

November Spinning Samples by Linda Cannon

I spun 8 ounces of this Corriedale/silk prepared roving on one of my drop spindles. I spun the singles "Z", then wound them onto bobbins when the spindle was full. I then plied two singles on my wheel plying the first and last bobbins spun from each 4 ounces. Using my drop spindle for the singles was a challenge I made myself-and I was pleasantly surprised at the consistency of the singles. The Corriedale/silk was wonderful to spin (Lambspun, Cajun Copper) The 2 ply yarn is 12 wpi and there is approximately 800 yards.



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President's Notes by Beverly Weaver

On Monday, October 11, 2010 most of the PPWG Board members from this year and last year attended a meeting to discuss the responsibilities that we all share. I had asked Jane Rock Costanza to do some research with the help of some of the current and previous PPWG Board members and to prepare a presentation for us. Jane has taken under-graduate and doctoral level courses and seminars in Ethics and has taught classes and seminars in Ethics for multiple universities.

The Pikes Peak Weavers Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. This status gives us certain advantages that include exemption from paying sales tax on purchases, exemption from income taxes, and the ability to obtain certain kinds of free publicity. It also allows people to make tax-deductible donations to our guild. In order to maintain that status, the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild has certain obligations that include educating our members about weaving, spinning and dyeing and stimulating interest in those subjects among the general public.

In addition, there are requirements that must be met for non-profit corporations, including filing an annual report with the State of Colorado and filing a report with the IRS. The state regulations include rules for members of the Board of Directors, such as their obligation to perform their duties in the best interest of the corporation. Jane's presentation provided information about the state regulations and about ethical conduct. With her background, she was able to help us all to understand when we as Board members might need to abstain from voting in circumstances where we have a personal interest in the outcome or where we might have a conflict of interest due to our membership in another group.

Because some PPWG members had raised questions about what happened in the last year pertaining to a PPWG-sponsored sale, we discussed some of the decisions that were made in order to determine if any of those decisions were inconsistent with the state requirements for members of the Board of a non-profit corporation. We also talked about how to avoid such problems in the future.

Regulations for non-profit corporations in the State of Colorado suggest that a training session be done once a year about the obligations of the members of the Board of Directors. This meeting provided that education for those who were present. We will make Jane's presentation available to members on our website and provide similar information to new members of the Board when they take office each year. Also, there will be a code of ethics and a conflict of interest policy which all current and future Board members will be required to sign.

We look forward to the maintaining our non-profit status for many years to come.