

SEPTEMBER 2011 PROGRAM BY SARAH RICHARDS

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our September 9th meeting, and hoping you had a long and fruitful summer of fiber pleasures. Our program in September will be an informative and fun presentation of what Pikes Peak Weavers Guild and our community offers us to learn and grow with other fiber enthusiasts. Bring your questions and we will try to answer them.

The various study groups will have a member speaking about the focus of the group and will present samples of previous years' projects. The following are participating in our September program:

Northern Lights Study Group – Debra Scott & Jane Rock Costanza

After 5 Weavers – Doreen McLaughlin

More Than Four – Sandy Hutton & Judy Arndt

Color & Design – Dottie Weir

Evening Spinning – Peggy Doney

Beginning Weavers – Deb Lane

Doubleweave – Deb Lane

Tapestry – Beverly Weaver

All members are welcome to join the study groups, or if you wish you can form a new one with members who share your interest. Come and see if you would like to be a part of a study group!

President's Notes by Beverly Weaver

Because the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild is a non-profit corporation dedicated to education, we have a mission to educate our members as well as the general public about weaving, spinning, and dyeing. You can help us to achieve that goal by seeking out opportunities to learn new techniques, improve your skills, and have some fun at the same time. Here are a few ways to do that:

- 1) Join an existing PPWG study group. Current study groups will be featured at the September meeting.
- 2) Start a new PPWG study or interest group on any topic related to weaving, spinning, or dyeing.
- 3) Take a major workshop. We will have both a spinning and a weaving workshop in 2011-2012.
- 4) Take a mini-workshop. A couple of hours might introduce you to a new and exciting fiber technique.
- 5) Rent a loom to weave something different. We have 8-shaft floor and table looms, an inkle loom, and two rigid heddle looms to rent, as well as a drum carder.
- 6) Apply for a scholarship, use the money to take a workshop, and then share your new knowledge with other members by doing a PPWG program or mini-workshop.
- 7) Volunteer at PPWG demonstrations. Sometimes we learn most when sharing our skills with others.
- 8) Check out a book, DVD, or video from the PPWG library – we have an amazing library collection.
- 9) Challenge yourself to weave, spin, or dye something for the Northern Lights challenge, for the Colorado State Fair, or for an upcoming juried exhibit.

Let's all set a goal to learn something new or to improve our skills this year. The opportunities are practically endless.

I hope everyone had a fun and productive summer. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of beautiful things at the 'show and tell' table at the September meeting. In the meantime, keep weaving, spinning, and dyeing.