

President's Notes by Beverly Weaver

Congratulations to Julie Tompkins on winning the silent auction held in January to sell the PPWG floor loom. Her bid was highest at \$45. Julie is a new PPWG member who owns alpacas and who is learning to weave rugs. She is also a spinner and dyer.

The PPWG Board decided at the January meeting to research possible floor looms with the idea of purchasing a loom to rent to PPWG members. A new loom would need to be a floor loom that is very portable and easy to use for new weavers. Weldon Walker volunteered to do some research on various options and return the information to the next Board meeting. After considering all the possibilities, the Board will bring the best options to the membership for a vote.

PPWG plans to sponsor one or two baskets to donate to the Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) to be held July 21-24, 2011. The baskets will provide visibility for our guild among the attendees at the conference. Linda Lugenbill and Debra Scott have offered to make baskets, and we will accept donations from members and place those items in the baskets. Donations should be items related to weaving, spinning and/or dyeing. Raffle tickets will be sold at IWC to attendees who will then place their tickets in the containers associated with baskets that they would like to win. Tickets are pulled and the baskets are awarded at one of the evening meetings during the conference. The money that is raised goes for IWC scholarships. Doreen McLaughlin has volunteered to coordinate this project. She will check with IWC about any requirements, accept donations from members, etc.

Carole Stewart has taken on the job of recording secretary, and Linda Shaffer has volunteered to take on the publicity job for the remainder of the guild year. Heidi Bates and Cheryl Rinker will be co-chairs for a spinning workshop to be held in the fall, 2011, and Jane Rock Costanza and Susan Bowman will be co-chairs for a weaving workshop to be held in the spring, 2012. Carol Wilkinson and Edna Devai have agreed to be members of the nominating committee. I would like to thank them for their support and all the other PPWG volunteers who donate their time and energy to serve the guild.

Our membership is growing, which means we all need to reach out and communicate with new members. Please take time to introduce yourself to someone new at every meeting.

Vice President's Notes by Ellen Alderson

In March our afternoon miniworkshop will be with Norman Kennedy on the Use of the Distaff for the Handspinner. On the next page see the list of individual who signed our "interest list" for this class. See also the participants contract. Copies of this contract will also be available at the February meeting. If you are still interested, please download contract, sign and send \$15, full payment for the workshop to: **Ellen Alderson, 12835 Myrick Road, Colorado Springs, CO. 80908.**

*Make checks **payable to PPWG** and please write "Kennedy wksp" on your check!*

Contract and fees may be turned in to me (Ellen) at the meeting or mailed as indicated above if you cannot attend the meeting.

An additional fee to be determined will be payable to Mr. Kennedy for supplies (including a distaff!). This will be collected before the workshop. **Please note:** If your contract and \$15 is not paid by the February meeting your space will not be held for this workshop. As of this writing we have 2 possible openings remaining. If you are on our list below and you cannot participate in this workshop, please do let me know so someone else may fill your space. Many thanks!

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