

February Program by Ellen Alderson

Shibori and Kumihimo for February

Our program for the February 11 PPWG meeting will continue Dottie Weir's exploration of shibori: **Woven Shibori Part 2 - Shaping and Special Effects**. Those who were fortunate to see her first lecture on this subject will recall her wealth of examples and depth of personal knowledge. This year she expands on that presentation with new wisdom from her extended study and more wonderful samples of her work.

Following our program and lunch "hour" our own Maryse Levenson will present a miniworkshop in **Beginning Kumihimo Braiding**. Workshop begins at 1 pm. Please consider bringing your lunch vs. "going out" so we can begin the afternoon activity in a timely manner.

Maryse has shown us several examples of her work at meetings and has exhibited and sold her lovely braids in her jewelry at several venues throughout Colorado Springs, most recently at the Artists' Studios Tour. She is ordering workshop looms and equipment for each participant and is working on several "drafts" and designs on which to practice. At this writing we have one opening in her workshop but we need to know for sure if an additional individual is coming so supplies can be ordered.

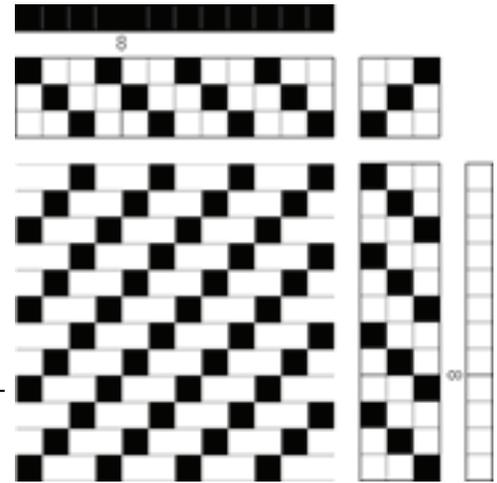


Please email me ASAP: Ellen Alderson at pyrartlady@yahoo.com if you would like this opening. Workshop fee is \$15 - check to PPWG - write "**Kumihimo wksp**" on check. Supplies will be \$20 - check made out to Maryse Levenson. Participants should bring scissors and film canisters, medicine bottles, or bobbins (see above) to weight braid.

February Weaving Sample by Jan Sinn



In February 2009, I took a workshop from Cindy Ruesink on 3 shaft weaves: Simple and Complex. I was intrigued by what historic weaves could be achieved on only 3 shafts. My favorite was the blue and white ticking which Linda Shaffer had on her



loom, so I decided to weave kitchen towels/PPWG sample using that pattern. Warp and weft: off-white flake cotton I had on hand and 6/2 blue cotton also on hand. Warp length - 3 yards. Sett: 20epi. Picks per inch: 20. Warp width: 19 inches. Number of ends: 380. Source: Phebe Langton draft. Goal: 2 towels 18 x 32 before washing. One with ticking stripe, the other with a striped border. After hemming & washing: 15 x 24 inches.