

Notes from the President by Beverly Weaver

At the December meeting, we will have a member 'stash' sale to benefit PPWG. This is one of the ways that we raise money during the year. Any money from purchases goes directly to the PPWG general operating fund. As we discussed at the November meeting, membership dues do not cover the normal operating costs of the guild. In years where we don't raise additional money, we must reach into our reserves to provide programs, pay the rent, etc. Even though we have quite a bit of money in the bank at the present time, there have been years in the past where we did not know if we would be able to pay for the newsletter and programs, to say nothing of buying things for our library. Since then we have done more serious fund-raising each year and have made changes to lower our costs, including publishing the newsletter online. We also attempt to obtain advertising revenue to help defray the cost of publishing the yearbook and newsletter. All of these things have made it possible for us to keep our membership dues at \$25 per year for several years.

So, bring those things you have in your studio, closets, under the bed, or in the basement – the things that you thought you would use someday, but still haven't found a project for. There may be some member who has been looking for exactly that object, whether it is a book, some yarn, fabric, roving, or a piece of fiber-related equipment. All sales revenue will go to the guild, and all unsold items will go back home with you.

Don't forget to bring something for the pot luck lunch that will follow the meeting. During the lunch we all should find an opportunity to get to know someone new.

Vice President's Report by Sarah Richards

Our November program was just the thing to give each of us a shot of inspiration to get busy and create. Jane Patrick was a delightful speaker with a lot of insight in creativity to share with us. After the meeting and a short lunch break she presented an afternoon workshop on exploring finger-controlled techniques. She also brought numerous samples showing the type of techniques she teaches. Many thanks to Jane for the time she spent with us.

At December's meeting Kathleen Cook will give our program on Acadian weaving. Kathleen was the recipient of a PPWG Scholarship to explore the traditions and techniques of Acadian weaving.

Remember to bring your unwanted fiber related items to donate and be sold at the December Stash Sale for the benefit of the guild. All monies received for the donated items will go to PPWG. This is a great time to add to your own stash by buying up all the wonderful donated items, so bring your cash/checks and Buy, Buy, Buy! Tables will be set up just inside to receive all the goodies.

Our Holiday Potluck Luncheon will take place after our December meeting. We all look forward to this sharing time of good food and good company! Please remember to bring your own plate and service and, of course a cup as usual.

Looking to the future, the February spinning mini-workshop with Maggie Casey is coming faster than we think! Look for the information on page 6 and the registration form on page 7 of this newsletter. Don't be tardy in getting your registration in because you get caught up in the holiday planning. This workshop will fill quickly and there are only 15 slots available.