

FIBERCATIONS - October, 2017

Boy!! When it rains, it pours!! Hurricane Irma really did a number on us. The board meeting was cancelled as were many other events. Through the magic of email and conference calls, the brochure was completed and posted on the web site. Ellen Turner did a marvelous job of 'herding the cats'. Margarete Griffiths did an outstanding job of collecting and organizing a ton of information. Michele Belson has a great variety of classes to choose from.

I am looking forward to another marvelous conference....It is never too early to start making your plans to attend! Please note the registration dates. from our FTWG President – Jan Beasley, Queen of Purple queenofpurple@windstream.net

To all FTWG members,

What a Fall this has been with interruptions and delays. Well, the wait is over! The brochure and registration form for FTWG 2018 are now available online. This impressive brochure describes the twelve wonderful choices for 2½ day workshops, and eleven fun choices for Thursday afternoon mini-classes. **As members, you can register starting on November 15. Other folks can register starting December 15.**

If you chose to pay by credit card, you will receive an invoice by email. You do not have to have a PayPal account to pay this invoice.

Your class choices will be confirmed on or before February 1.

So, read up and start pondering your choices. We hope to see each of you at our wonderful event in March. Remember also to get projects going for the Fiber Exhibit, Fashion Show, and Guild Exhibit Tables. We will have an awesome selection of vendors and the spinning circle in the main hall. All of these add to the fun and inspiration that this Conference offers to feed our creative spirits. If you cannot come for the whole experience, add a day to your calendar to come visit and shop.

See you in March, Ellen Turner, 2018 FTWG Conference Coordinator.

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.

All info on March 2018 Conference is available online at the FTWG web site. Up to date membership, conference info on available minis and 2 ½ day classes are all in depth info and in color for your enjoyment. There are no Treasurer report or Minutes due to our recent bad weather.

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District 5 – Nametags, workshop assistance and angels: Janice Lauterbach/alternate Barbara Brown (sarasotachickens@gmail.com/ bjbrown7@comcast.net)

District 6 – Vendors, Member's Market, Guild Tables: no District 6 so volunteers will handle the tasks. Vendors will be handled by two current vendors: Ann Mikeal (twinmommycreations@hotmail.com) and Ginger Clark (gingrclark@gmail.com)

Guild Tables: Karen Greene (karen@greeneland.com)

TROPICAL SCARF EXCHANGE

We are looking for fun or elegant Scarf as Jewelry kind of vibe. Think fashion accessory. Sign up deadline Nov 1, 2017. caloosa@juno.com Weave one scarf plus samples for others in the exchange, or weave two scarves - one for you to wear at next year's conference. Size of Scarf 9" in the reed, weave 70" plus 6" twisted fringe, plus a sample for everyone in exchange. Choose a draft, fiber or colors that are interesting or challenging or something new you want to try. Fibers: Your choice, Cotton, silk, tencel, linen, rayon, bamboo. Samples: 4" X 4" with a draft sheet for each person participating in the exchange. Final numbers sent to you Nov 15, 2017. Warping suggestion - For one scarf plus sampling for 10(if you want to start weaving before Nov) - 4.5 yard warp, if you would like a scarf for yourself then 6.5 yards should be enough for samples and two scarves - one for the weaver and one to exchange. Or you can wait until after Nov when we know how many have signed up. Choose something that challenges you, a draft or technique you have been wanting to try, lace, supplemental warp, more colors, mixed fibers, something fun. Charlene Schurch caloosa@juno.com

\$\$\$ Scholarship Money Available \$\$\$

FTWG awards several \$100 and one \$700 scholarships every year for classes, workshops conferences exploring fiber – weaving, spinning, dyeing, learning about fleeces – and countless more fiber-related subjects.

If you have been a FTWG member for at least one year, you may be eligible for one of these awards. Check out the applications and requirements at <http://ftwg.org/Scholar.htm>