

# Textile & Fabric Newsletter

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## 1000 Days & Counting— Our Greenwood Mill sets new Safety Record!

1000 Working days-over 3 years-is a long time. For 40 workers in a Manufacturing Plant to go without one accident or injury, even a minor incident, is truly amazing! For that, we commend our Management team and all our hard-working employees at our Delaware textile mill. Steve Luchansky, VP of Mill Operations said that "I have been around Production mills my entire career, and have never seen this type of safety streak". He explained just how this gets done. "We place top priority on safety", says Steve. This all starts with the 5 person Safety Committee lead by Paula Wheatly-they do a



**Our Greenwood Mill team at the August 3rd Picnic**

daily check on all machinery, and have meetings every 2 weeks. There is a Monthly Management and Employee meeting. In any type of textile production facility, there is going to be a lot of machines, chemicals, steam and gas

drying, rolling machines- all of these things that can cause injury if not trained properly. Our team there is the best, and celebrated this milestone with a Big BBQ and Party on August 3rd. As of today, I can tell you we are now at 1051 days!

## Burlap Sales Going Through The Roof!

In the 40 years of manufacturing Dyed Burlap, we at Thompson have never seen sales and demand higher than it has been in the 3rd Quarter! We are seeing double-digit increases in the sales of 46" Bengal, 47" Shalimar and 60" Sultana. Order activity with

Retailers has never been stronger; the Party and Event Trade has discovered Burlap's natural, native charms also; our Distributors and online accounts are way up; the various Industrial & Manufacturing accounts who use Burlap can't get it in fast enough. We have

been able to handle all this demand, thanks to the crew at our Mill, working overtime to dye, process and ship! So, please, order as much as you want- we are ready to help you sell Burlap, with stock in 20 shades, ready to ship!

## NEW! PRE-SHRUNK WAFFLE CLOTH!

We have refined this novelty-weave fabric we offer in 45" 100% Cotton! One of the big problems, because of it's loose weave, was high shrinkage. These new goods are Sanforized to maximum 5% shrinkage. We will be offering this in White and Natural for shipments starting in November. Great for Kitchen textiles, shower curtains, spa wraps, and apparel.

**QUILT MARKET- SEE US AT BOOTH 152 IN HOUSTON OCT. 29TH-31ST**

## Don't Forget to Try New 60" Broadcloth

Sure, a lot of companies offer Broadcloth, but no one is offering more-versatile 60" width in 100% Cotton! This is a beautiful solid, a 133x72 thread count. All colors in stock-see card below.

