

FIBERCATIONS ---October 2014

From Jody Cosby – President of FTWG-- Our brochure is finally out!

Our brochure, registration information, and instructor bios are on line. Registration will start November 1, 2014, for those members who are current with their dues. Non-members and members who have not renewed as yet, can register beginning December 1, 2014. Due to the very generous donation last year, we were able to keep the costs low again. At the September board meeting, we added all the expenses of Conference, subtracted the \$1000.00 donation and determined the registration cost based on the reduced figure. If you would like more details on the exact figures, contact me privately.

Take your time and check all the neat classes we are having this year, pick your favorite and register. If money is short due to the Holidays, why not use one of the credit card checks you receive. 2015 should be a fun filled conference, hope I see you there. Jody

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Come join the Fashion Show ----- This year's music is from

The Pink Panther movie

We need to have a mystery.

Help wanted:

Who can help with games, a story, and/or clues?

Let's make the 2015 conference a mystery weekend. Who's in?

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Contact: Nancy Kahrs

Choctawhatchee Bay Spinners Guild (CBSG); CBSG meets the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 2:00 at the Wellness Center behind Twin Cities hospital in Niceville. Our membership goes from Panama City to Pensacola. This guild has been in existence for 27 years and always welcomes new members.

Contact information is cbsgspinners@gmail.com

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Guild Tables for 2015 Conference: If your Guild would like a table reserved so you can display member made items, contact Alice Martin (dolfuns@bellsouth.net).

The cost is \$10.00.

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Rosemary Nolletti, past FTWG member and vendor at our Conferences, has informed us of a non-profit foundation for the arts, the Jennifer Nolletti Art Foundation . The Foundation's mission is to provide scholarships/assistance to students in need so they may continue development in art or music. It was established in memory of Rosemary's daughter; Jennifer, whose life was cut short due to an irresponsible driver. Visit the web site at www.jensartfoundation.org for more information. The future of our arts depends on our support now.

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Project Linus

Those of you who have seen the July issue of the FTWG Newsletter may have seen my invitation to the Guild (inadvertently printed in a heavy in-your-face font!) to participate in Project Linus, named for the cartoonist Charles Schultz's enduring character, and which through its over 400 national chapters seeks to provide security, warmth, and comfort to children - newborns to teens - who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, in the form of new hand-made blankets and quilts lovingly created by "blanketeers."

Members of my home guild in New Hampshire years ago embraced the opportunity to make and exhibit baby blankets which were then given to Project Linus and some fire departments. The product was wonderfully creative, challenging, and beautiful, and most gratefully received. The blankets can be of any size and fiber as long as they are washable. I have dug obsessively into past Handwovens, and found several structures -the lace family, basket weave, shadow with chenille, rosepath, waffle weave, twills, etc. Mine will probably be a canvas weave variation.

We will find space to exhibit the baby blankets at next year's Conference at Lake Yale, and hopefully invite a Project Linus chapter president to receive them there. It will be a beautiful exhibit! And so I hope many of you will join the members who are already committed to adding a baby blanket to your winter project list, and a precious gift to a needy infant. Without abusing mass mailing, I could at some point share structure or fiber ideas or suggestions or thoughts that any of you have. We could consider sharing drafts and samples on site at Conference. Let me know of your interest so we can get an idea of numbers. Dream Baby Blankets! And thank you!

Lenny Hirschberger, FTWG, NHWG windmill@worldpath.net

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FTWG is in need of an historian. This is a voting position on the managing board. It requires you to have a small display of our available historical records at Conference, and to solicit photos and souvenirs from our current Conference.

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NEW, NEW, NEW:

Want to have your Guild's upcoming programs and events on our web site, front page??

Contact Beverly Tavel at bbtavel@cfl.rr.com with the information and she will help you with publicity of your events.

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2016 will bring one of our past favorite types on Conference back again!!!

All MINIS, yeah. In order to have a full conference of minis, we need you to teach a class. Our last mini Conference had 53 classes in all. So take a minute, stop, and think what you can share with your fellow fiber fanatics?? You can teach a 1 hr, 2 hr, or 3 hr. class, as well as a 6 hr. class. You can teach part 1 on one day and part 2 on another day. You can teach several classes. Possibilities are endless. As we start on the brochure (with photos and descriptions) in July of 2015, we need your proposal now. Send your proposals to Fonda Haddad at fondahaddad@frontier.com, or contact her for additional information.

Teachers of a mini will collect their full student fee. Set your fee, let us know what supplies are needed from the student and off we go. If you are not staying at Lake Yale for the weekend, there is a \$10 per day facility fee which we collect and pay to Lake Yale. If you are rooming there, that fee is part of the room charge.

So put on your "fiber thinking hat" and be one of the first to offer to share your specialty. Email Fonda at fondahaddad@frontier.com.

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OUR WEB SITE: Computers are not exactly my forte' and I am aware that there are lots like me out there. After consulting with the webmistress, I am passing along some advice/hints to allow you to get the most recent postings.

If a web page is stored in your browser (as a favorite, for example) and you call it up, the browser just displays the stored page, not the newest version of the web page. You may refresh the page by clicking on the small icon in your browser bar, or you can reload the site in your favorites by going to the full address, <http://www.ftwg.org> (like, clicking on this address here). That makes the browser go to the actual site and not just display the stored page. Our webmistress, Martina, has added a code command to the web site that should automatically refresh the web site in the future, but for it to work the newest version has to be stored in your browser. So please delete FTWG from your favorites, enter the full address (<http://www.ftwg.org>) in the address field of your browser, and then add the site to your favorites again. If you continue to have problems, please let me know, Jody

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Are you part of the social media trend????? Now you can join us at **Florida Tropical Weaver's and Friends on Facebook**. Share your projects, photos, and meet your fellow fiberholics. We are also on **Revelry as Florida Tropical Weavers Guild**. This a great venue to share guild information as well. Post your meeting notices, workshops and guild photos for all to see. Share tidbits of information you find, new web sites, items you are seeking or selling. Keep in touch, we are all just a fingertip away.

FTWG SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE on FTWG WEBSITE

If you are looking to upgrade your fiber arts skills by applying for the \$700 Scholarship or one of the four \$100 scholarships , complete information and application forms are available on our FTWG Website. Our application deadline is. February 15, 2015.

FOUR \$100 SCHOLARSHIPS

Four \$100 Scholarships are available to FTWG Members, in good standing for one year. Applications are available on the FTWG website, & need to be submitted by February 15, 2015. Scholarship recipients will be announced at our Lake Yale Conference. A recipient may be reimbursed up to \$100 for a Florida Guild sponsored workshop; a FTWG Conference Workshop; or for a non-specific fiber related class to upgrade or learn a new fiber arts related skill. The scholarship will be available for use from the conference date to its expiration on May 31 of the following year. Check our FTWG Website for a listing of Florida Guild sponsored workshops.

A \$700 FTWG SCHOLARSHIP IS OFFERED

If you are considering a workshop at a "folk school" like Arrowmont, Penland, or John Campbell, you should consider applying for our \$700 Scholarship. This scholarship needs to be used within 18 months of its award. This scholarship can be used to pay for your material/lab fees, room, board and travel related expenses. In return you agree to teach a mini-workshop or to set up an informative display showing the skills you acquired (at our FTWG Conference at Lake Yale), **and** to submit an informative article for our newsletter. Joan Furci.

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Reminder – please check the website frequently to see what’s new. If you forget the password, contact the membership chair through the link by the password on the website.

To be found online at the FTWG web page within the members only section:

Monthly updated membership roster with names, phone numbers, emails, & addresses.

Membership form for 2014 is online for printing. If you missed doing this at conference – don’t forget!

FTWG Minutes & Treasurer’s report from last Board & Annual meeting

FOR SALE:

1. Mighty Wolf 8 harness floor loom. Folded 48" Breast; open 33 x 45; beam 29.5"; 94 lbs. New \$2200 ish. The Wolf Looms are the most popular looms in the United States. The Mighty Wolf was built in response to requests from weavers who liked the Baby Wolf and wanted the same loom but wider. The Mighty Wolf has a weaving width of 36", and uses the same X-frame design as the Baby Wolf. The Mighty Wolf comes with a high castle that includes a handy storage tray. **Includes stainless steel reed (8, 10, 12 dent), lease sticks, stainless steel heddle bars, and inserted eye heddles.** Been inside air conditioned home. Light usage. Asking \$1500. Live in Titusville, FL, you need to pickup and need trunk or LARGE van. See contact info below.



2. Schacht Spindle 8 Harness Table Loom – 30" across, 26" depth, 20" height + 5" of hand controls; includes 10 & 12 reed. Like new and good for workshops – fits in trunk or most backseats. Been in air conditioned home. See pictures below. Contact Gail Ratliff at 321-267-7166 or gratliff52@gmail.com Can bring to FTWG conference if YOU don't want to pickup. Cost \$623 new; asking \$500.



3. I am also LOOKING for a newer Baby Wolf with stroller to buy or work a trade. Gail Ratliff.

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FTWG Board 6-1-14 thru 5-31-15

President- Jody Cosby

Scholarship-Joan Furci

VP Conference Coordinators-

Outreach- Carol Turner

Jody Cosby & Cynthia Starr

VP Conference Coordinator Elect-

Historian-Open

Marilyn Frew

VP Programs- Fonda Haddad

Membership- Ann Pierson

Secretary- Karen Simpson

Newsletter- Gail Ratliff

Treasurer- Cynthia Starr

Appointed Committee- FTWG Publicity/School Outreach- Beverly Tavel

District Representatives:

District 1&7: Alice Martin and Anna Clark

District 2: HOST - Chelsea Dinsmore / Carol Turner

District 3: WORKSHOPS, ANGELS - Sara James /Lynn Johnson

District 4: VENDORS, GUILD TABLES, MEMBERS MARKET, PUBLICITY - Diane Click / Beverly Tavel

District 5:FIBER EXHIBIT - Edie Sanders

District 6: vacant

Volunteers: Berna Lowenstein (Fashion Show)

Peggy DiNegro(Ribbons and Awards)

Ellen Turner(Goodie bags and Door Prizes)

Jan Beasley(Mini Workshops)

Par Iverson (continuing to help with Programs)

