

Vice President's Notes by Ellen Alderson

Last year we were fortunate to offer a fantastic spinning workshop with Norman Kennedy internationally known expert in spinning, weaving and knitting. Mr. Kennedy returns to Colorado in March for our program and a miniworkshop. While in the area, several other events and, we hope, a concert or two are planned. See his proposed itinerary below.

March 9 - Great wheel class - a 4 hour class. Great wheel required. Depending on the number of participants at Green Valley Weavers. If more than 4, we will probably have to find a larger space. Call Green Valley Weavers for cost and to reserve your seat.

March 10 - Waulking. (Traditional woolen fabric fulling) Front Range Fiber Artisans meeting at Table Rock Llama. 5:30 - 8 pm. **Waulking at 7 pm.** (weather permitting).

March 11 - Possibly singing at a concert. See WW for more information on this.

March 18 - Waulking - 1-3pm; **concert** - 7pm. Call Shuttles, Spindles, and Skeins for cost and to reserve your seat.

Dye Enthusiasts! Here is the info from **Donna Brown** for anyone wishing to take her dye workshop in May. It explains the fees, times, materials, and prep. We have a total of 24 interested in taking this workshop. I will be emailing all who have signed our list. As you can see Donna has given you the option of 2 different dates if the first date fills. Copy her registration form, make out your check for \$70, payable to her, select your preferred date, and mail form and check to her. I would imagine that folks who return their checks etc. first, get first preference. Contact Donna if you have questions. Thank you for your interest! Note: Table Rock has a variety of yarns, including yarns in skeins, for purchase. They have a wealth of yarn samples to look at that can be special ordered. Any special orders need to be received no later that April 15th in order to have them May 13th.

DYEING TO KNIT AND WEAVE

Instructor: Donna Brown

Saturday, **May 21, 2011**, Time: 10 - 5,

At Table Rock Llama Fiber Arts Studio,

Maximum class size*: 10

Fee: \$70 - this amount includes Donna's instructional fee and yarn preparation and the materials fee for dyes and handouts

Signup Deadline: May 3, 2011

Natural dye extracts are increasing becoming popular due to their safety, ease of use, and environmentally friendly characteristics. Because extracts completely dissolve in water they are perfect for knitting, weaving and warp painting projects. Learn about the extracts while coloring yarn for your next fiber projects. Any protein (silk & wool) or cellulose (cotton, rayon, tencel) natural fiber yarn can be used. Prior to the workshop you will prepare your yarn to dye (up to 3 lbs) - for knitting making skeins and for weaving measuring warp chains or skeins for weft yarns and then washing/and or scouring the yarn. This workshop covers different methods of natural dyeing; immersion methods for solid or variegated yarn and painting yarns for variegated color. A mordanting step is necessary in order to natural dye. Donna will get the yarns for the workshop on May 13th after the PPWG program and mordant them for the workshop on May 21st. This will be a fun filled day exploring nature's color wheel.

*A second workshop will be scheduled on Friday May 20th if the first date fills!

Registration form on page 7.