

# GVR ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH 2024

## JANUARY 3 MEETING

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We hope you will join us for our first meeting of 2024! We will meet at Desert Hills Center Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. on January 3.

We are celebrating the new year and also working on a special project at our meeting!

After a short business meeting, we will have a drawing for door prizes and then enjoy refreshments.

We will then work on our special project. We will also have fleece blankets to tie for Project LINUS.

Our meetings are open to all GVR members so invite a friend/neighbor to come to our meeting and see what we are all about.

2024 will be another busy year as we get ready for our GVR Arts and Crafts Festival on February 16 and 17 at West Center.

We look forward to seeing you on January 3. Come be creative with us!



*WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!*

We welcome the following new members to the GVR Arts and Crafts Association since our last newsletter:

- \* Kim Archaleta
- \* Geri Berry
- \* Nancy Estes
- \* Kimberly Loyd
- \* Karen Metcalf
- \* Cathy Rutherford
- \* Becky Seeman

When you see these new members at our meetings, say hello and introduce yourself to them.

We are always looking for new members so if you know of someone who might be interested in our group, invite them to one of our meetings.



## FEBRUARY 7 MEETING

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** Our project at our February 7 meeting will be making Valentine cards for residents of a care center in Green Valley.

As part of our summer project, we make Christmas napkin rings for residents of six care centers in Green Valley. We thought it might be nice to let them know we are thinking about them on Valentine's Day as well.

We will be picking one care center this year (a different one next year), make the Valentines, include a treat with the cards and then deliver them to the residents. Everyone likes to be remembered especially those who are by themselves. We hope you will join us for this special project.

There will also be an update on our 2024 GVR Arts and Crafts Festival which will be held on February 16 and 17. We need so many volunteers to make this festival a success so we hope you will help us in some way.

This meeting would be a great one to invite a friend/neighbor to help us with our Valentine project. Mark your calendars for February 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Desert Hills Center Auditorium!



### MARCH 6 MEETING

Our March 6 meeting is dedicated to working on Project LINUS. Mindy Zech, our Project LINUS representative, will be in charge of this special meeting.

We will be tracing fun patterns on muslin squares using light boxes. These squares will then be given to children in various schools, and they will color the pictures. After that, the squares will be made in to quilts by Project LINUS volunteers.

Blankets will then be given to children who are traumatized, seriously ill or in need.

This is one of our very special projects, and we look forward to being able to work on Project LINUS every March!

This would be a great time to invite a friend to our meeting!



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Happy New Year! We look forward to another busy year with our February festival, monthly meetings and our summer project.

We welcome two new members to our board: Vice President, Geri Berry and Secretary, Mary Ellen Sargent. Geri and Mary Ellen were elected to these positions at our annual meeting held in November 2023.

Our Holiday Open House and Member Gift Sale was held on December 6 with 11 of our members participating in the gift sale. The six senior living/care centers in Green Valley were invited to this event so they could pick up the Christmas napkin rings that we made for them during our summer project. If you have an idea for Christmas napkin rings for our 2024 summer project, let Geri Berry know! The project will begin in June and meet every Wednesday through August at Desert Hills Center.

### 2024 GVR ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Our 2024 GVR Arts and Crafts Festival is only a few weeks away!

Our festival co-chairs, Susanne Phillips and Cathy Tewksbury, and their committee members, have been working diligently getting things ready for the festival.

The festival is our main fund raiser, and the success of this special event determines how much we are able to give back to various non-profit organizations in the Green Valley community.

Once again, we are asking for volunteers to help with this huge event. We cannot do it without volunteers! Members, who are also festival vendors, can help us before the festival by putting out flyers around the Green Valley community. Invite a friend or two to help you as we have lots of work that needs to be done! There will be sign-up sheets at our Information Table for the various jobs that will need to be done! See Susanne Phillips if you have any questions!

### 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, January 22, 2024.

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



### CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janis Slaughter—President  
Geri Berry—Vice President  
Mary Ellen Sargent—Secretary  
Lyn Brown—Treasurer



### A CRAFTY MOMENT

