

# *FIBERCATIONS ---April 2015*

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## **Note from our President for FTWG – Jody Cosby**

This is my last message as President of FTWG. Many thanks go to all who helped and supported me during these past 4 years and to those who listened to me gripe and grumbly I am eternally grateful. I have found many new friendships and look forward to seeing all of you at our 2016 Mini Workshop Conference. Jody

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## **A SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE YOURS**

As a member in good standing of FTWG, you are eligible to be awarded a scholarship to perfect a skill or explore a new interest in the fiber arts. One \$700 scholarship is offered to a member to attend a big regional or national conference. Four (4) \$100 scholarships are available so you may participate in a Florida sponsored guild (or our state) workshop or attend a class offered by an instructor to enhance your fiber art skills. Application forms are available to download from our FTWG Website.

## **THINK SCHOLARSHIP 2016**

JOY! Coming to 2016 FTWG Conference at Lake Yale, March 17-20, 2016, and receiving a scholarship for \$100 ( or \$700) ! **HOW?** Simply submit an easy to complete application you download from the FTWG website and submit it to the FTWG Scholarship Chairperson. THINK SCHOLARSHIP 2016! Scholarship Chair (her name) is awaiting YOUR application.

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By Berna Lowenstein

I won an FTWG \$100 scholarship to attend Laverne Waddington's Andean Pebble Weave class at this conference. The class was excellent. Laverne is a fantastic teacher. She brought all the equipment, and all we had to bring was a C-clamp, scissors, and a pencil. Laverne would demonstrate a technique for about 10 minutes and then we would go do that technique until we were comfortable with it. She explained why we were doing each technique, because every move had a purpose to help us create the woven bands. We progressed from picking up all the patterns by hand, to creating string heddles to do the work for us. I learned so much. That's what I love about weaving. Just when you think you've learned everything, there's another technique or weave structure to learn. I greatly appreciate the scholarship, and I thank FTWG for giving it to me. Even though I'm a pretty experienced weaver, I've never woven on a true backstrap loom before, and I've never done Andean Pebble Weave before. Now I'm hooked.

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## **Dates for future Conferences:**

**March 17 thru 20, 2016**

**March 16 thru 19, 2017**

**All Mini Conference**

**Regular Conference**

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The Florida Meat Sheep Alliance on April 24-26, held in Ocala. Contact [doug@meyerssheepfarm.com](mailto:doug@meyerssheepfarm.com) or thru the Ravelry group Florida Sheep and Wool Festival.

**SWAY Art Yarn Festival 2015**

Please join in our fun fiber event in Sarasota, FL on April 25-26 for a workshop with Suzy Brown (Woolwench) and Arlene Thayer (Spin Artiste). We will learn how to use and create color in spinning.....just as we want it.....using various techniques. And, there are also new spinning techniques to try!!

On Friday, an additional workshop with Debra Lambert will allow you to go home with completed leather, embellished journal. All supplies are included!

Information, hotel details, cost, and supplies can be found at [www.swayguild.com](http://www.swayguild.com)

<b>2015 FTWG Door Prize List</b>
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Vendor	Contact Info	Winner	Gift
Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts	ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS P.O. Box 567 556 Parkway Gatlinburg, TN 37738 865-436-5860 <a href="mailto:info@arrowmont.org">info@arrowmont.org</a>	Dorina Scalia	GC for one weeklong workshop tuition
Eucalan,	P.O. Box 374, Paris, Ontario Canada N3L 3T5  <a href="mailto:info@eucalan.com">info@eucalan.com</a>	Joann Wilson	Gift pack of 4 bottles of wash
Gilmakra USA LLC,	50 Hall Ln, Clancy, Mt 59634  <a href="http://glimakrausa.com/contact-us/">http://glimakrausa.com/contact-us/</a>	Mary Scott	Boat shuttle
HGA	<a href="mailto:hga@weavespindye.org">hga@weavespindye.org</a>	Leslie Lyman	Book – Showcase 500 Beaded Jewelry  CD – Convergence 208 Tampa – Exhibits
Halcyon Yarns,	Halcyon Yarn: 1-800-341-0282 or  207-442-7909  12 School Street, Bath, Maine 04530  <a href="http://halcyonyarn.com/contact.html">http://halcyonyarn.com/contact.html</a>	Lyn Keil Karen Simpson	1. Halcyon Tote bag with yarn sample cards for rug wool, for wool rug ,and for silk scarf.  2. brass heddle hook, set of weaver’s project sheets
Schacht Spindle Co.,	6101 Ben Pl, Boulder, CO 80301	Nancy Reach	Zoom Loom

	<a href="mailto:info@schachtspindle.com">info@schachtspindle.com</a>			
WEBS.	WEBS - America's Yarn Store 6 Industrial Pkwy Easthampton, MA 01027  <a href="http://www.yarn.com/contact-us/">http://www.yarn.com/contact-us/</a>	(?) not recorded		\$25 gift card
The Woolery	315 St Clair St, Frankfort, KY 40601  <a href="mailto:Info@Woolery.com">Info@Woolery.com</a>	Ramona Abernathy-Paine		Spinners Tote Bag with drop spindle and spinning fiber
Yarn Barn,	<i>Yarn Barn of Kansas</i>  930 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, KS 66044  <a href="mailto:yarnbarn@sunflower.com">yarnbarn@sunflower.com</a>	Cindy Koedoot		Boundweaving DVD
Joan Furci (member)	704 Baytree Dr Titusville, FL 32780 jfurci@gmail.com	Alice-Anne Ferderber Berna Lowenstien		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Large cone white chenille</li> <li>2. Large cone (1.5 lbs) white 4/4 cotton</li> </ol>
31 Gifts  Liza Posey	Liza Posey 904 Yorktowne Drive Rockledge, FL 32955 Liza.posey@gmail.com	Bev Tavel		Tote bag  (Delivered by Diane Click)
Serendipity Farms,	980 Cypress Chapel Road Suffolk, VA 23434 sheepman@gte.net	Edie Sanders James Lyman		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 cones eyelash yarn</li> <li>2. 3 cones eyelash yarn</li> </ol>
Marilyn Frew (member)	507 Fernandina St., N.W. Palm Bay, FL 32907 mlfrew@earthlink.net	Chelsea Dinsmore Gail Ratliff		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Falkland Top Roving</li> <li>2. Romney Roving</li> </ol>
Twin Mommy Creations	2011 Thornhill Road #301 Auburndale, FL 33823 twinmommycreations@hotmail.com	Lois Mittleman		Handspun yarn, handcrafted lotion, handcrafted lip gloss
Raspberries	782 Douglas Ave. Dunedin FL 34698 janraspberries@aol.com	Kim Hale		Set of 4 Project (tote) Bags
Euphoric Fibers	5801 NW 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street Gainesville, FL 32653  <a href="mailto:ginger@ewephoricfibers.com">ginger@ewephoricfibers.com</a>	Gail Dixon		Tape measure, spinning wheel wax, merino roving

Al Carr Works in Wood	1020 Bee Pond Road Palm Harbor, FL <a href="mailto:Turn.weave@gmail.com">Turn.weave@gmail.com</a>	Margarete Griffiths	\$40 Gift Certificate
Fonda Haddad (member)	P.O. Box 2107 Titusville, FL 32781	Marilyn Frew Sidsel Morab Jill Formaz	1. Gourd bowl with pine needle rim & base 2. Gourd w/ weaving & inlay 3. Rattan basket w/ leather rim
Camaj Fiber Arts	810 Kara Circle Rockledge, FL 32955 <a href="mailto:megbert@camajfiberarts.com">megbert@camajfiberarts.com</a>	Barbara Zory Jody Cosby	1. Soff silk Fiber 2. Maharajah merino Top
Sunshine Knit Designs	5695 State Road 16 St. Augustine, FL 32092 <a href="mailto:sundogknitter@outlook.com">sundogknitter@outlook.com</a>	Betty Wyman Gillian Hillis	1. Long Dog Handspun BFL 2. Long Dog Handspun merino
Earth Bound	828 N.W. 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609 <a href="mailto:Laurie.wilkins@gmail.com">Laurie.wilkins@gmail.com</a>	Nancy Collins	Uganda Basket

### **Annual Retreat – Fiber Get-Away**

The motel has been contracted for the annual retreat, now known as the **Fiber Get-Away**. It is scheduled for September 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 of 2015. This is open to all, not just members of FTWG. Plan a week-end get away to Tarpon Springs this year. Join in on the outings, shopping, and great food. Bring some projects, bring a friend or two, and enjoy the comradery of fellow fiber enthusiasts. We work on our own projects, share ideas, help others out, perhaps learn something new, and of course, wine and dine. Contact Sandy Carr ([turn.weave@gmail.com](mailto:turn.weave@gmail.com)). A \$25.00 deposit is required.

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### **Historian Needed**

**FTWG is in need of an Historian.** This is a voting Board position. If you like scrapbooking or working with photo albums, consider offering your services.

Contact [jcosby001@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jcosby001@cfl.rr.com).

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## **Dues Increase**

The Board has established a dues increase, beginning in the FTWG fiscal year June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. The dues will increase to \$25.00 per year.

Dues are used to cover all administrative expenses, like insurance/bonding, our scholarships, maintaining our web site, costs of Board meetings, and postage. In past years our administrative budget has remained in the red. Income from Conference is used to cover Conference expenses which include: instructors teaching costs/travel and accommodations; event insurance (\$1000.00 per year); and supply costs associated with Conference and publicity.

Please note that we are prepared to accept payment of dues by check, PayPal, or Square. If using PayPal or Square, a processing fee of \$1.00 will be added to the dues, making it \$26.00 if using either of these methods.

The anonymous donation of \$1000.00 that we received last March was applied to the 2015 conference expenses, enabling us to cut the cost of attending for this year. Since FTWG has a 501C3 standing, all donations to FTWG are tax deductible.

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## **Children's Exhibit at FTWG**

### **We want to thank all that participated in the children's exhibit**

**Sidse Moreb's students, Tapestry and Prosperity- Hen- Pockets.**

**Sara Norine James students, Baskets, Pillow, Pot holders and free weaving.**

**Beth Batcheller's 3rd grade students and their Stitches at Bear Lake Elementary School.**

**Mandy Dillman's 5th grade students and their CD weavings at Casselberry Elementary.**

**Michael Ann Elliot's 2nd grade students with mud cloth and the 1st graders with their Guatemalan Weaving.**

**Check the web site for photos!**

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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.

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Looking for a wheel or a loom? Check the **Market Place on our web site**, items are added often. It has been recently updated. Be sure to refresh the page.

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### **MINI CLASS CONFERENCE- INSTRUCTORS NEEDED**

We need teachers in all media: spinning, weaving, basketry, dyeing, mixed media and anything fiber related. Especially need 3-4 hour sessions. Attached to mail outs is the proposal form for teachers to fill out. Those computer oriented need to go to the web page. Please print information in bold lettering as they tend to come out very light.

Fonda Haddad

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In 2016, we will be having another of our fun mini class conferences, and do we need teachers; lots and lots of teachers. Our last mini class conference, we had over 50 different classes. If you want to offer a mini class contact: Fonda Haddad ([fondahaddad@frontier.com](mailto:fondahaddad@frontier.com)) or talk with her at Conference. She is in the Bead Embroidery class.

If you know of a fellow fiberholics that can teach a class you would like offered, talk to them and/or give their contact information to Fonda. When teaching a mini class, you furnish the class description, a photo of the project, set the fee, and identify any supplies needed or any fee you will charge for furnishing the supplies. We will collect the class fee upon registration, furnish you with a list of enrollees and pay you for each person who has signed up for the class. You can offer a 1, 2, 3 hour class; a class of 6 hours; a 2 day (12 hour) class; any length you want. But remember, most people like to take a variety of classes. You can repeat the class or offer as many different classes as you want. We need lots of instructors and classes. FTWG does not pay any fees to teachers in the mini class conference. **Share your specialty with us in 2016, teach a mini class!**

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Hope you are finding time to relax - it was a great conference!

### **2015 FTWG Scholarship Awards**

Two \$100 FTWG Scholarships were awarded during our 2015 Conference at Lake Yale.

Berna Lowenstein was awarded \$100 for her participation in Laverne Waddington's "Back Strap Pebble Weave Workshop". The classroom reflected Laverne's Bolivian roots and offered Berna the opportunity to perfect her new skills.

Mary Schumette was awarded \$100 for the fall Weavers of Orlando's "Jump Start Jacket Workshop", to be taught by Daryl Lancaster. Mary's weavings are always beautiful and this workshop will offer her the opportunity to create an elegant jacket in celebration of the use of her skills.

CONGRATULATIONS to Berna and Mary!

Joan Furci, Scholarship

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### **VENDORS AT CONFERENCE 2015**

**Allen B Carr, Works in Wood -- Al Carr**  
[turn.weave@gmail.com](mailto:turn.weave@gmail.com)

**Alpacas of Willow Hill -- Launda Soper**  
[www.alpacasofwillowhill.com](http://www.alpacasofwillowhill.com)  
[launda1@msn.com](mailto:launda1@msn.com)

**the bead chick -- Peggy Ward**  
[www.thebeadchick.com](http://www.thebeadchick.com)  
[pegsrugs@yahoo.com](mailto:pegsrugs@yahoo.com)

**Camaj Fiber Arts -- Mary Egbert**  
[www.camajfiberarts.com](http://www.camajfiberarts.com)  
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**Earth Bound -- Laurie Wilkins**  
[www.earthboundinc.org](http://www.earthboundinc.org)  
[laurie.wilkins@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.wilkins@gmail.com)

**Ewephoric Fibers -- Ginger Clark**  
[www.ewephoricfibers.com](http://www.ewephoricfibers.com)  
[ginger@ewephoricfibers.com](mailto:ginger@ewephoricfibers.com)

**Lea Zinke Wearable Art -- Lea Zinke**  
[www.leazinke.com](http://www.leazinke.com)  
[beads@leazinke.com](mailto:beads@leazinke.com)

**Lunatic Fringe Yarns-- Michele Belson**  
[www.LunaticFringeYarns.com](http://www.LunaticFringeYarns.com)  
[info@lunaticfringeyarns.com](mailto:info@lunaticfringeyarns.com)

**Raspberries -- Jan Scully**  
[www.r-studio-raspberries.tumblr.com](http://www.r-studio-raspberries.tumblr.com)  
[janraspberries@aol.com](mailto:janraspberries@aol.com)

**Serendipity Farm & Studio -- Mary Scott**  
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**Sunshine Knit Designs --  
Rebecca Bowen**  
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[sundogknitter@outlook.com](mailto:sundogknitter@outlook.com)

**Thirty-One Gifts -- Liza Posey**  
[www.mythirtyone.com/lposey](http://www.mythirtyone.com/lposey)  
[liza.posey@gmail.com](mailto:liza.posey@gmail.com)

**Twin Mommy Creations -- Ann Mikeal**  
[www.twinmommycreations.etsy.com](http://www.twinmommycreations.etsy.com)  
[twinmommycreations@hotmail.com](mailto:twinmommycreations@hotmail.com)