



Jacksonville Weavers' Guild

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November 2013 Newsletter

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### THE FABRIC OF LIFE

Several years ago while living in Maryland there was a very small doe with large brown eyes who regularly visited the feeder and salt lick. I named her, *Bambi*. Her eyes had a twinkle, but her coat was rough and drab and her tail hung limply as if attached only by skin. She was sick, injured, and ostracized by the herd, yet somehow she managed to survive the extreme cold January nights. When she would nestle down in the leaves, I wanted to go and pick her up, wrap her in a blanket, and make her well. But I knew that was not possible.

As she lay in the leaves one morning, I asked myself, why a blanket? – a mere piece of fabric! Does fabric represent warmth and protection to us as humans? I'm not sure of the symbolic nature of a blanket, but I do know that *Bambi* definitely had the will and structure to live – She had the “fabric of life”.

Weave a blanket!

Judy

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PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 9

DOUBLE WEAVE

This month's program on Double Weave will be presented by Judy Jull. Learn how to weave two separate layers of fabric at the same time creating bags, double width fabric, or attaching layers to make a double thickness. Bring any double weave projects you would like to share with the Guild – seeing is believing!!!

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**USE CRANBERRIES AS A NATURAL DYE**

Fresh cranberries are plentiful and available in the stores at this time of year. Buy some and try this recipe for a gorgeous color:

Use tap water (not distilled), alum as a mordant, fresh cranberries, and wool.

You will be amazed at the results!

--Submitted by Judy Jull



**DID YOU KNOW???**

We ‘cut’ the cards, ‘cut’ in line, buy a ‘cut’ of meat, say it’s a ‘cut’ above the rest; yet the word, cut, is also a unit for indicating the size of woolen or linen yarns in terms of multiples of 300 yards to the pound.

--Submitted by Judy Jull



**HOSPITALITY SIGN-UPS FOR NOVEMBER**

Jennifer, Kim, and Donna

Thank you so much for volunteering to bring snacks this month! ☺



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A fellow weaver who is handicapped has asked me if I had an 8 harness table loom for rent. I don't, but hopefully someone in the guild may know where one could be obtained. Please let me know if you have one that you would be willing to rent or sell. Thanks, Judy Jull

Thanks to everybody who contributed to this month's Newsletter! Judi Leatherberry, Editor (Temporary)





**JOIN US!**

...For a relaxing weekend under the beautiful oak trees on the shores of Lake Yale. Leave the world behind for four days of fiber, fun and fellowship. Located on Lake Yale, near the Eustis/Mt. Dora area of Florida, an hour north of Orlando. Hotel rooms and cafeteria are a short walk from the classrooms. We offer a full schedule of activities, including your choice of three-day workshops with outstanding instructors, mini-workshops, fiber exhibit, fashion show, guild exhibits, commercial vendors and more! Come and visit with old friends and make new ones. Spend a relaxing weekend in an old Florida setting.

**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, MARCH 13 at 1:00 PM**

**Mini- Workshops**

Thursday, 1 PM - 5 PM.

**3-Day Workshops**

Friday, 9 AM - Noon; 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Saturday, 9 AM - Noon; 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Sunday, 9 AM - Noon.

**Fiber Exhibit Registration**

Thursday, 1 PM - 7 PM.

Friday, 8 AM - Noon.

**Exhibit Open**

Friday evening.

Saturday, 8:30 AM

Sunday, 8:30 AM - Noon.

**Vendors Open:** Beginning Thursday 1 PM through Sunday 2 PM, including Members' Market.

**Evening Activities:**

Thursday: District Meeting, Instructor Introductions, entertainment, Shopping.

Friday: Fashion Show, FTWG Annual Meeting, Fiber Exhibit opens, Shopping.

Saturday: Fiber Exhibit Awards, Silent Auction, Instructors' Open House, Members' Market, Shopping.

**EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FTWG MEMBERS BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2013.**

**OPEN REGISTRATION FOR NON-MEMBERS BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2013.**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 27, 2014. LAST DAY TO CANCEL IS FEBRUARY 10, 2014.**

Fiber Exhibit and Fashion Show rules are available on the website along with instructor biographies and other information.

**VISIT WWW.FTWG.ORG**

**ACCOMMODATIONS AT LAKE YALE CONFERENCE CENTER**

**Lodging** at the conference is in motel-style rooms with 2 beds and a bath, TV and phone in one and two-story buildings. You can request first floor. Handicapped rooms and rooms with king-sized beds are available by reservation.

**Campsites** are available for RVs. Campers and commuters can purchase cafeteria meals. See registration form. Cooking is allowed in RVs, but not in any rooms. Pets are not allowed. Wireless internet is available in the meeting rooms and the Fellowship Hall.

**A Facility Fee** is charged to all attendees at Lake Yale. It is \$10 per day, included in your lodging fee. If you are in an RV, staying off campus, commute from home or come just to view the exhibits, you will be charged this fee separately.

**Meals** are served cafeteria style. Breakfast is served from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM. Lunch is served from 12:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Dinner is served from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. If you have special dietary needs, please contact the Host Committee. A snack bar with snacks and coffee is open at scheduled times and includes a comfortable area for relaxing with friends.

**Lake Yale is an ALCOHOL and SMOKE FREE CAMPUS.**

For more information, please go to [www.ftwg.org](http://www.ftwg.org).

