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Autumn Greetings, Fiber Friends!

This Hillcreek Fiber News is arriving a little late this fall for several reasons. Carol Leigh has been attending events non-stop, plus our newsletter publisher, Phil, has been attending to some medical needs.



One of these exciting events was the **American Textile Society's** conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Its focus this year was on natural dyes, so of course I had to attend as a vendor. I was surprised to be the only vendor offering natural dyes for sale. I visited with both international dye specialists **Jenny Balfour-Paul** from England, author of *Indigo* (\$75), and **Dominique Cardon** from France, author of the most comprehensive book on natural dyes, *Natural Dyes, Sources, Tradition,*

Technology and Science, \$175. Her workshop on (reds and purples) filled many months before the conference. I regret not being able to attend her workshop, but did meet her when she autographed her book for me. She's a delightful person, and her extensive research on dyes is remarkable. I had met Jenny at an earlier International Dye Conference in 2002. Dominique will be co-hosting the International Symposium and Exposition on Natural Dyes (ISEND) in France April 24-30, 2011. I hope to attend.

Our **September Missouri Dye Workshop** yielded exceptionally beautiful colors this year. We had a challenge finding elderberries as the growing season seemed to be much earlier than normal. However its colors were exceptionally delightful: beautiful lavenders, teals, and greens. See our web site newsletter pictures of the workshop for details in living color on page 10! I always love the colors nature provides — every color in the rainbow, and much much more!

Other exciting news: our affiliate **True Blue Fiber Friends** has moved to a new location — higher visibility and lower overhead — both important in these economic times. Shella, Bex, and Rose can be found in the Forum Shopping Center, corner of Stadium and Forum Boulevards, in Columbia, Missouri. Phone number and web site are still the same: 573-443-TBFF (8233), www.truebluefiberfriends.com. They just hosted acclaimed knitting author, Lucy Neatby, for three days of workshops. See pages 8 and 9 for more details.

As I write this I have been marveling at the most unusually beautiful weather we have experienced this fall. The leaf colors are glorious as we travel to New York for the Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool Festival, then through Pennsylvania and down

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