Intermountain Weavers Conference

6-10 July 2027, Antlers Wyndham, 4 S Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs CO
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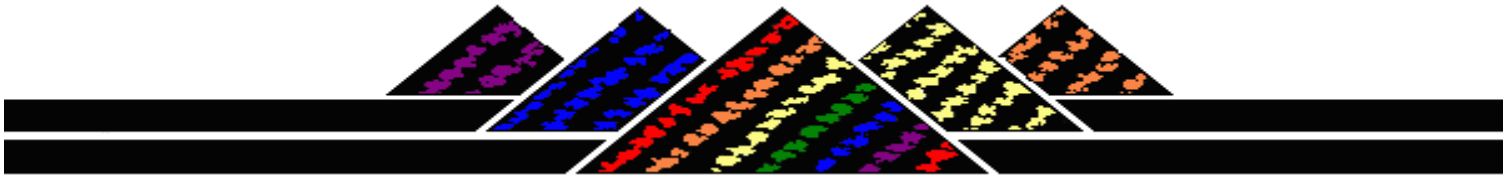

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President's Message

Intermountain Weavers Conference is climbing to the Peak of Creativity at the Antlers Wyndham Hotel in Colorado Springs in July 2027! We're excited to be at this wonderful and scenic venue in the same neighborhood as the illustrious Pikes Peak Weavers Guild.

The Antlers Hotel is the first conference hotel for IWC. All classrooms are on the ground floor along with Celebration of Fiber, the workshop leaders and board show, fashion show, and the vendor hall all of which are all included in the price of admission. The conference will have the same format as last year with three-day workshops Wednesday through Friday and one-day and half-day workshops or seminars on Saturday.

There's a wide variety of workshops listed on the webpage (www.intermountainweavers.org/workshops.html). Be sure to see the details and find your favorites before registration begins January 10, 2027 at 7 AM.

And don't forget, volunteers are essential to a successful conference! A call for help will go out as the date approaches.

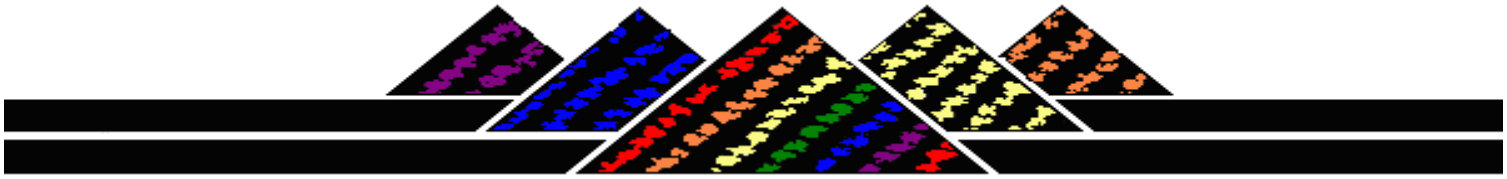
Over the past six years, our world has changed from primarily one of in-person attendance to one with a lot of virtual connection. The ability to be involved with online seminars and workshops allowed us to retain our relationships with each other in ways not otherwise possible. Yet it is my belief that fiber people are a social sort who prefer gatherings in person. This was supported by the elation exhibited by guild members when we were face-to-face again.

I recently attended Complex Weavers Seminars, an in-person event. I was thrilled, exhilarated even by the amount and depth of information exchanged just because everyone was in one place. The connections made by simply being in proximity and available to one another to talk person-to-person created such a sense of community, I can hardly wait to attend the next event.

While IWC and other fiber organizations have evolved and kept us engaged by offering online opportunities, their strength and mission will always be to gather in person to share, laugh, be inspired, and create community.

See you in Colorado Springs.

Paula Becker



Important Dates

Sept 1, 2026 Scholarship applications open

Sept 16, 2026 Joining Panels Zoom class

Nov 7 & 14 2026 Adventures in Paper Weaving class

Nov 30 2026 Last day to sponsor for full advertising benefits

Dec 12 2026 Scholarship application deadline

Jan 10 2027 Conference Registration opens 7 a.m.

Jan 10 2027 Hotel room reservations open

Mar 9 2027 Last day to request registration refund

Mar 15 2027 Application deadline for vendor names to be included in the conference book

July 6 2027 Check in & loom assistance available

July 7-9 2027 Three-day workshops

July 8-10 2027 Vendor Hall open

July 10 2027 One-day and half-day workshops and seminars

Zoom Classes

Deborah Jarchow will present **Joining Panels** as a Zoom class on Sept 16, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. MDT.

Is your loom too narrow to weave the finished products you'd like to make? Do you enjoy weaving on narrow looms but want to create blankets or garments? Deborah will show you various ways to join panels together to make those wide finished pieces.

Depending on your preference, your planned seaming can become part of the garment design or be invisible. During the 2-hour demo session you'll see many different ways for seaming and will be able to practice on your own after class while viewing the recording or following the handout.

The class fee is $40. The class will be recorded and available to paid class registrants for 2 weeks after the class. Register at https://www.intermountainweavers.org/register.html You must be a paid member of IWC to register for Zoom Classes.

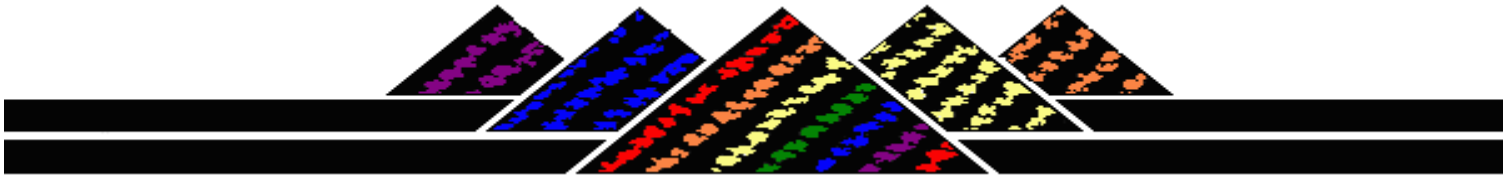
On Nov 7 and 14, 2026 **Molly Elkind** will teach a two-session Zoom workshop called **Adventures in Paper Weaving.** Paper weaving is a quick and fun way to play with color, image, and pattern—without a loom! Even if you've never seen a weaving draft and don't know warp from weft, you'll be weaving by the end of the workshop.

The Zoom sessions for Molly's class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. MST on Saturdays Nov 7 and 14. The class fee is $65. The class will be recorded and available to paid class registrants for two weeks after the class. Registration is open now at https://www.intermountainweavers.org/register.html You must be a paid member of IWC to register for Zoom classes.

Let us know if there are instructors you would like IWC consider for future Zoom classes or seminars.

Market and Vendors

Vendor applications are on our website at https://www.intermountainweavers.org/uploads/1/4/8/0/148024436/2027iwcvendorinformation.pdf The last day to apply to be a vendor and have your name in the conference bookl is March 15, 2027. Vendor applications made between March 16 and July 1, 2027 will be accepted if space is available, but you will not be listed in the conference book.



Conference Workshops

The list of workshops has been posted on our website https://www.intermountainweavers.org/workshops . three-day workshop choices include rigid heddle, inkle, tablet weaving, multi-shaft weaving, botanical printing, and spinning textured yarn. One-day workshops include pine needle basket weaving, sennit braiding, spinning flax, and extreme warping.

Three-day workshops will be held Wednesday through Friday, July 7-9, 2027. The one-day and half-day workshops and seminars will be on Saturday, July 10, 2027.

Conference Registration

Conference registration begins Jan 10, 2027 at 7 a.m. MST. All registrations will be done online. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis, so register early to have the best chance of getting the class or classes you want. You must be a current member of IWC to register for classes.

Anyone can attend the following events for free: the opening night keynote speech, vendor market, fashion show, Celebration of Fiber, and the Workshop Leader and Board show. This means your guests and people in the Colorado Springs community may come and enjoy many of the activities.

Lodging

We have a special room rate of $165 per night plus taxes and fees for lodging at the Antlers Hotel. The room rate is good for the duration of the conference plus two days before and two days after if you would like to extend your stay and enjoy the Colorado Springs area. Everyone who attends the conference will have free parking with in and out privileges. All conference events are on the main floor of the hotel. It will be easy to go between rooms. Hotel registration opens Jan 10, 2027.

Raffle Baskets

The Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction are used to raise funds for the next IWC Conference. IWC encourages every guild to donate at least one raffle basket to the cause. Some 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. Individuals and businesses may also donate raffle baskets. Please note the following:

1. Raffle baskets items must be new or unused.

2. We ask that each guild donate no more than six baskets. For each basket, please provide a list of items in the basket and the name of the 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

The silent auction consists of items from vendors, workshop leaders, and members. There will be many wonderful donations up for bid. Please consider bringing an item or items to donate. Please bring them to the registration desk when you check in. We really appreciate all your support!

Volunteers

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

Exhibits

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

Celebration of Fiber is a non-juried exhibit of IWC members' work. We encourage all IWC member attendees of the 2027 Conference to submit one or two pieces for this show. There will be several awards sponsored by fiber organizations in addition to IWC, including the ever-popular People's Choice Award. There is a special award for the entry that best represents the conference theme: **The Peak of Creativity**. You may want to experiment with new fibers, apply a newly learned skill, or perfect a tried-and-true technique. This is your chance to show off your work whether it is functional or just fun. Entries must have been completed since the last Conference (June 2025). It is easy to enter—no pictures, no jurying. Just bring your item or items to the registration desk when you check in.

The Workshop Leader and Board Show highlights the work of the Workshop leaders and the IWC board members.

Fashion Show

At each conference there is a Fashion Show. This event involves a lighthearted walk down the runway and is open to all conference attendees. It's an opportunity to share your beautiful creations with the community and your friends. Feel free to model anything from clothing to dish towels, from rugs to basketry. Drape it on your body and strut your stuff! Or, ask a friend to model your work for you. We encourage all those interested in participating to begin planning their projects. Take inspiration from the beauty of the fiber, nature, and the colors around you.

Scholarships

Two scholarships will be offered for the 2027 Intermountain Weavers Conference. The scholarships offer free tuition for one workshop. Travel, lodging, and meals are not included. Applications will be online at **http://intermountainweavers.org** starting Sept 1, 2026 and end Dec 12, 2026. Few people apply, so your chances of being selected are good!

Sponsorship

For the first time in our 21-conference history, we are offering sponsorship opportunities to help fiber arts businesses nationwide increase their customer base by exposure to a targeted audience. We are hoping you will join us as an IWC sponsor. Sponsorship levels vary in the amount of advertising you will receive and range from $150 to $2000. Higher sponsorship levels include getting your logo on conference swag. For more information, please go to https://www.intermountainweavers.org/sponsor.html