

## WEAVING INDIANA 2018 CHALLENGE

### Due at November Guild Meeting

From the president—Cindy Wilson:

This year we have two challenges. Guild members can choose either or both. One is a personal challenge and the other is a chance to help a group of young people in need of support. Which challenges you the most? Which satisfies you the most?

#### #1—WEAVING OUR PAST



After our wonderful and informative visit to the weaving studio at Conner Prairie, a number of people commented on looking at their own history and finding the weaving that might reflect that history. So our first challenge is to search for a weaving pattern that would reflect your ancestry. What is your heritage? What weaving would represent that heritage? What form would that take—a runner, a towel, napkins, a set of placemats? So this year we will not do an exchange, but rather bring a weaving that is personal to each of us. I am from PA Dutch ancestry, and I want to do a runner using the Conewago Star. While that takes 16 shafts, which I do not have, I have found a similar star from a [Handwoven](#) article by Tom Knisley. So I will pursue that.

#### #2--RED SCARF PROJECT



Since 1981, Foster Care to Success, <http://www.fc2success.org> has worked with thousands of foster youth to overcome the challenges, doubts, and fears they face when attending college. One of their many projects is to give them a red scarf to keep them warm and remind them of the people who support them. So our second challenge is to weave a red scarf, and then the guild will donate all that we receive to this organization.

#### GUIDELINES:

**Size:** Approximately 60” long and 5” to 8” wide. Scarves should be long enough to be wrapped around the neck, with tails long enough to be tied in the front.

**Style:** Think unisex collegiate. Fringes are optional. Your scarf should drape, tie easily and be soft.

**Color:** Red! However, this could mean burgundy, cherry, russet, red stripes with other colors, or multicolor hues including red.

**Finished & tagged:** For a personal touch, attach a tag saying “Handmade for You” with your first name, city, and group affiliation, if any. Donors have also included washing instructions, messages of encouragement, gift cards, and more.