

FIBERCATIONS ---October 2016

Note from our President for FTWG – Jan Beasley, Queen of Purple

This has been a very hot summer!!! I have managed to start and finish some projects. I have made a few beaded snowflakes and some wool appliqué pin cushions. I started traditional rug hooking last fall and I am 'hooked'! I completed a bench cover for my loom bench in shades of purple (of course!) I have started hooking a darling sheep designed by Karla Gerard. I have named her Ursula and hope to have her hanging on the wall before conference.....

We are off and running with the 2017 conference! The brochure has been posted. Big thanks to Michele Belson, Ellen Turner, Jody Cosby, and Cynthia Starr for producing such a marvelous brochure. I am quite impressed with the variety of classes being offered. Members (as of October 5, 2016) can take advantage of the early registration date of November 1. Open registration will begin on December 1, 2016. If you become a member before December 31, 2016, you can avoid paying the \$ 35 non-member fee. **Please remember to 'refresh' as you view the site.** Jan Beasley, Queen of Purple, queenofpurple@windstream.net

Fiber Exhibit at Conference 2017

Plan now to show us at Conference what fiber wonder you are creating this year. The FTWG Conference will again present a Fiber Exhibit of our member's accomplishments, open to the view of all attendees who will choose the favorites. It is time to show off a bit! The categories will include not only traditional weaving, including garments and both artistic and functional items, but also other related fiber disciplines, including spinning, basketry, felting, knitting, crochet or embroidery, rug hooking, surface design and jewelry. And there will always be lovely wood turning. Think now about the item(s) you will display and enter for ribbons. Full information will be available by January, but don't wait for that. Fiber connects our souls to the past and the future...and to the friends who share our passions. ---*Marilyn Frew*

Scholarship News

The FTWG Board is happy to announce our 2016 winners as Heather Greene for the \$100 scholarship and Jennifer Williams for the \$700 scholarship. Please watch your newsletter for reports from these lucky winners about where they went and what they learned.

FTWG is offering \$100 annual scholarships. The scholarship recipients may be reimbursed, up to \$100.00, for a Florida Guild sponsored workshop; an FTWG Conference workshop; or to take an instructional class in Florida to upgrade or learn a new fiber arts related skill. Scholarship will not exceed \$100. Also offered is a \$700 scholarship covering tuition and travel for a fiber related class. Check our [scholarship page](#) for details and form.

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.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU MARCH 16-19, 2017

Menu for a Great Conference:

Start your 2017 Conference with a delightful “**appetizer**” to tease your creative taste buds.

Select from our following mini classes:

Another 7 Earrings for Every day of the Week-	Lois Mittleman
Weave a band on a Bow Loom-	Paula Heller
Know your Spinning Fibers-	Ann Mikeal
Fiber Collage/Fiber Enhancements-	Marci Mills
Entrelac Basics-	Rebecca Bowen
Beginning Tapestry- Mask or Purse-	Rose Young
Calusa Colors-	Susan Hedge and Barbara Brown
Weave 2 Mug Rugs on a Rigid Heddle Loom-	Michele Girard
Canned Critters –	Leslie Cohen

Follow your “appetizer” with a “**main course**” selection from our workshop menu:

Paper Bead jewelry & Paper Boxes	Judy Anderson
The fine Art of Textile Design	Bonnie Bowman
Weave a Twill Gamp	
with Color and Weave Effects	Karen Donde
Scottish Tartans	Melissa W. Dunning
Introduction to Electronic Textiles-	
Hot Wire Noah’s Ark	Geri Forkner
Wood Turning	Dan Hoffman
Spinning Florida Friendly Fibers	Sara Norine James
Artistic Twill Basket	Nancy Jones
Sakiori and Zanshi: Japanese Rural Cloth	Tom Knisely
Woven Rag Purses, from Start to Finish	JoEl L. Logiudice
Beginning Tatting	Marie Roth
Wordplay, a Tapestry Design Class	Terri Stewart

Finally, add a dollop of “**dessert**” by tasting all of the sweet things offered:

Meeting old friends, door prizes, meeting new friends, a fashion show, renewing friendships, a fun fiber exhibit, SHOPPING, entertainment, ice cream in the snack bar, and our goodies list goes on and on.

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Are you already a member? *What do you get?* Early choices for classes, Newsletters, Entry into the Fiber Exhibit, *Joining the Fashion Show*

Wanted : *Members, Members, Members -We need you to participate in:*

The Fiber Exhibit - The Guild table Displays -The Fashion Show - And come spend with our vendors

Conference Table Exhibit Reservation

Calling all Florida Guilds to share your fiber experiences this year with a table exhibit. How exciting it is to see what members have accomplished! I encourage you to set up an exhibit this year at the FTWC in March. A table, approximately 6 feet by 2 1/2 feet, rents for \$10 with locations created on a first come, first choice basis. Please send the reservation form below by February 28, 2017. If you have any questions please call Susan Hedge (239-839-5574) or email susanhedge@me.com.

RESERVATIONS FOR GUILD EXHIBIT TABLE

YES, we wish to reserve a table for our guild exhibit at the FTWG Conference. Enclosed is a check made out to FTWG in the amount of \$10.

Name of Guild _____

Contact Person _____

Phone or email _____

RETURN BEFORE FEBRUARY 28 TO: Susan L. Hedge
1337 Barrett Road
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903

Guild Tables Will Be Judged in 2017! The Guild Table Exhibits are always exciting to see and prove to be an important inspiration for our Guilds. This year we will be awarding ribbons for the Best of Guild Table Exhibits. Every guild is encouraged to consider reserving a table for this year's conference. It certainly isn't difficult and is so inspiring to see what everyone is doing. Here are some suggestions. 1. Try to avoid using any kind of tape on the walls as it may take off paint. The small removable sticky hooks seem to work well and can be removed at the end of the show. 2. Better still, design a free standing back drop for your display. One guild used

shutters which were painted black and made a lovely back drop on which the members work was exhibited. 3. Tables are 6 feet by 2 and 1/2 feet long so measure table covers accordingly. 4. You might consider a theme. As your year progresses a theme will probably present itself. You will need to fill out the attached form for reserving tables and return to me by February 28, 2017 along with your entry fee of \$10.00. Susan Hedge susanhedge@me.com 1337 Barrett Road North Fort Myers, Florida

Towel Exchange

Michele Belson (mbelson@fsu.edu) is handling the towel exchange next year. Please email her if you want to participate. I believe we are making 12 x 18 towels. She will let you know the exact details.

FTWG List of Teachers and Topics for 2017 Conference

Fonda Haddad, VP Programs for 2016, presented the list of teachers and classes for the 3 day programs for the 2017 Conference.

1. Judy Anderson—Paper Bead Jewelry and Boxes
2. Bonnie Bowman—The Fine Art of Textile Design (dyeing, discharge, painting, printing fabric)
3. Karen Donde—Weave a Twill Gamp
4. Nancy Jones—Artistic Twill Baskets
5. Geri Forkner—Introduction to Electronic Textiles (felting, nuno felted resist bag)
6. Marie Benge Craig Roth—Beginning Tatting
7. JoEl Levy Logiudice—Woven Rag Purses (Loom)
8. Melissa Weaver Dunning—Scottish Tartans
9. Sara Norine James—Spinning Florida Friendly Fibers
10. Tom Knisely—Sakiori and Zanshi
11. Dan Hoffman—Wood Turning

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Online payment

Until we have the ability to sign up for Conference online, all credit card payments will be handled by invoice. This is how it works:

- #1: Download, fill in the registration form, and mail it to Jody Cosby
- #2: We will verify the amount due and send you an invoice through Paypal
- #3: You will then have 3 days to pay the invoice while we hold your place in the class(es) you have chosen. You do not need to join PayPal to use this service.

Please direct payment questions to Cynthia Starr, chstrr@gmail.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.

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

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