

September Workshop

The guild will be hosting a 3 day fall workshop September 8-10. The workshop will be presented by Melissa Weaver Dunning, a traditional hand-weaver working on antique equipment to produce 18th and 19th century style textiles. She has had the great good fortune to study with Scottish master weaver and singer Norman Kennedy since 1980. She is dedicated to carrying on some of the wealth of tradition gleaned from this apprenticeship both in weaving and in music. Melissa is an avid tartan & linen weaver, a compulsive knitter, and likes to mess around with beads and thread and bits of cloth. She loves to teach people how to unleash their creativity and make cool things. Melissa lives in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with her husband Peter, where they run the Bluemont Concert Series, an award-winning regional arts organization. They have three daughters and one Welsh corgis.

The work shop will be on 18th and 19th century household linens. There are many beautiful linen patterns from this time period that were woven by professional and home weavers alike. Every weaver with an interest in historical weaving should try linen! This workshop will be a round robin and each intrepid weaver will sample Bronson, Huck, M's & O's, Dimity and three kinds of Twill in linen and in cotton. We will learn about linen finishing and distressing, as well as an efficient 18th century warping and beaming technique. Students are expected to arrive at the class with their looms already dressed, having been provided with drafts and materials in advance. The cost of the three day class will be \$170 and there will be an additional materials cost of \$25-40. The cost of class does include continental breakfast and lunch each day. Please contact Weldon Walker if you are interested in attending at corancher1999@yahoo.com or 719-440-2080. A \$60 deposit will be necessary to hold your place in the workshop. Since this workshop is in September it will be opened to non-PPWG individuals after the April 2009 meeting.

Melissa will also be teaching two knitting classes at Green Valley Weavers while she is visiting the area. The class will be September 5 and 12. They will be British Isle Knitting Sampler and Handpaint Magic. Contact GVWK at 448-6693 for further information.

Penrose House
1661 Mesa Avenue, Colorado Springs

- From I-25, take Exit 138 "Circle Drive"
- Proceed West - Circle becomes Lake Avenue
- Stay on Lake Avenue until you reach the Broadmoor Hotel (approximately 3.3 miles)
- At the roundabout in front of the Broadmoor, bear right on Lake Circle (mileage from Broadmoor Hotel to Penrose House is approximately .5 miles)
- At next roundabout, bear left and take the second right through the roundabout (heading west)
- Proceed approximately 50 yards and take the next right onto Mesa Avenue
- Continue approximately a ¼ of a mile, following the white concrete wall
- Penrose House will be on your left at 1661 Mesa Avenue

Guest Parking Lot is 2nd lot on the Right

