

Teaching Travels

Sigrid Piroch is an internationally known textile expert who travels frequently to teach a wide variety of textile topics on weaving, spinning and computer textile design. She has taught for over 70 museums, craft schools, studios, colleges, conferences, polytechnics and guilds in 11 countries, more than 40 US states and various Canadian provinces.



- In 2002 Sigrid taught and toured **Thailand and Laos through the US State Department and the US Embassies** in both countries. In Bangkok she presented "Patterns which Connect" for the *Textile Conservation and Cultural Preservation Conference* at the **Siam Society** under royal patronage, and then for the **National Museum of Thailand**. She gave 11 presentations in 4 cities, in Vientiane and Luang Prabang/Laos, Chiang Mai and Bangkok/Thailand. Her topics included "American Historic Textiles", especially featuring handwoven coverlets; "Conservation: Caring for your Textile Collection" in Tropical Rain Forest regions, and "Textile Analysis: Discovery and Documentation", including hands-on workshops.
- In 1995 she traveled over 30,000 miles to teach in **Australia/Tasmania and New Zealand** giving 33 seminars and workshops in 13 weeks on many varied subjects -- she was the only foreign tutor for **National Conferences** in both Australia and New Zealand; workshops included, among others, **The Otago Polytechnic School of Art** in Dunedin, NZ and **The International Weaving School** in Picton, NZ.
- In 1994 Sigrid taught, researched and toured England, the Czech Republic, Germany, Sweden and Slovakia giving workshops for craft centers, guilds and museum staff on "Computer Textile Design" including, among others, the **Swedish Handicrafts Society** in Stockholm Sweden and **The Slovak National Museum** in Martin Slovakia .
- In 1988 she toured and taught for 7 weeks in the Northwest, Canada and Washington/Oregon on a variety of topics.
- Some US billets have included: the **Marshfield School of Weaving** in VT, **Harrisville Designs** in NH, **Marymount College** in NY, **Wyoming Museum** in PA, the **Rob Roy Tavern School of Weaving** in PA, **The Handweaving Museum and Arts Center** in NY, the **Southwest Craft Center** in TX... and others throughout the country.

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Since 1983 Sigrid has taught for the following Conferences, including 9 of the past 10 Convergences from 1986 on...

- **Convergence** in Toronto Canada, San Jose CA, Washington DC, Minneapolis MN, Portland OR, Atlanta GA, Cincinnati OH, Denver CO plus for **Ars Textrina** Chicago IL.
- **Textile Fibre Forum** — Mittagong, Australia
- **National Woolcrafts Festival** — Invercargill, New Zealand
- **Textile Conservation and Cultural Preservations Conference** -- Bangkok, Thailand

[including Keynote]

- **Alberta Provincial Conference** — Peace River, Canada *[including Keynote]*
- **Northwest Conference** — Victoria, British Columbia *[including Juror]*
- **Complex Weavers Conferences** — Illinois, Oregon, California, Ohio and Colorado *[including Keynote]*
- **Fiber Forum** — Washington State *[including Keynote]*
- **Ontario Handweavers Seminars** – London
- **Fiber Arts Forum** — Maryland *[including Keynote]*
- **Midwest Weavers Conferences** — Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana
- **Michigan League of Handweavers** — Traverse City *[including Juror]*
- **Florida State Conferences** — Orlando and state central *[including Juror]*
- **Intermountain Weavers Conference** — Colorado *[including Panelist]*
- **MidAtlantic Fiber Conferences** — New Jersey and Pennsylvania *[including Juror]*
- **Eastern Great Lakes Fiber Conferences** — New York
- **Conferences of Northern California Handweavers** *[including Juror]*
- **Kansas Association of Weavers and Spinners Conference** *[including Keynote]*
- **New England Weavers Seminars** – North Andover, MA
- **American Textile Museum's Manuscripts Conferences** — Thousand Islands, NY
- **Rochester Weaver's Fiber Show** — New York *[Juror]*
- **SouthEast Fiber Forum** — Georgia *[including Keynote]*
- [*Coming up: Southern California Weavers Conference 2005 \[including Keynote\]*](#)
- [*Coming up: Surface Design Association 2005*](#)