

## FTWG Survey Summary 2011

Only 71 of the 181 responders were members of FTWG. That's less than half yet they are members of the local guilds.

About 13% (24) of the responders do not weave. The next highest fiber craft was knitting at 58% (102) followed by Spinning at almost 45% (78) and Dyeing at 43%.(75)

Almost 38% (68) of the responders have never been to Conference.

Only 34% (60) said they were attending Conference this year.

The highest reason for not attending was "there weren't any classes I wanted to take" at almost 40% (33)

The question on what was your favorite class was all over the place. Spinning classes were mentioned 12 times. Weaving technique classes were also mentioned many times. Karen Selk, Jason Collingwood, Rita Buchanan and others all received multiple hits.

The question on what is your favorite part of Conference was much more focused. Getting away and spending time with friends in a different environment was by far the main reason for attending. The classes and shopping were also very popular reasons for attending. It came up quite a few times that we should consider other venues and move it around the state.

There were many names brought up and ideas listed for what classes would they like to see offered. I think what struck me was that some people said stick with weaving and some people said other classes were good also. We are a diverse group. Throughout the survey a thread that came up multiple times was use more local talent.

By far people think our mission is a good one. For the most part people like or love Conference. There were a considerable number of folks who thought we should branch out. But communication is something that was mentioned over and over. In this and the next item which asked for general comments. Poor communication and lack of the newsletter were mentioned several times. There were several comments about only having the Conference on non Convergence years and then do local talent. Also, there were several suggestions about joining up with SE Fiber Forum for Conference.

If anyone would like a copy of the full survey you may email me at [clanders@cfl.rr.com](mailto:clanders@cfl.rr.com) and I will send you a copy.

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