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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This is the eighth volume of *Ars Textrina*, and it is time to say the usual few words of introduction. We have no changes in format to announce, but we have made certain additions to this current volume. Immediately following this message, you will find three pages of information that should be of use to many of our readers. These are a **Policy Statement for *Ars Textrina***, followed by a page of **Instructions to Authors**. Finally, there is an announcement of the **Sixth Annual Textile Conference**, which is being held this year at North Dakota State University.

Volume Eight contains both contributed papers and some of the papers presented at the Fifth Annual Conference on Textiles which was held at Illinois State University, under the direction of Professor Naomi Whiting Towner, in July of 1987. These form a particularly stimulating group of studies; I am certain that all readers of *Ars Textrina* will find them of great interest, and will look forward to the other studies that will be appearing in Volume Nine, which will be going to press in June of 1988.

The Sixth Annual Conference on Textiles will take place in June of 1988; it is being organized by Professor Cheryl Nelson and will be held in Fargo, North Dakota. Details are given in the formal announcement that appears three pages onwards. Papers from that conference will be featured in future volumes of *Ars Textrina*. However, let me take this occasion to repeat the fact that we do not merely publish papers that have been presented at conferences; we encourage submissions to *Ars Textrina* on any aspects of textile study--historical, economic, practical, anthropological, or theatrical. We are very happy that the number of submitted papers to the journal is steadily increasing, and we look forward to maintaining a high level of interesting presentations. In the first eight volumes of *Ars Textrina*, we have covered a wide variety of topics; I hope that succeeding volumes will display even greater diversity.

R. G. Stanton

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GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ars Textrina is dedicated to the dissemination of all forms of knowledge about textiles. We encourage contributions in any areas related to the theory and practice of textiles. These may range from the history of textiles to the study of textile machines, from studies in the economics of the textile industry to practical discussions of textile creation and structure, from anthropological studies of the use of textiles in early societies to the aesthetic use of modern textiles in the theatre or as a substitute for paintings, from textile philately to the study of methods of conservation and preservation of a wide variety of textile products. We aim to cater to a wide variety of tastes, and we seek authors with a wide diversity of backgrounds, experience, and interests.

Ars Textrina is one of the sponsors of an Annual Conference on Textiles (the 1988 conference is being held from June 24 to June 26 at North Dakota State University), and many of the papers from these conferences have been published in the journal. However, we have also published many other papers, and we encourage submissions from textile experts, whether they be in academia, in industry, or in the crafts areas. We are striving to produce a refereed journal of high quality that will be of interest and of use to a broad spectrum of readers with differing professional and cultural backgrounds.

Finally, we should state that **Ars Textrina** is a non-profit venture; as such, we are happy to consider specialized articles that may have a restricted readership, but that preserve esoteric or little known aspects of the development of ancient or modern textiles. Specialized scholarly articles are just as welcome as more general articles that will appeal to a wider readership. We exist in order to help with the sharing of textile knowledge and textile expertise.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

for papers submitted to

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1. All papers will be computer typeset. Consequently, if your paper is typed, the only important thing is to make sure that a clean clear copy is provided. Two copies should be submitted originally; one of these will become the file copy, and the other copy will be sent to the referee.
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7. If you happen to produce your paper on a microcomputer yourself, please submit it in Times font, with the pages both left and right justified. Please use a page width of 5.5 inches and a page length of 9 inches.
8. Small diagrams and photographs can be interspersed in the text of any paper. If you have a large number of photographs, it is simplest for the composition of the journal if they can all appear, appropriately numbered, at the end of your paper. If this is not possible, you should indicate the approximate positioning of the photographs within the paper.
9. American, British, Canadian, or Australian spelling practices are all acceptable; however, we do ask that consistency be maintained throughout any paper. Write "fiber" or "fibre", but not both in the same paper.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON TEXTILES

JUNE 24 - JUNE 26, 1988

The Sixth Annual Conference on Textiles will be hosted by the Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design at North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, from June 24 to June 26, 1988.

This annual international interdisciplinary conference is sponsored by the Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design of North Dakota State University; by the Charles Babbage Research Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; and by *Ars Textrina*, a refereed international professional journal.

Invited scholars in textile history, theory, practice, and development will present original research papers on various topics such as the history of textiles, clothing, aesthetic design, technical design, trade patterns, or economics; the conservation and/or preservation of textiles; innovative manipulation of fabric structures; aesthetic concepts in fabric structures.

Papers will be refereed for presentation at the conference as well as for publication in Volume 10 or Volume 11 of *Ars Textrina*.

For further information concerning the **Sixth Annual Conference on Textiles**, write to:

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