

FIBERCATIONS – April, 2017

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

The 2017 annual conference was wonderful!!! Jody Cosby and Cynthia Starr did a fabulous job as conference coordinators. There were a few bumps in the road, but with lots of cooperation and flexibility, things worked out. I enjoyed visiting with folks that I don't get to see on a regular basis. I also made some new friends, which is a great thing.

Margarte Griffiths lined up some wonderful vendors much to the chagrin of my pocketbook. 😊 Alice Martin collected a huge number of door prizes. The guild tables were over the top—big thanks to Susan Hedge for organizing and arranging for judging. This was a first for FTWG. Please share your thoughts with me about the pros and cons of this.

The towel exchange was small but wonderful. Next year, there will be a scarf exchange. Charlene Schurch will be organizing this event. Details to follow. Michele Belson has lined up some interesting classes for the 2018 conference. We still need some ideas for weaving classes. Contact Michele mbelson@fsu.edu if you have suggestions. This is your conference and we want to offer classes that interest you.

The 2018 conference will be March 15-18. Make sure you mark your calendars!

Scholarship Winner

Jennifer W. won the big scholarship last year.

Here she is showing us her slides and telling us how wonderful her trip was.

So, if you have a class you want to take just sign up and apply for one of the scholarships.



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.



Children's Exhibit at Conference

I hope you saw the Children's Exhibit this year. If not here are 2 pictures.

Sidse and her faithful students always have some new projects for us to see.

The Weavers of Orlando sent in some of their Demonstration weavings.

Three schools and 500 students come by to see the spinners and maybe weave on the loom.

If you have anything for us next year. I would love to show off. Let Beverly Tavel know at bbtavel@cfl.rr.com.

Outreach at Conference

Again this year, Conference sponsored an Outreach Table featuring items (woven cloth and bags, baskets, felted animals, hand-beaded jewelry, etc.) from Guatemala. The items were supplied by Mayan Hands and UPAVIM. Both organizations work directly with artisans, helping them create and market their works. Their proceeds support improved economic well-being for the women artisans and also education for the women and their children.

FTWG elected to send 100% of the sales proceeds to the two organizations. Sales this year were \$975 for both, a lower figure than we'd hoped. IF YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING TO PURCHASE, PLEASE VISIT THE WEB SITES OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ARE EASY TO WORK WITH AND MOST RESPONSIVE IN FILLING ORDERS.

A new leader for Outreach would be wonderful (the current one is most willing to help next year). Without question, you have fabulous ideas out there for offering different items from these two organizations and/or for other ones in the well. In the past, Outreach has included items from Chinese, Haitian, and Navajo artisans. Your leadership, suggestions, and participation are requested. Carol Turner

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.

TROPICAL SCARF EXCHANGE FTWG 2018

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

