

# GVR ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

## OCTOBER 4 MEETING

We hope everyone had a good summer! We will begin our 2023-2024 season with our meeting on Wednesday, October 4!

At this meeting we will be getting our Christmas napkin rings packaged and ready to give to Green Valley senior living/care centers during our December Holiday Open House on December 6. Over 600 napkin rings were made at our Summer Project meetings!

Sign-up sheets will be at our Information Table so members can sign up to bring treats, door prize donations and/or table centerpieces for our meetings during the year.

We will also be discussing plans for our Holiday Open House/Member Gift Sale which will take place on December 6.

Although it is a few months away, we will be talking about our February Arts and Crafts Festival which will be held on February 16 and 17, 2024. We will need **LOTS** of volunteers so please think about how and where you can help us!

Looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting!



*WANTED:  
MORE MEMBERS!*

Do you have friends or neighbors who are interested in arts and crafts? Why not invite them to one of our meetings so they can see what we are all about!

Not only do we have meetings where we learn new craft techniques, but we have speakers/presentations that will enlighten us on the many venues of arts and crafts.

Also, we give back to the Green Valley community through our Summer Project and Project LINUS.

Our February Arts and Crafts Festival is a great way for our members to volunteer and help with our #1 fund raiser each year.

Let's make it our goal for the 2023-2024 season to recruit new members and help our association grow! Remember our motto: Come be creative with us!



## NOVEMBER 1 MEETING

Our November meeting will have a lot going on!

Sharon Herrera will be our guest presenter. Sharon has traveled in all parts of the world, and she is going to show us how the photos from her travels (and yours) can be turned in to cards and art.

After Sharon's presentation, we are inviting all who are interested in being vendors at our February 2024 Arts and Crafts Festival to join us for a Q&A session. Susanne Phillips, our Festival Co-Chair, will conduct this session.

At the end of these two presentations, we will have our Annual Meeting. At that time we will elect directors (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for the 2023-2024 season. Our Nominating Committee—Terry Barber, Mary Ellen Sargent and Diane West will present the proposed slate of directors for members to vote on by paper ballot.

After the Annual Meeting, we will draw for door prizes and refreshments will be served. We encourage all members to attend this important meeting!



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE  
MEMBER GIFT SALE**

Our annual Holiday Open House on December 6 will again feature a Member Gift Sale. The entire time from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be devoted to the gift sale.

Members have until October 15 to submit their registration forms for this event. Participants must have an Arizona Sellers License and be a GVR member. Forms will be available at the October 4 meeting at the Information Table.

At this event, we will have our Christmas napkin rings packaged and ready for the various Green Valley senior living/care centers. Refreshments will be served, and we are asking our members to sign up to provide Christmas cookies, bars, candy, etc. Sign-up sheets will be available at our Information Table at our October 4 and November 1 meetings.



**BOARD  
MEETINGS**

Our monthly board meetings are held the fourth (4th) Monday of each month—January through April and September through December. The next meeting is Monday, October 23, 2023.

The meetings are held at Desert Hills Social Center—Room A at 1:30 p.m. Members can attend these board meetings.



**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S PEN**



It seems just like yesterday when I told you to have a good summer! Now here we are having had the official first day of fall!

It seems that our 2023-2024 season will be a busy one. Susanne and Cathy are already busy working on the details for our February Arts and Craft Festival! Sign-up sheets will be at our Information Table at each monthly meeting so we can get LOTS of volunteers to help us with the festival.

Our Holiday Open House in December will be our Member Gift Sale. We will ask for volunteers to help advertise this event.

March 2024 will find us working on Project LINUS—a very important community project for the GVR Arts and Crafts Association.

Then before we know it we will be having our end of season luncheon. Time flies when you are having fun, right!!

More than ever we need our members' help with our February festival. It takes so many people to make this a successful event—you don't have to be a member of GVR A&C to help us so talk with your friends and neighbors and have them help us! This is our main fund raiser each year, and we give a portion of our proceeds to various non-profit organizations in the Green Valley community.

**THIS AND THATS**

Laurie Wykoff has volunteered to be our Hospitality Chairman this year! Laurie will be in charge of our refreshment tables—making them look festive for the season/holiday that we are celebrating at our monthly member meeting. Sign-up sheets will be at the Information Tables so members can sign up to bring refreshments and table centerpieces for our monthly meetings. Laurie will call you each month to remind you that you signed up to bring treats or a table centerpiece. Thank you, Laurie!



**FEBRUARY 16 AND 17,  
2024**

**GVR A&C FESTIVAL**

**A CRAFTY  
MOMENT**

