

FIBERCATIONS ---July 2015

Note from our New President for FTWG – Jan Beasley (Queen of Purple)

Who is interested in having a 'garage/destash' sale at conference?? Some of my interests have changed and I have some lovely items for sale (at very good prices).....If you would like to participate in something like this, please let me know. If there are enough folks willing to participate, I will bring it up at the next board meeting. This heat definitely keeps me inside with the A/C. I have learned a new skill-quilling with wool!! I have paper quilled for years and this is just as much fun. Like most of you, I have several projects going at one time. The goal for me is to actually complete something.

We are going to have a fabulous conference—there are many different mini classes being offered. Not only can you try out a new skill, you can work on any project that you want. And there will be a spinning circle and lots of impromptu collaborations!! Make plans to join us March 17-March 20, 2016.

Jan Beasley, Queen of Purple, queenofpurple@windstream.net

A SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE YOURS

Members in good standing of FTWG 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 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 Betty Ann Wyman is awaiting YOUR application.

Membership for the 2015-02016 Year

As Membership Chair, I would like to encourage you to become one of our members. Click here to print out the [Membership Application](#) and mail it to me with your \$25 check, or click on the link below to pay \$26 online by credit card. You will then be eligible to register early for the upcoming 2016 Conference, ahead of non-members. March is a great month to get out and spend time with friends, make new acquaintances, learn new techniques or broaden your existing skill sets.

Wondering if you are currently a member? Check the website under the Members Only section or contact me on the link below. [Ann Pierson](#) FTWG Membership Chair

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). A \$25.00 deposit is required.

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 Jan Beasley at queenofpurple@windstream.net

Dates for future Conferences:

March 17 thru 20, 2016	All Mini Conference
March 16 thru 19, 2017	Regular Conference

Spring Break 2016 for Fiber Friendships

By the middle of summer I usually have the first of my 18-month calendars, and that reminds me to transcribe all those “next year” appointments to its pristine pages...and *that* shocks me into the usual “where did the time go?” reaction. Do you have your next year’s calendar yet? It is definitely not too soon to put the 2016 FTWG Conference on your personal schedule. We will return to beautiful Lake Yale from Thursday, March 17th through Sunday, the 20th. The Board members whom you elected are already working to make it a fun, creative, and challenging yet relaxing, Spring Break for all of us ‘fiber-holics.

This year will be our second ever, ‘All-Mini’ Conference. That means that instead of stressing over which 3-day workshop you most want to take, you can choose more than one class, lasting from just an hour to all day, and perhaps sample a couple of crafts you’ve never tried before. You can decide how much to spend beyond the cost of room and board. And you can schedule time to really shop, sit at a table with friends and work on a project, or just relax! (Do we ever do that?) The brochure will be out in October, but let me assure you now that the choices are myriad (baskets, jewelry, spinning, dyeing, kumihimo, weaving, knitting and more). Have you always wanted to try knitting Orenburg lace? Or weaving on a rigid heddle loom? Or nuno felting, rug hooking, or perhaps spinning silk? Here’s your chance!

If you have not renewed your membership, be sure to do so immediately so you can be among the first to register in November and get all your first choices. If you don’t remember if you renewed, Ann Pierson is the person to ask...and remember that you now have the option of paying on-line! That on-line option will also make this year’s conference registration easier for many, too. (We seem to be catching the 21st Century at last!) The comments on your evaluations of last year’s conference (good and not so good) have been read and absorbed. Changes are being made and we promise to improve where we can. We trust you are partnering with us in that endeavor and that you will come and play with us again in March of 2016.

---Marilyn Frew Conference Coordinator 2016

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.

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

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*Please note: Nametags are being done by Jacksonville Guild this year, as they offered to make them previously.

Loom for Sale: Walnut loom designed and built by E.T. King, in Jefferson, Iowa in 1941. Modeled after the Orca74, 4 harness, six treadle loom. Also includes: 1 warping board (new), 1 stretcher bar, 1 shuttle, 1 book for 4 harness, six treadle looms. For more information call Amy Lounds at 772 – 216-1645.

