

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 14 Oct 2011** "Shape Form and Finish" by Jennifer Linssen  
**Mini-workshop** - "Preparing for Your Art Career" by Jennifer Linssen
- 11 Nov 2011** "Creative Cloth" by Jane Patrick  
**Miniworkshop** - "Magic Fingers: Exploring Finger-Controlled Techniques" by Jane Patrick
- 9 Dec 2011** "Acadian Weaving" by Kathleen Cook  
**Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon**
- 10-12 Jan 2012** "It's in the Warp: Color and Design in Rep" Weaving Workshop with Rosalie Neilson
- 13 Jan 2012** "The Power of Block Design" by Rosalie Nelson
- 10 Feb 2012** "Yarn Characteristics" by Maggie Casey  
**Mini-workshop** - "Plying, Hints & Tricks" by Maggie Casey
- 9 Mar 2012** "Photographing Your Work" by Gregory Case
- 13 Apr 2012** "Handwoven Cloth Simple to Complex in Central India" by Judi Arndt
- 11 May 2012** "The Structure of Hopewell Textiles" by Yamuna Weiner  
**Luncheon**
- 19 May 2012** Colorado Weaver's Day—RMWG
- 15-21 Jul 2012** Handweaver's Guild of America Convergence, Long Beach, CA
- 12-15 Sep 2012** Complex Weaver's Seminars, Chevy Chase, MD

## Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair and Bake Sale will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> annual event at the Broadmoor Community Church, 315 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs, on Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Fair will host 40 non-profit organizations which bring unique fair trade gifts and crafts from all over the world; such as, silk scarves from Southeast Asia, hand woven shawls and table ware from Nepal, embroidered clothing from India, handbags and paper craft from Brazil, hand crafted jewelry and woven baskets from several Africa villages, Peruvian sweaters, Rwandan coffee, elephant paper products from South Africa and one-of-a-kind crafts and food from Colorado.

To date, the Alternative Gift Fair has enabled the non-profits to raise over \$171,000. These proceeds are used to help alleviate hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy in the artisans' communities. There is no charge to attend. Cash is encouraged, and Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. The Bake Sale raises funds to defray expenses of the Fair.

**The Fair is a great place to do your Christmas shopping! Give a gift and help others at the same time!**

Directions to the Fair: Take Exit 138 (Circle Drive) west from I-25. Circle Drive becomes Lake Ave. The Broadmoor Church is 1.8 miles on the left.

(Right: Holly Petitt, director of Africa Bags, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, shows Malawi art and reusable cloth shopping bags at the 2010 Fair. Each bag is hand made and signed by the village in Malawi that created it.) Photo from Carol Wilkinson

