

FIBERCATIONS - January 2017

Note from our President for FTWG – Jan Beasley, Queen of Purple queenofpurple@windstream.net

This has been a busy fall and holiday season. My progress on Ursula is slow but she is sooo cute. Ursula is a darling sheep designed by Karla Gerard that I just started hooking last fall. I have also made some beaded snowflakes and started a wool appliqué.

The 2017 conference is shaping up nicely. Several classes still have openings so it isn't too late to register. The Sakiori and Zanshi class with Tom Knisely is full. The tatting class with Marie Roth has also been cancelled. Karen Donde had to cancel her Twill Gamp class due to some unforeseen medical issues. She hopes to return to our wonderful conference in the future.

We will be waulking!!! This practice involved a group of people beating newly woven **tweed** rhythmically against a table or similar surface to soften it. Simple, beat-driven songs were used to accompany the work. This is a great experience if you have never had the opportunity to watch or perhaps participate.

There will be a Member's Market and the Outreach booth will return along with a great selection of vendors including the knife/scissor sharpeners. Don't forget that we will have our marvelous Fashion Show, Fiber Exhibit and Guild tables. And for the first time, the guild tables will be judged!!

Fiber Exhibit Please plan to share your best fiber creations from this last year with attendees at Conference in 2017. Everyone should have at least one (and as many as three) items to enter. There will not be a formal judge, but everyone will choose their own favorites (you can even vote for yourself!)

This year's FIBER EXHIBIT CATEGORIES for competition:

1. LOOM WEAVING
 - a. Garments (jackets, shawls, vests, blouses or skirts, etc.)
 - b. Accessories (scarf, belt, purse, etc.)
 - c. Functional Items (placemats, towel, napkins, etc.)
 - d. Yardage
2. INKLE OR CARD WEAVING
3. TAPESTRY
4. BASKETRY
5. SPINNING
6. JEWELRY (beads, metal, cloth)
7. KNITTING OR CROCHET
8. OTHER (such as surface design, felting, dyeing, wood turning)

Bring your creations to share with fellow fiber enthusiasts so you may inspire and challenge other conference attendees. Include your own display support, if possible. Information for entering your entries will be in your CONFERENCE FOLDER and at the FIBER EXHIBIT. Also, PLEASE bring a 3x5 CARD with information about your work: name of your piece, technique, materials, whatever you learned while making it. This will remain by your entry so others will have an explanation of your piece, but no name on it, please. We will confirm the artists' names at the ribbon ceremony.

Questions or suggestions: Marilyn Frew mlfrew@earthlink.net

News for FTWG

Look for Fiber Exhibit entry titles: Look for Fashion show form

Look for Vendors list: Remind your fellow fiber friends: Time is wasting to register

Scholarship Deadline is February 15!

You still have time to apply for one of FTWG's Scholarships! \$100 Scholarships CAN be used for the March Conference fees or any local guild workshop. Our \$700 Scholarship can be used for tuition, lab/materials fees, room, board and travel related expenses for a fiber-related study at an accredited institution. (You need to be a FTWG member for this year and last year 2015-2016.) Check out all the requirements and fill out an application at <http://ftwg.org/Scholar.htm>.

The Towel Exchange

Due to over scheduling, family stuff, and general lunacy, I have dropped the ball on the towel exchange. Anyone who wishes to exchange towels, bring them. Original plans were natural fiber, fingertip (about 12"x 18" finished - read SMALL) towels. Hemmed. I will try to have a printer available, so one draft/project sheet is fine, we can make copies there. If you contact me, I will try to get a count. A dozen fabric samples can be exchanged the same way towels are. Michele- mbelson@fsu.edu

OUTREACH AT CONFERENCE

Last year our conference (many minis) did not have an Outreach Table. This year the table is back. We will be selling beautiful Guatemalan items from Mayan Hands and Upavim. This is an FTWG volunteer effort.

If you would like to help staff the Outreach Table, please get in touch with Carol Turner
carturn5@gmail.com
[352 378-0745](tel:3523780745)

Thank you!!!

SOCIAL MEDIA FANS *-- you can now link directly to our groups on Facebook and Ravelry. Go to our web page and click on the direct links, make us one of your groups and let's get some chatter and photos up. Remember to always REFRESH the web page to get the newest info.

Looking for a wheel or a loom? Check the **Market Place on our web site**, items are added often.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU MARCH 16-19, 2017

Menu for a Great Conference:

Start your 2017 Conference with a delightful **"appetizer"** to tease your creative taste buds. Select from our following mini classes:

Another 7 Earrings for Every day of the Week-
Weave a band on a Bow Loom-

Lois Mittleman
Paula Heller

Know your Spinning Fibers-	Ann Mikeal
Fiber Collage/Fiber Enhancements-	Marci Mills
Entrelac Basics-	Rebecca Bowen
Beginning Tapestry- Mask or Purse-	Rose Young
Calusa Colors-	Susan Hedge and Barbara Brown
Weave 2 Mug Rugs on a Rigid Heddle Loom-	Michele Girard
Canned Critters –	Leslie Cohen

Follow your “appetizer” with a “**main course**” selection from our workshop menu:

Paper Bead jewelry & Paper Boxes	Judy Anderson
The fine Art of Textile Design	Bonnie Bowman
Scottish Tartans	Melissa W. Dunning
Introduction to Electronic Textiles-	
Hot Wire Noah’s Ark	Geri Forkner
Wood Turning	Dan Hoffman
Spinning Florida Friendly Fibers	Sara Norine James
Artistic Twill Basket	Nancy Jones
Sakiori and Zanshi: Japanese Rural Cloth	Tom Knisely
Woven Rag Purses, from Start to Finish	JoEl L. Logiudice
Wordplay, a Tapestry Design Class	Terri Stewart

Finally, add a dollop of “**dessert**” by tasting all of the sweet things offered:

Meeting old friends, door prizes, meeting new friends, a fashion show, renewing friendships, a fun fiber exhibit, SHOPPING, entertainment, ice cream in the snack bar, and our goodies list goes on and on.

Conference Table Exhibit Reservation

Calling all Florida Guilds to share your fiber experiences this year with a table exhibit. How exciting it is to see what members have accomplished! I encourage you to set up an exhibit this year at the FTWC in March. A table, approximately 6 feet by 2 1/2 feet, rents for \$10 with locations created on a first come, first choice basis. Please send the reservation form below by February 28, 2017. If you have any questions please call Susan Hedge (239-839-5574) or email susanhedge@me.com

RESERVATIONS FOR GUILD EXHIBIT TABLE

YES, we wish to reserve a table for our guild exhibit at the FTWG Conference. Enclosed is a check made out to FTWG in the amount of \$10.

Name of Guild _____

Contact Person _____

Phone or email _____

RETURN BEFORE FEBRUARY 28 TO: Susan L. Hedge
1337 Barrett Road
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903

Guild Tables Will Be Judged in 2017! The Guild Table Exhibits are always exciting to see and prove to be an important inspiration for our Guilds. This year we will be awarding ribbons for the Best of Guild Table Exhibits. Every guild is encouraged to consider reserving a table for this year's conference. It certainly isn't difficult and is so inspiring to see what everyone is doing. Here are some suggestions. 1. Try to avoid using any kind of tape on the walls as it may take off paint. The small removable sticky hooks seem to work well and can be removed at the end of the show. 2. Better still, design a free standing back drop for your display. One guild used shutters which were painted black and made a lovely back drop on which the members work was exhibited. 3. Tables are 6 feet by 2 and 1/2 feet long so measure table covers accordingly. 4. You might consider a theme. As your year progresses a theme will probably present itself. You will need to fill out the attached form for reserving tables and return to me by February 28, 2017 along with your entry fee of \$10.00. Susan Hedge susanhedge@me.com 1337 Barrett Road North Fort Myers, Florida

FTWG List of Teachers and Topics for 2017 Conference

Fonda Haddad, VP Programs for 2016, presented the list of teachers and classes for the 3 day programs for the 2017 Conference.

1. Judy Anderson—Paper Bead Jewelry and Boxes
2. Bonnie Bowman—The Fine Art of Textile Design (dyeing, discharge, painting, printing fabric)
3. Karen Donde—Weave a Twill Gamp
4. Nancy Jones—Artistic Twill Baskets
5. Geri Forkner—Introduction to Electronic Textiles (felting, nuno felted resist bag)
6. Marie Bengé Craig Roth—Beginning Tatting
7. JoEl Levy Logiudice—Woven Rag Purses (Loom)
8. Melissa Weaver Dunning—Scottish Tartans
9. Sara Norine James—Spinning Florida Friendly Fibers
10. Tom Knisely—Sakiori and Zanshi
11. Dan Hoffman—Wood Turning

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Online payment

Until we have the ability to sign up for Conference online, all credit card payments will be handled by invoice. This is how it works:

- #1: Download, fill in the registration form, and mail it to Jody Cosby
- #2: We will verify the amount due and send you an invoice through Paypal
- #3: You will then have 3 days to pay the invoice while we hold your place in the class(es) you have chosen. You do not need to join PayPal to use this service.

Please direct payment questions to Cynthia Starr, chstrr@gmail.com

Find the **Minutes and the Treasurers report online**, along with an updated membership list. You must be a member to get to these. Minutes will be delayed till they are approved.

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