to prepare the fabric, warp the loom, basic twinning technique, adding strips to weave and finish the weaving. Looms and warp will be

provided. Participants should bring a sewing shears to the first class. Yvonne will bring samples of her work and talk about the class at the October general meeting. During the first class Yvonne talk about the fabric choices and quantities before you actually bring weaving fabric for the project. You have the use of a loom to finish your project.

Limit 12 students

Class Fee: \$40.

More Classes on the following pages ...

Registration form on page 13

'Create a Painted Leather Parfleche'

with Debbi Brunner

January 22 & 23, 2025 9:30am ~ 2:30pm
(second day my end earlier)

The nomadic Indians of the Southwest and Plains carried their most important belongings in a deer and sometimes buffalo skin folding pouch. They were painted with symbols from their respective tribes. We will create

a version of this cultural article in our two session class. You will make a folded leather style suitable for a shopping list pad and coupons, knitting needle case or a clutch style purse that is approximately 10"x 6" folded. The leather will be etched, painted with leather dye and sewn as necessary for the case design you've chosen to explore. Leather piece, dyes, finishing wax and thread will be provided in the workshop kit at Debbi's home studio.

Limit 6 Students

Class Fee \$68. (Includes the workshop kit).

Student Supply List:

12-18" ruler

Fine tip, permanent black marking pen (Sharpie or Sakura Pigma)



'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 _____