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HWSDA Conference-Retreat 2017

The decision was made by the Executive to try a “Retreat” form for our annual Conference this year. This was partly because we wanted to provide variety, and partly because we wanted to ensure an affordable way for our members to come together—knowing that many are planning to go to the ANWG conference in Victoria in June.

Our Retreat will be held at **Augustana Campus, University of Alberta, on May 13-14** ie the Saturday and Sunday of Mother’s Day weekend. The scheduled events like the AGM, the banquet (with a keynote speaker), a fashion show, Show awards, and Camrose-hosted events, will all take place on the Saturday... with a continuation of informal events on the Sunday morning. For this reason we will offer a “day rate” for Saturday-only, charging only to cover the rental of meeting spaces. The accommodation and meals at the University are also very reasonable.

The theme for the conference will be **Canada: 150 Years**. We will approach our long-time members to participate in a round table discussion about all the changes which have occurred not only in weaving and spinning, but in learning and selling over the 40+ years of the Guild. Members will be encouraged to bring any “ancient” books and equipment to remember and enjoy...

This year there will be a Non-Juried Show... the theme will be ANY interpretation of the Conference Theme (ie does NOT need to be red and white!)... and all the usual awards will be given, but decided by People’s Choice. Members will submit an entry form with registration, but may bring their work with them or send it with a friend.

It is our hope that this Conference-Retreat will support our members gathering as a community, to work together and to share their expertise... our vision is of lots of Show’n’tell and Work’in’progress, lingering discussions and many stories.

Please feel free to email me (Lyn Pflueger, pflueger@telus.net) or any of the executive with any questions