

# President's Message by Linda Shaffer

At our September program, "Directions", members met in group to answer questions about guild activities. The questions and responses are below so everyone can see the results. These are the opinions of the people at the meeting. I have tried to include all responses in a shortened version because there was much duplication.

After going through all of the questions, several things stand out to me. Networking, learning, and communication seem to be very important. Business meetings are not important. I try to keep the meetings as short as possible. Usually the business meeting last thirty minutes, I don't know that it can be shortened too much more or people will not have an opportunity to present information to others or have any input. Other answers seem to contradict having shorter business meeting because people want more information from meetings. We are interested in better communication to all members. For our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary people have ideas about reviewing historical information, publicity, and celebrations. Louise Conner is reviewing old newsletters and putting interesting items in our current newsletters. Sandy Hutton will be working on scanning old newsletters so they can be on our website. As a group we seemed to be interested in doing more shows, but not immediately.

It is my hope that we can all look at this information to see what we can each do to make our guild a welcoming group and that we come up with plan for our future.

If anyone wants to see the complete and unedited list of responses, please email me at [lindlshaffer@msn.com](mailto:lindlshaffer@msn.com) and I will send them to you.

1. Please list what is most important to you as guild members: **Networking and friendships with other weavers. Being informed about the work of others with Show and Tell. Learning and exposure to new things with good programs, workshops, the library, study groups and networking. Encouraging and supporting new weavers.**
2. Please list what is least important to you as guild members. **The items of least importance were refreshments, demonstration, samples, and business meetings.**