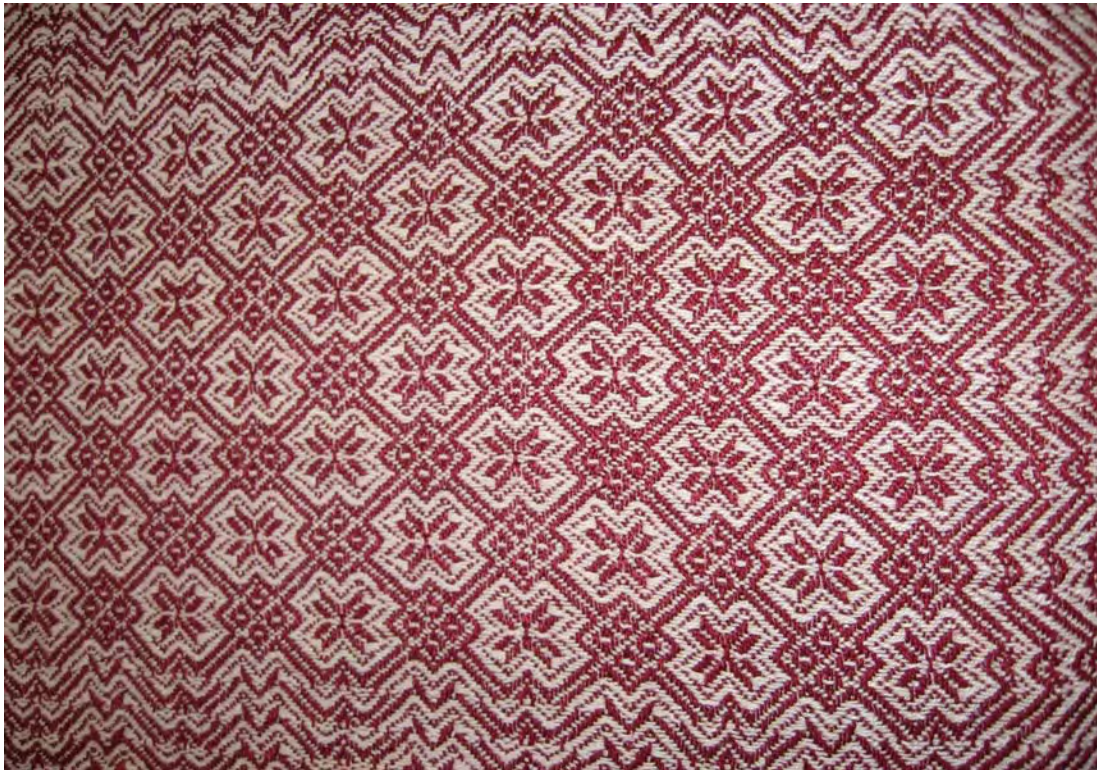


# PPWG Newsletter

January 2010



Linen Towel by Edna Devai

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# January Program by Judi Arndt

## West African Textiles

I will be showing textiles and photos from my trip to Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Mali in Jan of 2008. There will also be a few things from Morocco. All of the garments are male attire so I have asked W.W. to model them. Just imagine the Blue men of the Desert.

A variety of woven and dyed fabric from all of these countries will be shown. You will be able to touch and feel all of the pieces. I will also be showing a Power point presentation of weavers and dyers who we met during our journey.

The journey from Accra to Timbuktu was very exciting. I hope you will enjoy it through my eyes.

## January Dyeing Sample by Siv Nelson

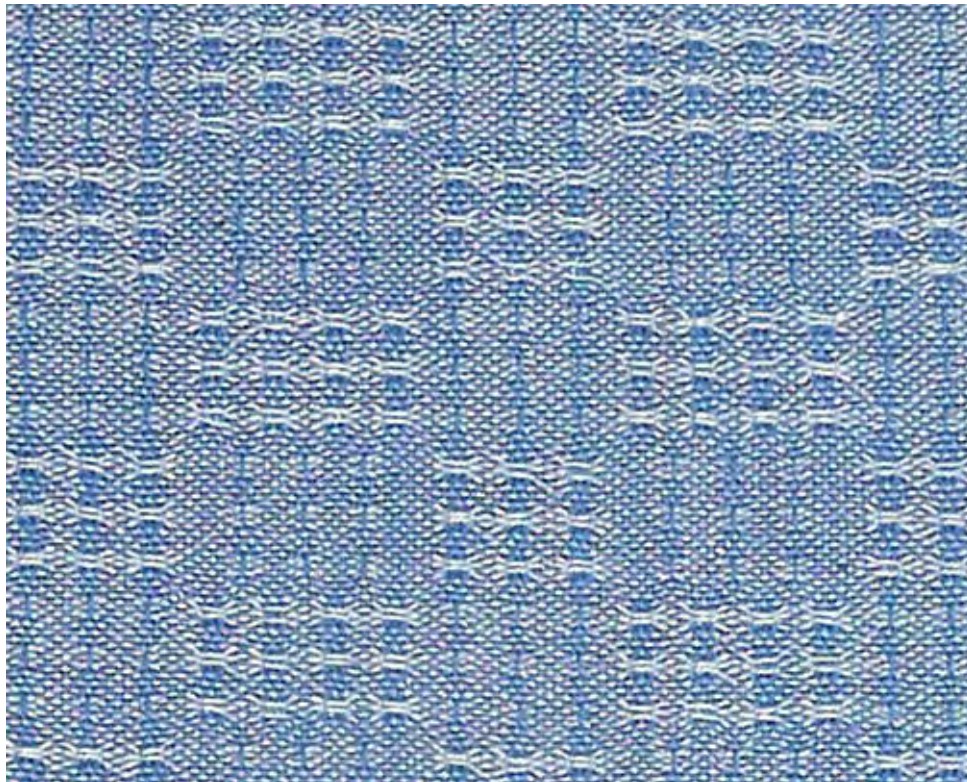
This yarn was spun from a Romney fleece from New Zealand. The fleece was soft and variegated in colors from a light to a darker beige color. It made a soft and lofty yarn where the variegated colors showed up nicely. I made a knitted vest with it.



Above and right: spinning samples by Siv Nelson.  
Below: indigo silk turned twill fabric by Siv Nelson.



# January Weaving Sample by Tina Broderson



Rescue of a failed experiment...

Warp: mill end, probably 16/2 mercerized cotton, blue

EPI: 24

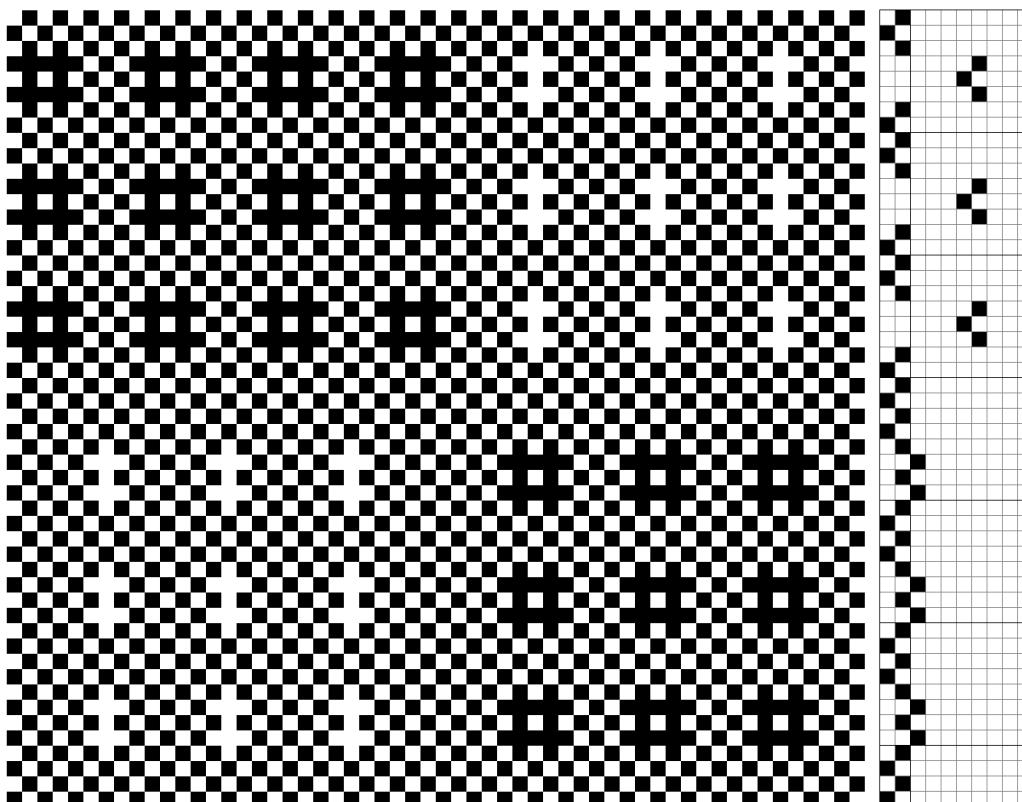
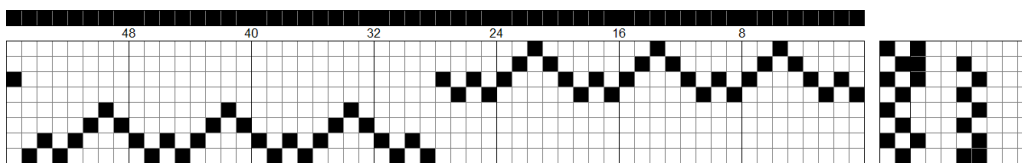
Weft: mill end, 20/2 mercerized cotton, white

PPI: 24

Finishing: Machine washed, warm water on hand wash cycle, machine dried to damp-dry, pressed until dry.

Comments:

I warped the loom with a particular lacy structure (a myggjtall variation) in mind, just to try and see if it worked. Alas, it didn't—there was all-over



laciousness but not the pattern I hoped for. I then tried to find a treadling and tie-up that would make an acceptable cloth of any kind, using the existing threading. After I rejected many drafts, I tried weaving a couple of possibilities. Heartily sick of the warp before I wove a foot of it, I finally settled on a plaid composed of a mystery spot weave, woven using an unlikely threading, a limited tie up, and a simplified treadling. I'm sure there are easier ways to arrive at this structure! I'm not sure what it's good for, but I'm open to suggestions.

# Major Workshop

## Silk Spinning With Celia Quinn

Immerse yourself in luxurious silk, as we spin many forms of the fiber from smooth and lustrous top, and the exotic blends with other fibers, to the extremely long caps and hankies, as well as the textured carded silks, and the shortest form, silk noil. Expand cocoons to make squares of silk called Mawata, traditionally used for batting in Japan. Dye silk caps and hankies for different color effects. Experience the wonder of reeling a sheer thread from cocoons. Lectures include fiber properties, sericulture, care of silk, and spider silk.

Celia has taught workshops extensively across the U.S. since 1983. She knits, weaves and crochets, with an emphasis on garments and household textiles. She has spun everything from rope to sub-sewing thread, and still holds Spin-Off Magazine's fine spinning record for cotton, at approximately 83,000 yards per pound. Her thoughts on spinning can be found in many back issues of Spin-Off. She calls Alaska home.

We will begin our exploration into silk spinning with Celia Quinn at Table Rock Llamas where we will jump into dyeing silk caps and hankies (spinning this day too). The next two days will find spinning us at the beautiful Penrose House nested at the base of Cheyenne Mountain.

The workshop is scheduled for March 30, 31, and April 1, 2010. The estimated cost for the workshop is \$175 plus \$30-materials fee. We are limited to 20 people in this workshop and a \$60 deposit will hold your spot. This workshop is now open to guilds outside of PPWG. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please let him or her know. Please contact Heidi Bates ([babyweave@msn.com](mailto:babyweave@msn.com)) or 719-392-4522.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Northern Lights Spinning/Weaving Group from Jane Rock Costanza

The Northern Lights group will meet on the First Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, and on the Second Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. You're welcome to attend either and/or both meetings.

Please email me, [mizrock@aol.com](mailto:mizrock@aol.com), with which one(s) you plan to attend so that I have a basic idea -- and feel free to invite any weaving/spinning friends.

We will meet at the Woodmoor Barn and I will send directions out before our first meeting in January.

I am excited to have some monthly time dedicated to portable looms and spinning -- but most of all being inspired and sharing knowledge through our group's collective interests and expertise!

### Holiday Weaver's Sale a Success!

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincerest appreciation and thanks to the members of the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild for their continued support of the annual Holiday Weavers Sale (a/k/a "The Weavers Studio Annual Holiday Art Sale Event"). This event had a record number of guests this year. 80% of the participating artists were members of the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild; about ¼ of our guests were members of the Pikes Peak Weavers Guild (leaving ¾ being members of the general public); close to • of our guests were repeat from last year; and word of mouth and postcards were our biggest draw for guests. I would welcome a PPWG-sponsored sale at the studio next year if guild members would like to have a guild sale in 2010. Again, thank you for your continued support! Deb Lane

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Uzbek Embroidery and Natural Dye Workshops

In conjunction with the exhibition *Silk Road Artisans of Uzbekistan*, the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising at Colorado State University is offering three workshops, featuring Zarina Kendjaeva, one of Uzbekistan's leading and award winning young textile artisans. A featured artist in *Silk Road Artisans of Uzbekistan*, Zarina and her family are recognized for their natural dyed rugs and suzani production in Bukhara, Uzbekistan, where their UNESCO-sponsored school is located.

Saturday, April 10, 2010 **Natural Dyeing\*** – dyes include indigo, madder, onions, and pomegranate skins. Prerequisite: previous dye experience.  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11, 2010 **Suzani Embroidery\*\*** – chain stitch embroidery using a hook  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prerequisite: previous embroidery experience.

Monday, April 12, 2010 **Suzani Embroidery\*\*** – repeat of Sunday workshop  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Limited to 20 participants/workshop (5 places in each workshop are reserved for students at \$75)  
Cost: \$100 per workshop + lunch.

\*Supplies provided include enough silk yarn to dye in 4-6 colors. Participants should bring rubber gloves, apron, mask (optional).

\*\*Supplies provided include handouts, embroidery hook, kit with original design drawn by Zarina on fabric ready to embroider, and silk embroidery thread. Participants should bring scissors, needles, hoop, (hoop with a stand is optional), thimble, supplemental light source (optional, i.e. Ott light). We will also provide fabric on which to practice stitches. Additional kits will be available for purchase.

For additional information contact Linda Carlson at 970-491-1983 or [Linda.Carlson@colostate.edu](mailto:Linda.Carlson@colostate.edu)

To register, return the attached registration form along with your payment (check made out to **CSU**) to Avenir Museum Design and Merchandising  
1574 Campus Delivery  
Colorado State University  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A Spinning Day--Just for You!

**Distaff Day**, also called **Rock (Roc) Day**: *In many European cultural traditions, one resumed household work after the twelve days of Christmas. The distaff, or rock, used in spinning was the medieval symbol of one such task. Come celebrate this tradition with us!*

Saturday, January 9, 2010

Faith Evangelical Free Church

6065 Oakwood Blvd.

Colorado Springs, CO †80923-7600

Major cross streets: †Dublin Blvd. and Powers

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 donation

**Register by January 5 and become eligible for a special prize!**

Bring your own lunch, mug & a snack to share if you wish.

Coffee and teas will be provided.

\**Fiber Market*: Sell your fiber-related items

\**Door Prizes*: You never know what you could take home!

\**Swap Bagging*: Bring items up to \$10 value in bag to swap

\**Stash Trash & Treasure Table*: Take, leave, swap or buy items

\**Tidbits*: Share a skill, technique or time-saving idea

*(Activities are voluntary.)*

Questions? Contact Kathleen at [kcook41@qwest.net](mailto:kcook41@qwest.net) or (719) 576-7072.

Please do not contact the church. They are only providing the space for our event.

Mail \$5 check or cash and form by **January 5** to:

Kathleen Cook

760 Maroonglen Court

Colorado Springs, CO 80906-6810

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Roc Day Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a vendor and need \_\_\_\_\_ table(s). Tables are free. We just need to know how many to set up!

## Newsletter Notes by Doreen McLaughlin

As Convergence, Complex Weavers, Colorado Weaver's Day, and other events draw near, I want to discuss the photographs in the newsletter. Over the last two years, I have tried to include as many photos in the newsletter as possible. I recognize, however, that many shows and competitions require that the entries have not been "published". Also, I know that in the publishing industry all photographs have to have a written, signed permission slip before they can be used. At the December meeting, our members voiced the opinion that those who do not want their work photographed should let me know and, at this time, written permission was not needed. We will revisit this issue at the January meeting.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Doubleweave Study Group from Deb Lane

I am contemplating starting up another study group and would like some feedback: this would be a study group meeting every other month (date and time of meeting to be determined). The focus of this study group would be doubleweave.

Member requirement would be: (1) commitment to attend meetings on a regular basis; (2) participation in in-depth discussions and study; (3) woven samples are required but only towards advancement of the study (*i.e.*, samples for the group are not mandatory, nor are record sheets, but in order to study the weave structure you must produce woven pieces which will be part of group discussion, etc.).

My projection for this study group would be to start with the very basics of 4-shaft doubleweave (including weaving doublewide, tubular and stuffing) to more advanced doubleweave.

Please email me, ([DebWeaves@aol.com](mailto:DebWeaves@aol.com)), if you are interested in participating in such a study group. Please note that unlike the typical study groups where a particular structure is studied for a period of time, this group would focus only on doubleweave (however, realize you can combine weave structures with doubleweave).

## *President's Notes by Susan Bowman*

As the year closes out I'd like to express thanks for all the great things that PPWG members have done. What a valuable December program Weldon Walker and Doreen McLaughlin delivered sharing their knowledge and tools related to warping with multiple threads; thank you! Interest level was really high on this important topic and there was lots of great discussion. Having knowledgeable and well-traveled members like Judi Arndt is really remarkable. I am so looking forward to Judi's program in January on African Textiles.

Deb Lane's Holiday Sale had many members participating with really good results despite the cold weather on Sunday. Deb made Herculean efforts along with other guild members to set up and run this event at her place of business; thank you Deb, Denis and all who helped. While the sale was going on, Barb Byerly and crew did their wildly popular demonstrations at the Pioneers Museum; thanks go to the whole crew, we know the public had a great time. Siv and Bengt Nelson's generous donation of the use of their Weave Design Software on the PPWG web site has again resulted in another significant donation to PPWG; thank you both! These are just a few recent activities and if space permitted I would go on and on, so I'll just say thank you to all our members who volunteer their time and energy to help make PPWG a success in a variety of ways!

PPWG is really fortunate to have a good, albeit old, central location for meetings, library storage and mini workshops, all for an incredibly low cost. You probably noticed the two heating contractor vans in the parking lot at the last meeting, called in early when our church contact found the building to be too cold. The Church is genuinely interested in our comfort and I'm sure they will do whatever they can to get the temperature into a comfortable range.

The stash sale was a little like a "feeding frenzy" and those who brought and bought items to benefit PPWG's operating fund are much appreciated. This year's stash sale was again successful, raising a whopping \$372! I'm now looking forward to the book sale in May, proceeds benefiting the library and scholarship funds.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy New Year as I continue my resolve to weave off all (most?) of the odd bits of linen in my studio!

# Guild Business by Deb Greer

## *Minutes for Pikes Peak Weavers Guild Business Meeting Dec 11, 2009*

The Board Meeting was not held this month.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am by President Susan Bowman. The minutes of November's meetings, both Board and Business, were approved. **Kudos** were given for and by various members. **Officer's reports:** **President** Susan Bowman announced that the May meeting time conflicts with the Colorado Weavers Day activities. The Board will discuss a different meeting time for May next month. **VP Programs:** Ellen Alderson reported that Doreen McLaughlin donated 2 big bags of books on varying subjects for the May Book Sale. The non-fiber books are trade-able in the used books stores for credit toward fiber related books, so members are encouraged to donate any book on any subject to benefit the sale. **Recording Secretary:** Deb Greer reported that several new magazines have been received and are available in the library. **Treasurer:** Emily Jones gave the Treasure's report: Inflows \$1,021.90 Outflows \$503.20 Overall Total = \$518.70 Balance Forward 11-1-09 \$10,687.80 Closing Balance 11-30-09 \$11,206.50 PPWG Fund for Excellence in Fiber Arts, 11-30-09: \$5145.33 Vanguard 11-30-09 \$4339.16 Total 11-30-09 \$20,690.99 Library Raffle donations: Susan Bowman reported that W.W. donated a towel. Edna Devai donated bungee cords for use on the loom. Susan Bowman announced that the proceeds from the December Stash Sale benefit the Guild Operating Fund. **Membership Secretary** Dottie Weir had no new members or guests to introduce. She reported that the study group pot luck will be held at Deb Lane's on Monday evening at 5:15 pm. **Standing Committee Reports:** **Newsletter:** Doreen McLaughlin mentioned that some weavers may have difficulty with event entry rules that require their submitted work to be previously unpublished. Since the Guild Newsletter is a publication, she wants weavers to be aware of this with Show and Tell items. If a member intends to submit an entry to a show or competition and does not want photos the work included in the newsletter, please let her know. RE: The newsletter password on the PPWG website has been changed and seems to be working. If your password does not work, please re-type to try again. the "0's" are zeroes. If you continue to have problems, call Jane Rock Costanza, and she will be glad to help you through the sign in process. The problem may be linked to your browser settings saving old passwords **Website:** Jane Rock Costanza reported that she has progressed with setting up more generic email addresses for officers of the Guild, which can be passed on to the next year's officers easily. Information on the webmail can also be stored there and passed on. Guild mailboxes are also available for members. Contact Jane for your own mailbox. Jane said she would check on whether the generic officer's mail can be set to auto-forward while we get used to checking our new boxes. **Major Workshop:** Heidi Bates has placed ads in the Boulder Beat and local groups on Ravelry. She reported that if two weavers from Salida who made a recent inquiry sign up for the Celia Quinn workshop, the count will be 17. **Library:** Debra Scott reported that Barb Byerly donated the 3 issues of Interweave that we were missing from the set. Sandy Hutton suggested that we bind the set immediately, as past issues of Interweave are very rare. **Demonstrations:** Barb Byerly reported that the Demo at Pioneer Museum was a resounding success. All of the demonstrators and participants had a great time, and the kids were really excited about the rigid heddle loom. Thanks to Peggy Doney, Maria Robinson, Pam James, Doreen McLaughlin, Kathryn Gifford, Karen Pierce, Catie Kiley, Heather Larson, and Judi Arndt for their outstanding participation! Barb had an update on the funding situation for the Museum. The City has found money in the budget to keep the museum open for the time being. Carol Wilkenson mentioned that the woven cover for the Library Raffle box was woven by a little girl at a State Fair demo. **Samples:** Robin Wilton asked for volunteers to sign up for this winter/spring's Spinning and Dye Samples. Also, Doreen is having loom issues, and a volunteer is needed to cover January's weaving sample. **Hospitality:** Maria Robinson and Pam James need volunteers for Hospitality. Sign up on the list or contact either weaver. W.W. donated a linen towel for the Library Raffle. Weldon Walker said that next month's program will be Judy Arndt's African Textiles. No **Old or New Business** was presented. **Announcements** were made. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

## Sample Schedule for 2009-2010

We need volunteers for weaving, dyeing, and spinning samples for the newsletter. Hopefully we will always have a weaving, spinning, and dyeing sample for each newsletter. As you can see there are still some holes left in the sign up sheet. If we don't have volunteers, then we won't have samples that month. If you would like to volunteer, please let Robin Wilton know.

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. The two (2) dyeing samples may be on fiber or handwoven cloth. So the size of the sample will depend on the media.

Doreen McLaughlin needs digital photos of the sample for the newsletter. Please save the photos in .jpg format and e-mail them to Doreen. If you do not want to take the digital photos yourself, she will take the photos. Please contact her to make arrangements for the photos.

Your weaving, spinning, and dyeing descriptions need to be given, mailed, or emailed to the newsletter editor, Doreen McLaughlin (editor@pikespeakweavers.org). Robin 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 Robin at a meeting.

### SAMPLES SCHEDULE 2009/2010:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Month Due</u>	<u>Weaving</u>	<u>Spinning</u>	<u>Dyeing</u>
Feb	Jan	Peggy Bowman	Peggy Doney	Peggy Doney
Mar	Feb	Jane Rock		
Apr	Mar	Carol Wilkinson	Heidi Bates	
May	Apr	Sandy Hutton		
June	May			

## Library News

A big thank you to Barb Byerly for donating the 3 issues of Interweave missing from our collection. We will now be able to bind them as a complete set for the library.

Three more items have been donated for the raffle to be held in May. Items donated so far are:

Hemp mat handwoven and donated by Heather Hubbard

Ornaments handwoven and donated by Robin Wilton

Towel handwoven and donated by Weldon Walker

Towel handwoven and donated by Sandy Hutton

"Jazz Cords" for a Baby Wolf donated by Edna Devai

Tickets for the raffle are available at each meeting for a cost of \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Thanks to all the people who have generously donated items and to all of the members who have purchased tickets.

## Hospitality

Please BYOM! – 'bring your own mug' to guild meetings!

(We will still have Styrofoam mugs available for guests.)

We are also asking all to help with clean up *before* the program starts. Note there is only one person signed up for treats for the January meeting – we would like to have 1 or 2 more. if you can help, please contact Maria (at 392-2007) or Pam (at [pj72@q.com](mailto:pj72@q.com) or 531-5334). Thanks!

**Jan 2010** - WW

**Feb 2010** - Carol Wilkinson

**Mar 2010** - Judi Arndt, WW

**Apr 2010** - Judy Gearhart, Catie Kiley,  
Ellen Alderson

**May 2010** - Sandy Hutton

# PPWG Calendar

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.

## Meetings and Events for 2009-2010

- 8 Jan 2010** Judi Arndt on African textiles
- 12 Feb 2010** Dottie Weir on Shibori
- 12 Mar 2010** Anne Vickrey Evans on Feltmaking
- 9 Apr 2010** Making Garments with Handwovens
- 14 May 2010** PPWG Book Sale; End-of-year luncheon
- 18-21 Jul 2010** Complex Weavers Seminar
- 18-25 Jul 2010** HGA Convergence in Albuquerque, NM



Right: Bag woven by Bev Weaver.

Left: Towel woven by W.W.

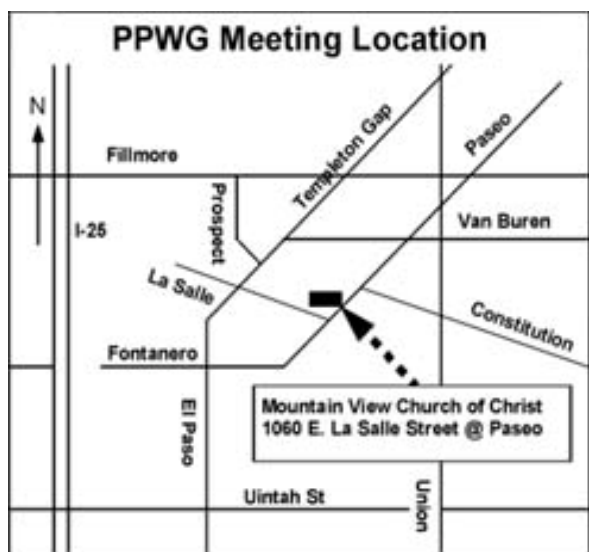


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| Library                       | Anne Vickrey Evans,<br>Debra Scott |
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9AM - 4PM with Weldon Walker

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*Spinning:*  
 Beginning Spinning: Jan 21, 28; 12:30PM - 3:30PM  
 Drum Carding: Feb 4, 12:30PM - 3:30PM  
 Spindle Spinning: Feb 5, 12:30PM - 3:30PM

*Weaving:*  
 Beginning 2 harness (Rigid Heddle) Weaving: Jan 20-22, 10AM - 3:30PM  
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