

## Notes from the President by Beverly Weaver

### Challenges for 2012

We have all been challenged by the Northern Lights Study Group to create one or two pillows to be judged at the PPWG meeting in May, 2012. The details for the challenge were in the October newsletter. There will be a small prize for each person who enters as well as awards for some pieces. I am looking forward to seeing a large number and variety of pillows at the May meeting. If you have questions about this challenge, please contact Debra Scott.

At the December PPWG meeting, we discussed having a challenge and exchange that will take place in December, 2012. The idea is to weave a towel or bread cloth that would be exchanged with another member of PPWG. We are hoping to get some of our newer weavers involved in this challenge and exchange. A towel or bread cloth is relatively simple to weave and requires very little in the way of sewing. There will be more detailed information about the exchange in upcoming newsletters and at PPWG meetings. Heather Hubbard and Laura DeKloe have agreed to help with the exchange and to answer questions from members.

We all need a challenge now and then to help us in our learning process. I hope you will all consider participating in one or both of these events.

## Vice President's Report by Sarah Richards

Our December program was a very interesting DVD on the history of Indigo growing, processing and dyeing, and what is happening now with a return to growing and using Indigo. Many thanks to Judi Arndt for bringing the DVD for all to share. The stash sale was a success and we all had fun examining the goodies available and purchasing for the guild's benefit. As usual, the holiday potluck was delicious and with so many talented cooks' offerings to try it's a good thing it only happens once a year!

Come to our January meeting and meet and listen to Rosalie Neilson who will be presenting the program "The Power of Block Design". She will be giving a weaving workshop the three days prior to our meeting and those who are attending the workshop may have some interesting 'show & tell' for us.

In February we will welcome Maggie Casey as program presenter with "Yarn Characteristics". After the program and a lunch break, she will be presenting a spinning mini-workshop "Plying, Hints & Tricks". The workshop is now full but a waiting list is available for any last minute changes to the participant list. Remember, the last date to receive members' registration forms and checks is January 6<sup>th</sup>. After that date the workshop will be opened first to those on the waiting list and then non-members. Remember, you don't have to be an expert spinner to take this workshop! Look for the information on page 6 and registration form on page 7 of this newsletter.

