

President's Notes by Susan Bowman

It seems that spring is finally here with the arrival of the first hummingbirds of the year. I'm looking forward to having more time to weave, dye, and connect with other like-minded people at Colorado Weavers Day and Convergence. Over the last several months I've made progress on weaving towels from the many spools in my studio that are leftovers from years of weaving with linen thread. But there is still a lot more to be woven over the summer!

I was interested to read in *Smithsonian* magazine (November 2009, p. 12) that thread was made by people at least 30,000 years ago. Early people in the Caucasus region of Georgia made thread from wild flax fibers. The thread, found in a cave, had been dyed violet, red, black, and turquoise. Other artifacts indicate that these fibers were made into cloth and this appears to be "one of the earliest known examples of humans using plant fibers." It's good to have a connection going back 30,000 years!

Don't miss the May 7th meeting which is packed with activities: a program on weaving and spinning in fairy tales, book sale, raffle and luncheon. I also look forward to seeing lots of PPWG members at Colorado Weavers Day in Boulder and later in the summer at Convergence in Albuquerque.

Here's to renewed energy for weaving, spinning and dyeing!

Vice-President's Notes by W.W.

Ellen Alderson has been working all year to gather books and other materials for our first book sale, and in May you all get the chance to reap the rewards of her efforts. Thanks to the many generous donations from our members we have quite a selection of weaving, spinning, knitting, and quilting books. The prices were determined by researching the books Amazon.com then pricing them a bit lower so there are lots of great deals. Several documents that were gleaned from the library include weaving samples and drafts. If you are looking for some light summer reading we will also have a table of non-fiber-related books which were donated and are in excellent condition. We are hoping to raise a lot of money for the library and scholarship funds so come looking to buy. Cash or check only please since we don't have the capability for credit cards.

The annual luncheon will follow the meeting. We will be having lunch at Giuseppe's in the old train Depot in the downtown area. We have reservations for 25 and separate checks will be provided.

I wanted to thank everyone for the help I have received this year with the programs. You, the members, are what makes us such a great guild and I enjoy serving you.

Look forward to seeing you May 7th.

Colorado Weavers Day Tables

The PPWG has reserved two tables for a display of our weaving, spinning, and dyeing. The tables will be in the same room as the conference, along the perimeter. Judi Arndt has graciously offered to supply the tablecloths for the tables. We need display materials such as racks and cubes to show off our items.

There are going to be prizes awarded for best guild display (table), a Complex Weavers award, a Judges' choice award from the PPWG, two RMWG awards (best use of color and best use of regenerated fiber), a Handweavers Guild of America award, and a Colorado Basketmakers Guild award for basketry.

Setup starts at 8am and tear-down will be around 3:30pm. If you want to help with the display, please contact Doreen McLaughlin at (719) 481-4303 or doreen@divide.net.