

Manners for Workshops

There you are, entering the room on the first day of the workshop. You are on time, aren't you? (Workshops always start promptly at 9:30 am). And, you have everything on the supply list in your basket or bag. You might have your sewing machine, as well.



Bet you also have your cell phone, and it's turned on.

STOP...Change it so it will vibrate instead of ring. If it does vibrate, step out into the hall to handle the call. Workshops go much, much better without distracting interruptions.



Find a spot where you will be happy working for the next two days.

Depending on the workshop, you may have a table to yourself, or you may be sharing. Old friends may be nearby, or you may have the opportunity to make new friends. You need to have your area set up and ready to go by the 9:30 start-up.

There's a hostess for each workshop. She helps the instructor and does whatever else is needed to keep things going smoothly. Be prepared to give her a hand if she needs it.

If the workshop involves ironing, be sure to use one of the guild's ironing boards that will be set up here and there in the room. We've found that ironing of any sort on the plastic tables, even with a pad, usually results in a meltdown.

At lunchtime, find a clear spot at a table in the workshop room and have your meal there. We only rent one room from the church, so we can't spread out into other rooms, tempting as it might be.

We've had very good luck leaving our workshop stuff overnight at the church, but on Thursday, of course, everything must go. You are responsible for cleaning up the spot that has been your little camp for two days. If you have to leave early, this is especially important. Get everything of yours taken care of, and see if there's something you can do for the general clean-up effort before you go.

At the end of the workshop there's lots to do - often especially in the kitchen ... Pitch in.

Most of all ... Enjoy!

THANKS
"SEW" MUCH