

PPWG Newsletter

September 2008



PIKES PEAK WEAVERS GUILD -- COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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Notes from the President

PPWG begins a new year!

Wow! That's all I can say when I think of all of our accomplishments in the last year.

We now have an electronic newsletter, a streamlined system for samples, and a redesigned website. We had two fund raisers: Fabulous Fiber II and our stash sale. Guild members participated in several fiber demonstrations throughout the year.

We had three major exhibits: Intriguing Web, Beyond Bedspreads, and Living with Beauty. I hope all of you had the opportunity to see the shows.

My part in the events seems very small compared to all of the hours and hours of work contributed by many of you. Thanks to all of you that are so dedicated to the success of the Pikes Peak Weaver's Guild! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting and seeing what new "Directions" we plan at this meeting.

Linda Shaffer

September Program

"Directions"

Moderated by: Linda Shaffer

Feedback Facilitated by: Jane Rock

This is the first time in at least six years that PPWG does not have any major shows or other large events planned for the guild. Our September program will host small group break out sessions that will allow our membership to brainstorm about the direction(s) in which we'd like to see the guild focus.

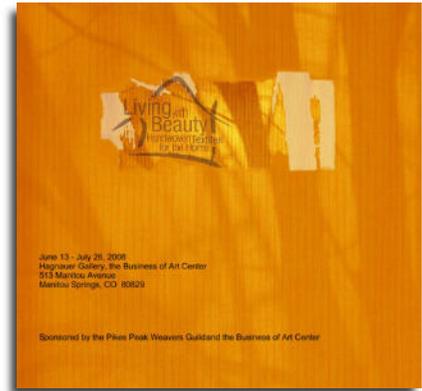
All guild members are encouraged to participate in the dialogue. Each member's feedback is important and valued. Linda will be organizing the groups and questions. Speedy word processor, Jane, will compile all of the information and it will be presented to us using our new LCD projector. Each group will have the same set of approximately six questions for discussion, which will include our 50th anniversary celebration. So come with your creative ideas and an open mind, and we'll see what our next "Direction" will be.



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!

Susan Bowman & Beverly Weaver

September Sample

Interlocked 8 Shaft Twill by WW Walker

Last year at the sale for Living With Beauty, I picked up a skein of rose colored mohair yarn and a cone of 8/2 Maineline wool yarn. My thoughts were to make a shawl for my mother. Then I got to thinking how much mohair sheds, so the shawl would have to be lined. I put the project on a back burner since I am not the greatest man with a sewing machine.

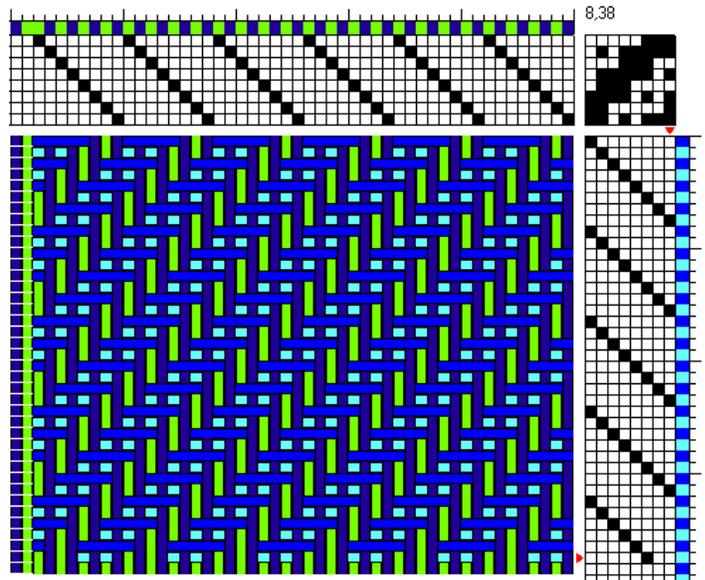
Enter Betsy Blumenthal and her workshop, *Two Sides Are Better than One*. This gave me the idea that surely there had to be a weave structure that would produce a two sided fabric. The answer was an 8-shaft interlocked twill weave found in

The Key to Weaving, pp 199, by Mary Black. Using my mystery mohair plus a variegated rose 100 percent cotton yarn for my weft and using the Maineline for my warp, I produced a beautiful fabric that is fuzzy on the outside but smooth on the inside. This is a double weave so the epi needs to be doubled, since half the epi is on the top layer and half on the bottom layer of your weaving.

This same structure can be done on 4 shafts using the instructions on page 198 of Mary Black's book. Basically the threading is the same only 1, 2, 3, 4.

The treadling on a direct tie up for 4 shafts would be:

1 1-2-3 2 1-2-4 3 1-3-4 4 2-3-4



Guild Business

August Minutes & Committee Reports

August 7, 2008

Board Meeting

Linda Shaffer called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. W.W. Walker, Barb Byerly, Dottie Weir, Jane Rock, Susan Bowman, Diane Fabeck, Sandy Hutton, Catie Kiley, Kathleen Orr, Beverly Weaver, Doreen McLaughlin, Louise Conner, and Emily Jones were present. The Board Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2008 were approved. Linda requested any changes to the agenda to be sent to her one week prior to the September meeting. The 2008/2009 agenda of programs scheduled for PPWG monthly meetings was discussed with an emphasis on the upcoming 50th Year Anniversary of the Guild. The need for new PPWG membership brochures was reported followed by discussion of wording changes and additions. Demonstration Chairs will be responsible for brochures to be available at demonstrations. Brochures will be left at public libraries. Susan will e-mail a proposal document of the present PPWG brochure to all Board members for input. The success of the Rockledge Ranch participation for 2008 was reported. The September Newsletter will ask for volunteers for hospitality for the upcoming meetings. The library will have an annual review and update. The newsletter will be active two weeks prior to the September 12, 2008 meeting. Publicity will include membership brochures, newspaper, and radio advertisements. The Publicity Chair needs information about two months prior to the events. The addition of a PPWG blog and a link to the web site peakradar.com was suggested for the guild web site. February's workshop will be presented by Cindy Ruesink on 3 Shaft Weaving. A motion was made by Louise Conner that the Board accept funding recommendations made by Judi, Sandy, Barb, Linda, and Susan and that the Board recommend that the

Submitted by Emily Jones, Recording Secretary

Guild adopt the funding recommendations from the coverlet and Living With Beauty projects to be used for a laptop computer (\$600), a donation to Mountain View Church of Christ (\$200), and for photo editing of coverlet backsides (< \$50, if needed), with any remaining funds going into the Fund for Excellence in Fiber Art. The motion was seconded by W.W. Walker and the vote was unanimous to approve the motion. The Board agreed that the Memorial Fund and Fund of Excellence in Fiber Art guidelines will be added to the standing rules in the 2008-2009 directory as voted on by the guild previously. The Scholarship Application process will be added to the 2008/2009 PPWG Directory and web site. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Hospitality

Everyone appreciates a delicious treat with the coffee/tea break. PPWG needs at least two, preferably three volunteers each month who will bring refreshments. Please call Catie Kiley at 719-685-4967 to sign up. The Guild thanks you!

September	Doreen McLaughlin, Bev Weaver, Susan Bowman
October	Judy Gearhart, WW Walker
November	Barb Byerly
December	Holiday Potluck
January	
February	Linda Shafer
March	Jane Rock Costanza, WW Walker
April	Catie Kiley, Ellen Alderson



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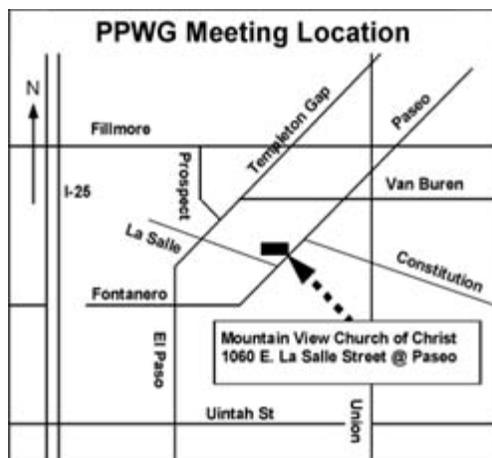
Meetings and Events for 2008-2009

The Pikes Peak Weavers' Guild meets the second Friday of each month from September through May at the [Mountain View Church of Christ](#), 1080 E. LaSalle St at Paseo in Colorado Springs, CO. Come for coffee, socializing and library time at 9:00 am.

The business meeting starts at 9:30 and the program begins at 11 AM.

- 12 Sep 2008** - *Directions: Small group break out sessions.* Linda Shaffer
- 04-10 Oct 2008** - *Spinning and Weaving Week*
- 10 Oct 2008** - *Nature's Beauty: Combining Gourds with Weaving.* Gail Necker
- 14 Nov 2008** - *Taking Stock: Looms, Equipment, Collections, and Stashes.* Jane Rock
- 12 Dec 2008** - *John C. Campbell Folkschool: Scholarship Report.* WW Walker
Holiday Pot Luck Celebration
- 11 Jan 2009** - *TBA*
- 08 Feb 2009** - *Woven Bands and Ribbons.* Cindy Ruesink
- 14 Mar 2009** - *TBA*
- 11 Apr 2009** - *African Textiles.* Judi Arndt
- 09 May 2009** - *Basics of Rug Making.* Sally Kuhn
End of year luncheon

- 01 July 2009** - **PPWG Scholarship Applications due for 2009-2010**



Contributing

Board of Directors 2008 - 2009

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Pikes Peak Weavers Guild expresses sincere thanks to the many members of the guild who volunteer their time and talents to make our guild a success!

How You Can Get Publicity for PPWG

As Publicity Chair, my job is to contact the news outlets when Guild activities warrant doing so and to collect press clippings. So I send information about the Guild to newspapers and radio stations. I also post on-line listings where I can. Like any other Guild Chair, I welcome help from members. Just recently Diane Fabeck told me about www.PeakRadar.com that lists all sorts of arts events and organizations and I added a listing for the Guild. PeakRadar.com already had a listing for the Pioneers Museum coverlet show.

How many groups do you belong to besides Pikes Peak Weavers Guild? The next time PPWG has an event, think about inviting members of those groups. You can extend the invitation yourself, either face-to-face or by putting information in your group newsletter. Coming from you, the invitation will have special meaning and the people you invite will be more likely to go to an event than if they simply see or hear a public announcement. You'll be providing valuable publicity for Guild activities!

Louise Conner

Sign Up

Samples for 2008-2009

PPWG needs volunteers for weaving and spinning samples for the newsletter for the months below. At the August Board meeting, the board decided to also add dyeing samples for the newsletter. Hopefully we will always have a weaving sample and/or spinning/dyeing sample for each newsletter. To sign-up, please email (lindalshaffer@msn.com) or call (719/684-2212) Linda Shaffer.

For weaving, we need two (2) samples (6" x 6" minimum, 8" x 10.5" maximum). For spinning we need two (2) samples which need to be butterflies approximately 4 yards long. Dyeing samples may be on fiber or handwoven cloth. So the size of the sample will depend on the media.

Jane Rock will be scanning the samples for the newsletter. These need to be delivered to her the month before they are to appear in the newsletter. After scanning, she will bring the samples to the guild meeting to be placed in the sample notebooks in the library.



Your weaving and spinning descriptions need to be mailed or emailed (doreen@divide.net) to the newsletter editor, Doreen McLaughlin. Linda will print the descriptions from the newsletter for the sample notebooks in the library. If you have other information for the sample notebooks, please give it to Linda at a meeting.

SAMPLES SCHEDULE 2008/2009:

Month	Month Due	Weaving	Spinning/Dyeing
September	August	WW Walker	
October	September	Doreen McLaughlin	
November	October	Susan Bowman	
December	November	Linda Shaffer	
January	December	Jane Rock	
February	January		
March	February	Jan Seltman	
April	March	Emily Jones	
May	April	Sandy Hutton	
June	May	Karen Currier	Judy Gearhart

Dazzler's Fiber Arts School

2008 Fall Class Schedule

September 20 & 21 Trichromatic Dyeing

Does your mind see the perfect color yarn for a new project—and after hours and hours of searching, maybe even days, you still can't find it? TO THE RESCUE—Trichromatic (triad) dyeing.

October 4 & 5 Rigid Heddle Weaving

Learn the basics of 2 shaft weaving on the rigid heddle loom. The rigid heddle loom is a light, compact, versatile loom for beginners and advanced weavers.

October 11 & 12 Beginner Spinning

Join us for a weekend of beginner level spinning.

October 18 Note Cards

Use colorful alpaca fiber, stamps and ink to create 4 different style note cards. Once you learn the technique, you can create your own cards for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and special days.

Allie Neas
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September 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Directions - I-25 or 115 south, hook up to Hwy 96 west to Westcliffe, Bassick Place south; this dead ends into Granada Court; turn right, you'll see it on the left. (Bassick Place is after (west) of Colorado Mountain Bank and east of Custer County Realty).

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SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Beginning 4 Shaft Weaving - September 3, 4, and 5. 10 am to 2 pm
Beginning Spinning - September 6 and 13. 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Felted Cloaks (Knitted) - September 10 and 17. 10 am to 12 pm
Spinning Angora - September 18. 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Two Socks on One Circular Needle - September 19 and 26. 1 pm to 3 pm
Felted Masks - September 23. 10 am to 4 pm
Navajo Plying - September 25. 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Overdyeing with Indigo - September 27. 10 am to 5 pm

<http://www.tablerockllamas.com>

PIKES PEAK WEAVERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Please note: Membership dues shall be payable on or before June 1. To be included in the PPWG Directory, dues and forms must be received by the Membership Secretary by at the regular PPWG September meeting.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

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IF YOU ARE A RENEWING MEMBER AND YOU WERE LISTED IN THE PREVIOUS DIRECTORY, PLEASE ENTER ONLY AMOUNTS PAID AND ANY CHANGES IN YOUR INFORMATION.

- _____ \$ 25.00 Regular membership June-May (\$12.50 new members January-June)
- _____ Lifetime Membership (grandfathered members only)
- _____ \$ 10.00 Artist Gallery Page (PPWG web site)
- _____ \$ 1.00 Directory Mailing Fee (Directory may be picked up at the October meeting)
- _____ \$ 15.00 To have newsletter mailed (Newsletters are now published electronically)
- _____ \$ Donation to the guild

_____ **\$ Total**

Please make check payable to PPWG.
Send to: PPWG, P.O. Box 8104, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

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EQUIPMENT INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORY

LOOMS

Number shafts	Type (Jack, Countermarche, etc.)	Manufacturer

SPINNING & OTHER FIBER EQUIPMENT

Manufacturer	Type & Miscellaneous Information

Deadline For October Issue:

20 September 2008

Advertising Rates:

Business card \$10.00

¼ page \$15.00

½ page \$20.00

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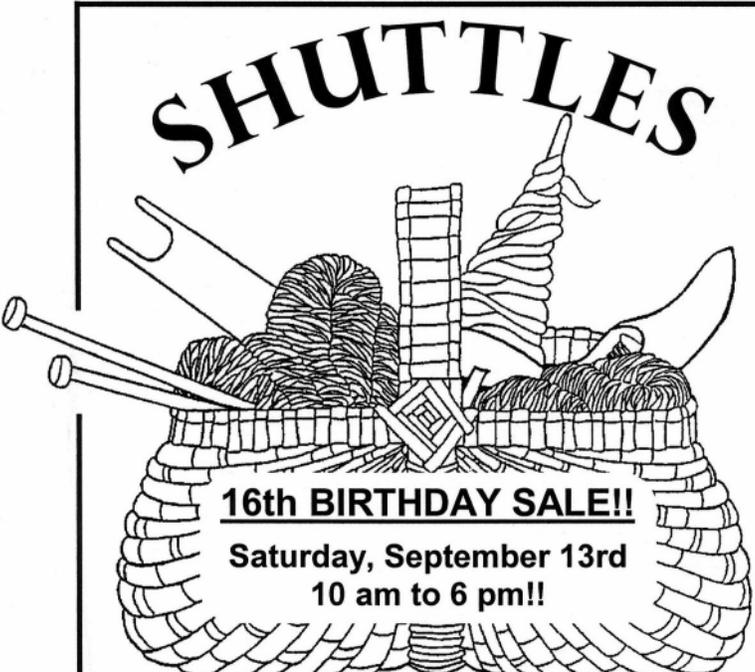
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