

FIBERCATIONS - July, 2017

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

Hello! I just can't believe how fast time flies....the board met last week and discussed the evaluations for the 2017 conference. Over all, it was a success. As usual, there are things beyond our control but we are working on the other areas. Thanks for letting us know your thoughts. We are gearing up for the 2018 conference. Michele has a variety of classes lined up based on suggestions on the evaluations. Our goal is to have the brochure posted in September.

Make sure you have renewed your membership so that you will be eligible for early registration. One of our classes filled on the first day last year! Think about applying for one of our scholarships. It is a great way to defray the cost of attending a class or workshop. The Board has voted to make Mary Schmid an honoree lifetime member. She is a staunch supporter of FTWG.

FTWG Instructors for 2018

Karen Donde – Non round robin structure class. Karen and I are chatting to finalize this to appeal to the most people. The evaluations gave me more direction. We're thinking lace or maybe repp- stitch.

Karen Duncklee – Funky Chicken Technique for Rug Hooking

Michele Girard – Rigid Heddle Weaving. Students will learn the basics (and a bit of Color and Weave Theory) with a warp of colorful Mug Rugs. Then expand their knowledge with a second warp of either American Maid cotton for 2 fingertip towels or Tubular Spectrum Yarn to weave a scarf.

Jill Holbrook – Spinning Cotton for Knitting and Weaving

Giovanna Imperia – Kumihumo with Wire

MJ Lord - Weaving Your Pets! Create tapestries featuring your pets and other loved ones.

Shari Moroshok – Pillow Beaded Beads with Applique

Karen Swing – Boro on IndigoDyed fabric Dye your scarf and a few other bits in an indigo pot, then learn the techniques of the ancient art of Boro to create a gorgeous scarf .

Dan the Woodturner

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.

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

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District 1 & 7 – Fiber Exhibit: Alice Martin dolfuns@bellsouth.net
District 2 – Mini workshops, door prizes, goodie bags: Ginger Clark/backup Peggy DiNegro (gingrclark@gmail.com/mrpegdinegro@earthlink.net)
District 3 – Awards/ribbons and Fashion Show: Sara James/alternate Mara Iocolano (sara@saranorine.com/mara@madebymara.com)
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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

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

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

FTWG awards several \$100 and one \$700 scholarships every year for classes, workshops or conferences exploring fiber – weaving, spinning, dying, 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>



FTWG CONFERENCE 2017 EVALUATION



1. Your favorite trees at Lake Yale

Palms	4	Both - 3
Live Oaks	37	Myrtles - 1
Additional comment: this question is awesome		

2. Your favorite two things about FTWG Conference this year:

Friendly folks/seeing old friends/meeting new friends	32
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- a. Well-organized conference
- b. beautiful hand work/fiber & guild exhibits
- c. Social & inspiration
- d. Lighting in Conf. Hall x2
- e. Surface design class – stimulating for a person who usually does harness weaving
- f. Meals better than ever – good soups, breads x2
- g. Door prizes x 5
- h. Touching all the fiber
- i. Variety of classes providing inspiration
- j. Great volunteers
- k. Good job Ladies!
- l. Being able to teach & meet some wonderful new weavers
- m. First time coming and enjoyed
- n. Networking
- o. Teaching/Teachers x2
- p. Tom Knisely’s presence – including outside the classroom x2
- q. Beautiful natural setting x2 / site – clean & tidy
- r. Smooth registration
- s. Room 408 - great bed – slept better than at any other FTWG conf.
- t. Member’s Market – great idea – got rid of some yarn I hated
- u. Well organized. Room & food & class – great deal for the money
- v. High energy creativity
- w. Beautiful peaceful campus - +Love the old Florida feeling of Lake Yale

Seeing all amazing things people are working on

