

# FIBERCATIONS ---JUNE 2016

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## **Note from our President for FTWG – Jan Beasley, Queen of Purple**

The 2016 conference is officially wrapped up! People really enjoyed our conference. As usual, there were grumbles about the food but we don't really go to conference to eat! ☺

Our line up for 2017 sounds amazing and Michele Belson is starting to line up instructors for 2018. If you want a specific teacher or class, please get in touch with the teacher and have her/him send a proposal to Michele. This is your conference and you need to make your wishes known.

Our next board meeting is September 18, at Westminster Winter Park retirement community. Everyone is welcome to attend. I really enjoy seeing the new people and ideas at the board meetings.

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## **Scholarship News**

The FTWG Board is happy to announce our 2016 winners as Heather Greene for the \$100 scholarship and Jennifer Williams for the \$700 scholarship. Please watch your newsletter for reports from these lucky winners about where they went and what they learned.

FTWG is offering \$100 annual scholarships. The scholarship recipients may be reimbursed, up to \$100.00, for a Florida Guild sponsored workshop; an FTWG Conference workshop; or to take an instructional class in Florida to upgrade or learn a new fiber arts related skill. Scholarship will not exceed \$100. Also offered is a \$700 scholarship covering tuition and travel for a fiber related class. Check our [scholarship page](#) for details and form.

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**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.

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## **Publicity**

I had so much fun taking pictures this year. The energy was over flowing. I have almost 65 photos and I still didn't get everyone or everything. So, if you have a favorite photo or two send it to me. We'll see how many photos the web site can handle. [bbtavel@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bbtavel@cfl.rr.com) Bev Tavel

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## **A Note from the Conference Coordinator for 2016:**

Wow! Did all of you come through for our "MiniWorkshop" Extravaganza at Lake Yale! From Fonda Haddad who found and scheduled all the instructors to Jody Cosby's "Lucy unclad" for our yarn bombing experiment, everyone contributed and made my job so much easier. Special thanks go out to

Caroline Tacker who handled our complicated registration records, Margarette Griffiths who recruited and planned the wonderful vendors, Alice Martin who arranged for terrific door

prize providers and “goodie bags,” Cynthia Starr who acted as liaison with Lake Yale staff and kept our finances on track, Sara James and her helpers, Cindy Koedoot and Diane Drutowski, who handled the registration desk, Bev Tavel with John Gilbert for innovative publicity, Karen Simpson who oversaw our informal fiber exhibit and Peggy DiNegro who handled both the ribbons for the exhibit and the Handwoven Towel exchange. I also am very grateful to Sidsel Moreb and Ginger Clark for an entertaining (and “fascinating”) Fashion Show, Susan Hedge for coordinating some spectacular guild tables, members of the Jacksonville guild for beautiful name tags, Betty Ann Wyman handing out two much appreciated

Scholarship awards, and all those others who worked behind the scenes as “helpers” (you know who you are!). And, of course, the Queen of Purple, our President Jan Beasley, who shepherded us all. Thank you everyone, from my heart. Next year promises to be even better! Marilyn Frew

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## **Florida Guild Tables**

Many thanks goes to the Guilds that set up exhibits at the 2016 Conference. This year we had five guilds that participated. The tables are always exciting to see and we encourage every guild to consider reserving a table for next year. It certainly isn't difficult and is so inspiring to see what everyone is doing. Next year we will be judging the guild exhibits so put your on your creative hats and begin planning. 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. (This was my first year doing an exhibit so my suggestions come from my own mistakes. Other suggestions are welcome; feel free to pass them along for sharing.)

Later I will send out forms for reserving tables to the Guild contacts that I collected this year. Feel free to send me appropriate names for contact persons at this email address. I want to send information to the appropriate person and hopefully we will have more Guilds participating next year.

Susan Hedge  
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## **Towel Exchange**

Michele Belson ([mbelson@fsu.edu](mailto:mbelson@fsu.edu)) is handling the towel exchange next year. Please email her if you want to participate. I believe we are making 12 x 18 towels. She will let you know the exact details.

## **Brief summary of 2016 conference evaluations:**

Most heard about the conference through their guild or friends, some are members and have been coming for years, and a few found it online. Fiber arts interests included: weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, rug hooking, embroidery, baskets, tapestry weaving, knit and crochet and almost any other fiber arts you could think of.

Over 50% registered before January 1, 2016. Favorite things included: meeting old friends and making some new ones; the classes; fiber exhibit; fashion show; vendors; no cooking or cleaning.

Non favorite things were: too cold; poor lighting in vendor hall and of course, the old standby the food. Most would return to conference. For future classes there were requests for all the fiber arts, particularly longer and more advanced classes in inkle, weaving, and tapestry. Some classes in paper arts were suggested.

As to the use of credit cards, 65% of the returned forms indicated yes, 5% said no and 30% were neutral about the use of the credit cards. Some indicated they did not want to pay the assessment fee for the use of a credit card.

Remaining at Lake Yale: 60% indicated they wanted to remain, 5% said no, please change the venue; the rest did not make any comments about the location of conference.

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### **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

Michele Belson, 2017 VP Programs, will be developing the list of Thursday short classes after mid-July. People interested in teaching should send her a proposal: [mbelson@fsu.edu](mailto:mbelson@fsu.edu).

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**Find the Minutes and the Treasurers report online, along with an updated membership list.**

**FTWG Board 6-1-15 thru 5-31-16**

**President- Jan Beasley**

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