

## **SAMPLERS**

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Samplers first met in April 1999 at Virginia Dusenbury's home with 4-5 members interested in four shaft twill so appropriately name themselves "The Twill Group".

Lucetta Walker and Lois Beaubian were their inspiration. Early meetings were a history of these two women's lives and travels through their weaving and collections.

S A Zielinski's "Fascination of Twills" was studied until we all knew about twill and had sample books to prove it. Among the subjects studied were Madelyn van der Hoot's "Structure of Drafting", Donna Mueller's "Laces", "Twill Thrills", there was a towel exchange, placemat exchange in Summer-Winter, then Advancing twills and Shibori, to mention a few of the projects.

After all the sampling we decided to change our name to "Samplers" when we kept working on more than four shafts.

Samplers have traveled to Vancouver, Granville Island, and Jane Stafford Textiles on Salt Spring Island, Victoria, Bozeman and yearly to Rags in Fife.

We have studied a variety of weave structures, color and texture over the years. We are better weavers because of the inspiration provided by the group but the friendships and bonds we have formed will last a lifetime.

2008 membership is 14.