

In 2007, *Homesteader* subscribers completed a survey, offering our staff valuable feedback. One survey topic was controlling costs. Mailing costs have doubled since *the Homesteader* began, and we'd prefer to raise subscription rates only as a last resort. Some subscribers confessed to removing the jute from bound issues to better store them in a 3-ring binder; others outright suggested not binding, recognizing the hands-on time the task required. We know the jute is a welcome touch for many, so we decided keep it as an option if you don't want to store your issues in 3-ring binders. Happy binding!

