

# "From Dirt" Challenge

*We can trace just about everything in life back to mother earth, can't we? Well, let's see just how far back to nature we can take our crafting skills.*

## **Here's the challenge...**

Using your imagination and creativity take a project as far back to mother earth as you can possibly go. The successful participant will create a piece made solely from the most basic natural materials and processing methods available.

## **Examples...**

Let's look at a couple examples. If you create a piece of pottery, did you collect your clay from a clay pit, did you develop your own glaze material, did you fire it using a non-industrialized kiln? If you create a piece of wool fabric, did you shear the sheep, process the wool, dye the wool, spin the wool, did you create your fabric using non-industrialized equipment? How about a wood carving project, a basket project, a glass project, a print or painting project, a project of cotton, or linen, or leather? How far back can you go?

## **Rules...**

- Project must be started no earlier June 1, 2010.
- Project must be finished by 6:30pm, October 28, 2010.
- Record all materials and methods used in your project.
- Your 'From Dirt' project presentation will be made at the Guild's General meeting on Thursday, Oct 28, 2010.
- Be prepared to be challenged on every facet of your creation by answering the question: "And where did you get that from?" "How did you do it?"
- The winner(s) of this challenge will be the artisan(s) who convincingly defend sources of material and processing methods back to their furthest beginnings and who created the most unique, appealing entry.

Winners and all participants will have their work displayed in a public exhibit planned for later this year or early next.