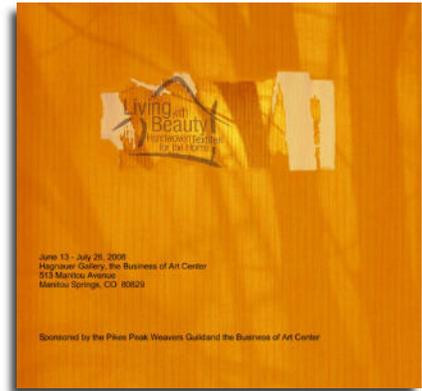


# Living With Beauty

## A Postscript

When the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild embarked on the journey to this exhibit over two years ago, the goals were lofty: to have a premiere exhibit of handwoven textiles, with international entries, in a top notch venue, with substantial awards and prize money. The focus was decided to be on textiles woven for the most intimate of spaces that we call home. Money was raised, a few thousand emails were sent, several thousand prospectuses were handled, and a great time was had by your co-chairs, who can say resoundingly that the goals were met.



Articles for possible publication were submitted to the American Tapestry Alliance newsletter and the Complex Weavers Journal, along with images of the prize winners, so look for that in the future. PPWG's members will be interested to see a few of the comments that came via email or cards over the course of the last two years:

- *Whether accepted or not, I am thrilled with the concept of the show ya'll are putting together. What a brilliant idea! Good luck with EVERYTHING!*
- *A HUGE thank you to both of you and the Pikes Peak Guild for such a great show: well-run, well-communicated and well-hung. I appreciate all of your work and enthusiasm. Please pass along my regards and a BIG THANKS to the Pueblo Guild for the generous award for my piece. When weavers recognize other weavers it is a special spotlight. Thanks to everyone*
- *Have just received the booklet I ordered from Blurb of the Living With Beauty Exhibit. I am so honored to have a piece in the show! I'm new at this show submission business and want you to know how excited I am to have my work shown with such wonderful artisans! The book is lovely! Thanks for hosting the show.*
- *I'm so glad your group had the idea to host this show. I had a lot of fun designing pieces to enter, and my samples and leftovers have joined the crowd of other handwoven stuff here at our home.*
- *I'm so excited (on winning the Best in Show award), I can hardly keep my feet on the ground. Thank you ever so much. I can't thank you enough for the time and care you have taken with my piece. The award ribbon was an absolute surprise.... found it at the back of the catalogue.... I was expecting a blue show rosette!!! What a wonderful idea, for a special treat. I am looking forward to exhibiting my piece here with the award ribbon and have organized an exhibition in May 2009 in the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney.*
- *I am now returned home with wonderful memories and a store of new inspiration and enthusiasm. Living with Beauty: Handwoven Textiles for the Home is an impressive exhibit. I am proud to be a part of it. Thank you for all your efforts in making it happen. Thank you too for your welcome, thoughtful introductions to other weavers, and advice for a good weaver's itinerary. . . .winning your Award was an exciting moment and great encouragement along my weaving path.*
- *Thanks everyone for all of their hard work. This was such a fabulous idea and the professionalism with which it was presented is commendable to say the least.*
- *We just returned from a trip to the Springs and made it a scheduled stop to go to Living with Beauty and the coverlet exhibit at the Pioneers Museum. You are to be commended, and all who worked with you, to put together, not one, but two (!!!) excellent weaving exhibitions. Thank you for all your hard work; I really appreciated both.*

Thank you PPWG members, it was a great experience being your Co-Chairs!

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