

## Vice-President's Notes by Ellen Alderson

A note about our November miniworkshop on **Split Ply Braiding**: There will be no contract for this workshop since Sally Kuhn is doing it for us free of charge! Thank you Sally. There will be a materials fee to be paid directly to Sally. This one is nearly filled. If you did not have a chance to sign up for it at our September meeting please send me an email ASAP so your name can be added to a waiting list. More information about supplies etc. will be given at October's meeting and November's newsletter.

## 2011 Major Workshop by Sandy Hutton

Don't forget to reserve your space in the Michael Rohde workshop "Rug Weaving from Easy to Complex" to be held April 5, 6, & 7, 2011 at the Julie Penrose House. Neither Sally nor I can be at the October PPWG meeting, so Susan Bowman has graciously agreed to collect a deposit check of \$90 to reserve your space. I've asked Susan to place the story board about the workshop near the food "gathering" spot at the guild meeting so you can see and discuss some of Michael's work. Having Michael in Colorado provides us with a great opportunity to study with a well-known rug weaver. Persons with all levels of weaving skills (beginner to advanced) are accommodated in the handouts. Floor looms are preferred, but a lot can be learned on a table loom for application to a larger, heavier loom you may have at home. Besides, we'll have lots of fun in beautiful surroundings!! After the November meeting, we will be opening the workshop to members of other guilds so don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

## Northern Lights by Jane Rock Costanza

A new Guild year has begun, and the Northern Lights fire has been reignited. Jane Rock and Deb Scott are throwing down the fiber gauntlet and inviting PPWG members to pick up the Northern Lights Study Group challenge. The Book Bag Challenge!

Tired of your PPWG library books sliding off your car seat as you drive to a meeting? Do you have to hunt through your studio/home/car on Guild day to find your library books? Northern Lights Study Group is challenging you to join us this year in creating Book Bags. Protect those precious books, or at the least corral them in one place.

Table Rock Llamas has graciously offered to host us this year in their beautiful studio space the 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Challenge: Create any sized book bag in the medium of your choice. The only stipulation is that the bag must be at least 50% handwoven, OR 50% of it must be created from handspun materials. Imagine the possibilities!

We know we all love our library books, but who doesn't love a prize? Yes, a prize! This spring, at the close of the challenge, an impartial Judge will award a book-related gift certificate.

The challenge is open to all PPWG members. You're not required to be a member of the Northern Lights Study group.

Northern Lights is a PPWG study group of weavers and spinners. Guests and new members are always welcome. This year's focus is Book Bags. Please contact Deb Scott ([debster1939@yahoo.com](mailto:debster1939@yahoo.com)) or Jane Rock ([mizrock@aol.com](mailto:mizrock@aol.com)) for more information.

Bring your looms and/or wheels, and we'll see you October 14th!