Intermountain Weavers Conference

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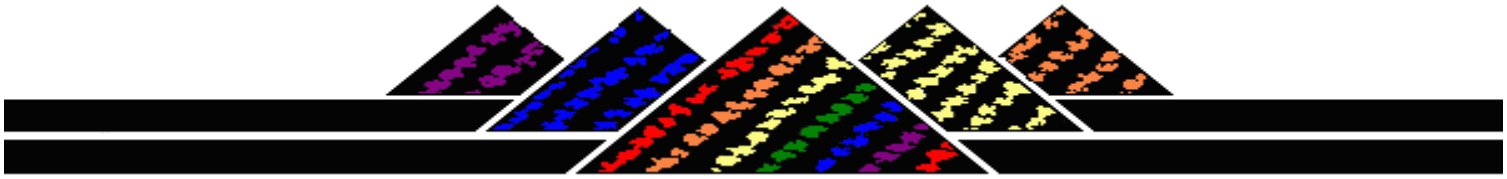

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President's Message

We are well into planning the 2027 Intermountain Weavers' Conference at the Antlers Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs, CO. The July 7 - 10 event will be our first held at a conference hotel. That means everything will be under one roof! Parking will be free! There are many amenities at the hotel, including restaurants, lounge, and a Starbucks, plus an indoor pool, an outdoor pool with views of the famous Pikes Peak and an exercise room. There are a number of eateries located within walking distance, and Colorado Springs is home to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Garden of the Gods (a free city park with spectacular rock formations and many hiking trails), and numerous museums. You may want to bring family or friends and arrive early or stay longer to enjoy the sights. You can take advantage of the hotel conference rate of $165/night for the two days before and after the conference. Situated at just over 6000 feet, summer weather in Colorado Springs is comfortable.

Your Board will be selecting workshops and seminars in February so stay tuned for the line up! We'll offer three-day and one-day workshops and half and full-day seminars. And of course there will be a keynote speaker, receptions, the marketplace and the ever-popular members, fashion, and workshop leaders shows. So much to look forward to! We're very excited about this venue and plan to make it a conference to remember! We hope you'll join us in Colorado Springs to reach your Peak of Creativity! Keep an eye out for future newsletters with all the details.

Paula Becker

Important Dates

24 Jan 2026 Carol James seminar on Sprang

30 Jan 2026 Deadline for Sprang workshop registration

1 Feb 2026 Workshop Leader Proposals Due

11 Feb 2026 Carol James Sprang workshop begins

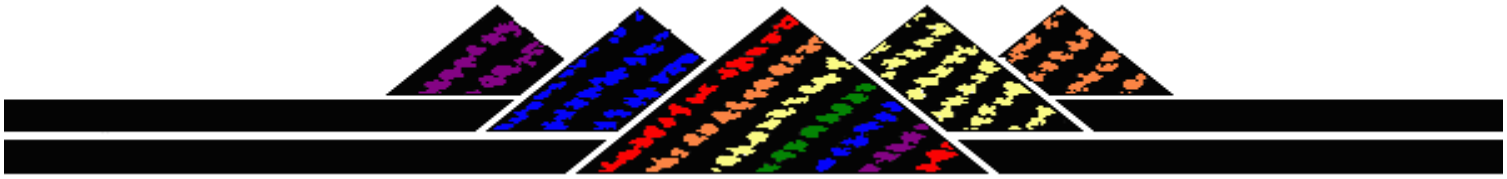
28 Feb 2026 Instructors will be notified if accepted

6 Mar 2026 Deadline for Spady seminar registration

7 Mar 2026 Robyn Spady Seminar: Totally Twill-Beyond the Basics

10 Jan 2027 Conference Registration opens

10 Jan 2027 Hotel room reservations open



Zoom Seminars

We will be presenting a series of Zoom workshops and seminars during 2026. You must be a paid member of IWC to register for the Zoom seminars and classes.

Carol James will present a 90-minute seminar **Stretchy Garments in Ancient Times, or What's Sprang?** on Sat January 24 at 2 PM MST. Cost for the seminar is $30. To register, go to http://www.intermountainweavers.org/ Registration for this Carol James seminar ends Jan 23, 2026. Carol will be teaching a 6-week long Sprang workshop in Feb and March. See Zoom Workshops below to find out the details

On Sat March 7, 2026 at 2 PM MST, Robin Spady will be back with **Totally Twill – Basics and Beyond**. This Zoom seminar focuses on exploring the versatility and depth of twill weave structures. The primary goal is to deepen participants' understanding of how twills work and to empower them to design their own variations with confidence and creativity. The cost is $35. Register by March 6 at http://www.intermountainweavers.org/

Zoom Workshops

In February, Carol James will begin teaching a 12 hour **Sprang class** over 6 weeks. The two-hour sessions will be held Wednesdays Feb 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, and 18 from 6 to 8 PM MST. Cost for the 6-week class is $200 plus $105 materials fee payable to the instructor. The materials fee covers the cost of a pre-warped Sprang loom, a DVD, book and other materials. Register for the Sprang class by Jan 30 at http://www.intermountainweavers.org/

We hope to have more Zoom seminars and workshops throughout the year. Let us know if there is an instructor you would like us to reach out to. registration@intermountainweavers.org

Conference Workshops

The Intermountain Weavers Conference will offer 3-day workshops and 1-day workshops and half day seminars. The 3-day workshops will be held Wednesday through Friday, 7-9 July 2027. The 1-day workshops and half day seminars will be held on Saturday, 10 July 2027.

We are working on other activities during the conference – stay tuned! As always, we will have a fashion show, the Celebration of Fiber Exhibit and the Workshop Leader and Board Member shows.

IWC is currently accepting proposals for the 2027 Conference. Proposals are due no later than 1 Feb 2026.

Workshop selections will be completed by the end of February 2026.

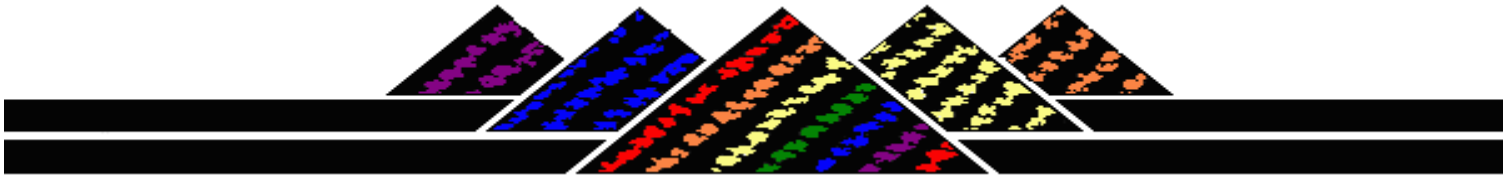
When the workshops have been selected, the information will be placed on the Workshop page of the web site:

https://www.intermountainweavers.org/workshops

Market and Vendors

The IWC Market has always been an important component of the Intermountain Weavers Conference. As usual, we will have a variety of vendors and merchandise for fiber artists. We will be posting the selected vendors on our website.

The call for vendors will go out in January 2026.



Conference Registration

You have to be a current member of IWC to sign up to take classes at the 2027 Conference.

Anyone can attend the following events for free: opening night keynote speaker, vendor market, fashion show, and the exhibits. This means your guests and people in the Colorado Springs community can come and enjoy many of the activities.

Conference registration begins Jan 10, 2027.

Lodging

We have a special rate of $165 per night plus taxes and fees for hotel rooms at the Antlers Wyndham. The room rate is good for the duration of the conference plus 2 days before and 2 days after if you want to extend your stay to enjoy the Colorado Springs area. Everyone who attends the conference will have free parking with in and out privileges. All of the classrooms, the vendor hall, fashion show, and exhibit rooms used by the conference are on the main floor of the hotel. It will be easy to get between the various rooms. Hotel registration begins Jan 10, 2027.

Loom Assistance

We will provide assistance with getting your looms into the hotel and then back to your car at the end of the conference.

Raffle Baskets

The Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction are used to raise funds for the next IWC Conference. Tickets for the Raffle are $1 each or $5 for 6.

Examples of items to donate for the raffle and silent auction include: skeins of yarn, beads, silk remnants, roving, books, tools, handmade and handwoven items and gift certificates.

1. IWC asks that only new/unused items be donated for the raffle baskets. This is not a place to recycle your stash.

2.IWC asks that each guild limit their baskets to six or less. For each basket, provide a list of what is in the basket and the name of your guild / donor.

3.IWC will wrap each basket in clear plastic with the contents and guild/donor noted on each basket. The drawing day will be listed on the basket.

Silent Auction

IWC has a silent auction that consists of items from vendors, workshop leaders and members. Each year, there are many great items up for auction. Please bring something to the Conference and give it to us at Registration. We really appreciate all you give!

Volunteers

IWC would not be possible without all the volunteers who make it happen. We need volunteers at the Conference to help with registration, exhibits, raffle baskets, the fashion show, the silent auction and the vendors. We will be posting a link on http://intermountainweavers.org where you can volunteer for shifts that meet your schedule.

Exhibits

As usual, we will have two exhibits at IWC: Celebration of Fiber and the Leaders and Board Show.

Celebration of Fiber is a non-juried exhibit of IWC members' work. We would like to encourage all IWC member attendees of the 2025 Conference to submit one or two pieces for this show. There will be several awards sponsored by various fiber organizations in addition to IWC—including the ever-popular People's Choice Award.

The Leader and Board Show showcases the work of the workshop leaders and the IWC board members.

The Conference theme for 2025 is "The Peak of Creativity". You may want to experiment with new fibers or apply a rediscovered technique to make it new. Or you might want to perfect a tried-and-true technique. This is your chance to show off your work whether it is functional or just fun.

Work must have been completed since the last Conference (June 2025). It is easy to enter—no pictures, no jurying. Just bring to the registration desk at the beginning of the conference.

Fashion Show

We are excited to extend a special invitation to all conference attendees to participate in the upcoming Intermountain Weavers Conference Fashion Show.

This event is a highlight of Conferences and is anticipated by many. It's an opportunity to share the beautiful things you weave with the community and your friends. If your talent is dishtowels, ask a friend to model one or two by hanging them from the waist. Table runners make great shawls and scarves. The options for creativity at this event are endless. This is a fun opportunity to create inside and outside of your comfort zone.

It is through sharing our creativity, our talent, and art that we build our guild organizations and fiber communities. These relationships can last a lifetime.

We encourage all those interested in participating to begin planning their projects for the fashion show.

Let's share with others the strides and accomplishments we experience as we work on our projects each day. Be inspired by the beauty of the fiber, nature, and the colors around you.

"A man who asks is a fool for 5 minutes. A man who never asks is a fool for life."
Chinese Proverb