

# Jacksonville Weavers' Guild

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## President's Message

I hope this holiday time has found everybody in good health, presents are bought and enjoying the chilly evenings.

A reminder our Christmas Lunch is this next Saturday at Tracy's in Neptune beach. Arrival is at 11 am and a dish to pass. Let's all look like the holiday time in fun tops.

January's meeting will be a time to de-stash....Barer what you do not want and buy some of the groups stash. We will also prepare reeds for weaving in April meeting.

I will have room open at 9am and would appreciate a couple of people come early and help to set out the group's stash. Also need someone to take money if Kate is not there.

If I do not see you on Saturday, have a great and safe holiday.

Donna

I can't believe I need to do this, but I have to change the venue for the Christmas party to my sister's home. The address is <u>4700 Marsh Hammock Dr W. Jax</u>. It's located first right after getting off JTB onto San Pablo. Across from Mayo. I had been told (even up until Friday) that everything would be finished with the new addition. The tile in one bathroom will have to be replaced and the doors to both bathrooms are wrong for the third time. I don't believe anyone would feel comfortable without doors on the bathroom. It would be nice if who ever is coming would let me know and what you are bringing.

So sorry for change of plans.

Tracy

#### Ideas to Use Up Your Stash!

If you have just a little on a cone combine it in a project with other yarns and use it up. If you have a speciality yarn you just don't know what to do with it, then this it the time to use it up. If you have washable cotton or acrylic yarns combine them for a Linus blanket and use it up. If you have wool felt it or even take a class with Irene Henckle and use it up.

If you have handspun and never wove with it well this it the time and use it up.

### Notes From The Internet

Submitted by Susan Wallace

- Check out the \$120 kitchen towels. (No, there's not missing decimal point.)<u>http://tinyurl.com/gvaxgga</u>
- A working PVC 4-shaft loom you can build your own <u>http://www.pvcloom.com/?page\_id=16</u>
- Dhaka Muslin finest Bengali muslin pre-British <u>http://tinyurl.com/j67ufuo</u>
- The Persian rug may not be long for this world <u>http://tinyurl.com/z8zw23z</u>
- Using "fabric origami" in e-textile projects <u>http://tinyurl.com/zdbj2dn</u>
- Pleating fabric using paper molds <u>http://www.foldability.co.uk/blog/how-to-pleat-fabric</u>
- 2016 Complex Weaver's exhibit <u>http://tinyurl.com/gwx6rjv</u>
- Norwegian Folk School studies Viking-age skills including woolen sails https://www.hakaimagazine.com/article-long/no-wool-no-vikings
- Earliest known examples of indigo dyeing found in 6,000 year old Peruvian cotton LA Times story: <u>http://tinyurl.com/zw3suhb</u> Smithsonian Magazine story: <u>http://tinyurl.com/hvbrt7h</u>
- Budget cuts shutting down museum housing 308 steam driven looms (in one room). Originally there were 1000. The room has appeared in several movies including "The King's Speech." <a href="http://tinyurl.com/j99drth">http://tinyurl.com/j99drth</a>
- Silkworms being fed carbon nanotubes or graphene (both 100 times stronger than steel are spinning reinforced silk twice as tough as regular silk. <u>http://tinyurl.com/j9u3dgy</u>

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For the last several years members of the guild have contributed to a guild fund for Heifer International in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts. The guild hopefully collects enough money to "purchase" a sheep or llama (\$120-\$150) which Heifer then gives to a family to help support them in the years to come. Please bring your donation to the Christmas party if you have not already contributed. Thanks, Judy \*\*\*\*

REED PLACEMATS

Directions for the reed placemats will be available at the Christmas Party; We will cut the reed which was donated to the guild at the January meeting. You will need sharp heavy duty scissors – garden scissors work well, but not pruners. The reed may be dyed and directions for dying will be available at the Jan. meeting. Finished reed placemats will be presented at the April meeting.



## What Can You Do With Thrums? (November's Program)



# Show and Share From November's Meeting







