

May 2012 Program and VP Report by Sarah Richards



Thanks to Judi Arndt who gave us a fabulous program and fashion show at our April meeting. The wonderful garments Judi brought back from her travels were modeled by our own members as Judi described the places and people who were involved with their design and manufacturing.

Our May meeting is the last one for this year and a luncheon will follow the meeting at The Margarita at Pine Creek again this year. The restaurant will be setting up groups of smaller tables for a more intimate and cozy experience. If you haven't yet signed up to attend please contact me at sjrichards1@msn.com or call me at 597-6852. We need to give the restaurant the final count of attendees soon so please let me know ASAP!



Our May program will be given by Yamuna Weiner who has been interested in textiles since she was a small child. Her mother taught her to knit and embroider. When she ran out of loopers for her potholder loom, she put yarn on the loom and starting weaving things for her dolls. Currently, Yamuna spins, knits, quilts and weaves and has been a long-time member of the PPWG.

Yamuna has two Bachelors Degrees, one in anthropology and one in fine arts/studio and also a Masters Degree in Education.

While studying anthropology, Yamuna found ways to write papers about textiles within an anthropological context. She was busy teaching public school but is now retired and previously presented her paper on the history of Ikat Weaving to PPWG. Her program topic is: 'The Structure of Hopewell Textiles'



The Hopewell burial mounds come from the North American "Middle Woodland Period" about 2400 years ago. The name Hopewell comes from the name of a farm in Ross County, Ohio.

The Hopewell culture was spread over most of what we now call the midwest and eastern part of the United States.

The information we have about these people comes from artifacts found in their burial mounds. In addition to pottery, metal work, jewelry and other grave goods, textile fragments were also found.

Yamuna will talk about the spinning methods, dyes, fibers, cloth, weave structures and decorative patterns.

I hope to see all of our members at our last meeting of this year and also to visit with you at our luncheon.