

September Spinning Samples by Cheryl Riniker



The photo shows a 3-ply alpaca ball of yarn. I bought the raw alpaca from Allie at Eye Dazzlers (<http://www.eyedazzleralpaca.com>) during Roc day/St. Distaff's day in January of this year. I bought three 1-oz. batts, already dyed in the three colors. Well, actually I bought seven 1-oz batts, but I used three for this project. Each batt was spun as a single on my Schacht Matchless wheel using a ratio of 9:1. The three singles were plied using the same ratio.

The result is a approximately 220 yards finished measuring approximately 20 wpi. I intend to use this skein to make a scarf. I have discovered that while the look of "barber pole" yarn is not that appealing in a skein of yarn, I do like the way it looks once it is knitted into a project. I chose three analogous colors to keep the contrast down in the individual plies.

President's Notes by Beverly Weaver

I hope all PPWG members had a great summer and found things to inspire them for the next guild year. Several of us attended Convergence or Complex Weavers as well as other workshops and fiber events. I think seeing all the fiber exhibits in New Mexico was the best part of the adventure for me. Now we need to put that inspiration to work. Please bring your pieces to the meetings for 'show and tell'.

At the September meeting we will have a couple of decisions to make. The first one has to do with a PPWG-sponsored sale to the public. Last spring the guild voted to sponsor a sale that would have been at Deb Lane's office location in December, 2010. Deb has withdrawn her offer to provide the location for our sale, but she will continue to have a sale there and has invited PPWG members to participate if they like. In September PPWG members will vote on whether we want to plan to have a sale at another location. So, come prepared to vote on having a sale and, if you are interested in a PPWG-sponsored sale, come prepared to volunteer to work on a sale committee.

The second thing we need to do is vote on some changes to the by-laws and standing rules. These changes have been approved by the PPWG Board and are located elsewhere in the newsletter. Some grammar and punctuation changes have also been made, and the entire set of by-laws and standing rules will be available for you to read on the PPWG web site. Please take the time to read through the changes and be prepared to vote.

We had one application for a scholarship this summer. Remember that applications can be accepted four times a year, as stated in the standing rules. The next application deadline is October 15.

I am looking forward to another great year of PPWG programs and workshops. See you all in September.