



Notes from Your President

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Early in the summer, Becky Chapin and I were discussing our previous guild jobs. We talked about how much we had learned by becoming involved with the guild and what we had learned from "stretching" to do our jobs. I began to think of this summer as one of stretching and growing.

I attended the opening of the Rio Grande Textile exhibit at the Pioneers Museum. Lisa and Irvin Trujillo were speaking at the opening. I became very interested in their work and their rich family weaving tradition. In early June, I visited their shop/studio, Centinela Traditional Arts, in Chimayo, New Mexico. While there, I was pleased to purchase the first weaving of 11 year old Angelica Montoya who is continuing in the tradition of her weaving family.

I attended the Midwest Weavers Conference in Blair, Nebraska and the Intermountain Weavers Conference in Durango Colorado. I came away from these conferences with an increased knowledge about weaving, weavers, and fiber.

I also came back from Durango with a new Glimakra loom which I am assembling so I can finish my projects for our show at Common Wheel and then I'll be weaving pine trees for the Coverlet Exhibit.

The most important thing I learned at the conferences is what a great group of weaver's we have in our guild. We are so fortunate to have such a wealth of knowledge and experience in our own guild. Everyone is willing to share their knowledge, all we have to do is ask. We are truly a professional group and our events reflect this.

Welcome to our new guild year! I hope all of you had a productive summer of weaving, stretching, and making new weaving friends. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting with your pieces for the Common Wheel show and your pieces for our Weaving Challenge. We have many exciting programs and events planned for this year. If you aren't involved in any of these already, perhaps you can find something of interest to you and volunteer to help in some way. It is our participation that makes this guild a viable group for everyone.