

Website News by Jane Rock Costanza

The PPWG website (<http://www.pikespeakweavers.org>) has been updated over the summer to reflect our new calendar year. There is a current list of members who have signed up for the Hospitality schedule, to provide samples for our newsletter, as well as updated Officers and Standing Committee Chairs. The website also contains the most current information for the 2011 spring workshop.

Last year's issues of our newsletter will be moved to public access at the first of October. A reminder to all to pay dues prior to October 1 if you would like to continue having online access to the Members Only area of the website. On October 1, the login information will change.

For those new members who have signed up for a Gallery page, please email me directly (mizrock@aol.com), and I will send instructions to you on what you will need to provide.

Current website projects include:

Augmenting the PPWG Library Holdings information by searching for and documenting book covers, ISBN numbers, current market value, synopses and/or tables of contents where available for download. This information will then be put into webpage format similar to an online bookstore so that our members can browse the Library in a more visual format online. Many thanks to Debbi Holdemann, Sandra Hutton, and Beverly Weaver for the extensive initial work they have done on this project.

Another project, as time permits, is the design and implementation of a section of the website for photos of PPWG members out and about in the community doing outreach and demonstrations; workshop photos; and other snapshots of PPWG members doing what we love to do best : weaving, spinning, dyeing and otherwise immersing ourselves in fiber related activities.

Wishing everyone a fun and fiber filled productive year!

Hooray for Colorado Day Demo at Pioneer's Museum by Deb Greer

On August 7, several PPWG members gathered to demonstrate our skills on the sunny lawn of Pioneer Museum for the Hooray for Colorado Day celebration. Amongst the Old West re-enactors, clowns, food stands, and free live music, we were provided with a shade canopy, table, and chairs right next to an amazing woodcarver who delighted us with his handmade flute serenades. PPWG Members Judi Arndt, Doreen McLaughlin, Dottie Weir, and I led the demonstrations, while Dee Ann White of Oklahoma graciously volunteered as our guest spinner. Our booth was busy from 10 am-2 pm with interested, fascinated hands-on visitors of all ages. I brought a loom with a saddle blanket in work on it, and Doreen brought a carder and fleece from the Rock Ledge Ranch dyeing demo a year ago. The children especially wanted to weave and run the carder! It was a perfect day for a demo, and we may have given several young people and their parents a lasting case of the fiber bug! Thanks to the Pioneer Museum staff and our new Demo coordinator, Peggy Doney, for her contact with the museum!