



Jacksonville Weavers' Guild

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President's Message -- WEAVING TOOLS

As a beginning weaver many years ago, I felt I had passed a "landmark" when I acquired one boat shuttle, two bobbins, and a sley hook versus the crochet hook I had been using. As time went by I amassed more and more weaving tools - more shuttles, temples, bobbin winders, warping reels, etc. and I assumed that I finally had every weaving tool I needed. Wrong!!

Now that I am an old weaver I discovered that I really needed another tool called better light. So I had the electrician install track lighting over my looms, then I got a large clamp on light, but I still could not see well enough to count dark threads for hemstitching. Frustrated, I went to the garage to look for another lamp and discovered my newest weaving tool. It is a Kobalt Hyper Coil Light. It is powered by a rechargeable battery, has a long flexible coil, it swivels, it bends in any direction and stays there, and it is magnetic. I bent the coil and hung it over the loom castle and the light was perfect! It could hang around your neck, etc. My newest tool is now stored beside my loom and ready for use.

Happy weaving and remember you never have enough weaving tools!

Judy



Our April meeting is this coming Saturday, April 9th. Come at 9am for socializing...meeting starts at 10am. April's program will be on sewing with hand-woven fabric...sounds like it will be a very interesting topic!!!



May's meeting will be our annual picnic at Judy Jull's house in Starke. Bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Members need to be there at 10am for a brief meeting; non-members please arrive at 11am. More information coming in next month's Newsletter!



Notes from FTWG 2016 Submitted by Susan Wallace

We are in District 2 with Gainesville. They are responsible for ribbons, the fashion show and awards next year and we (JWG) are responsible for name tag holders.

If you are an FTWG member and tell the Woolery you are a member, they will donate to FTWG.

Next year's conference will have a selection of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ day (Fri a.m. - Sun noon) workshops and some mini workshops Thursday afternoon. What the line-up looks like to date:

Teacher	Topic
Geri Forker	Intro to felting: nuno felted resist bag
Joel Levy Loguidice	Loom woven bags/purses
Melissa Weaver Dunning	Scottish tartans
Tom Knisely	Sakori and Zanski weaving
Dan Hoffman	Wood turning
Marie Benge Craig Roth	Beginning tatting
Sara Norine James	Spinning Florida friendly fibers

The Gainesville Guild display table held pieces inspired by a photo of the Blue Ridge Parkway (shown in photo 1), each one in a different media including felting, tapestry, clasped weft weaving, embroidery, quilting, knitting, crocheting and rug hooking. It was awesome as you can see from the photos. Perhaps we can use display our challenge pieces at next year's conference.



Photo 1

More from the Blue Ridge Inspiration Photo...





Another guild had these masks on its display table. They were woven in a one day workshop on a cardboard loom with some gussets left in the warp so that some of the weft threads could be pulled up creating a 3-dimensional mask.



"Navel of the Earth"
by Kate Sullivan
This mask handbag was inspired by the faces of the Ahaia of Easter Island multi-ton statues that line the coast of the island. These giant heads are found everywhere in the dramatic volcanic wilderness craters, rocky shorelines scattered along and home on the island.

"Playground"
by Julie Piment
In the character of play this mask reminds us especially may be suffering from "nature deficit" due to increased time indoors. Time outdoors is healthy and relaxing but provides an increased respect and love of nature.

"Asian Tears"
by Marcia Mills
Masks are used by every culture to express emotions and beliefs. This mask depicts tears that are shed for the environmental abuse being perpetrated on our planet.

"Follow Me Through the"

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Show and Share for March



Gorgeous weaving!

March's Program on Spinning by Jennifer



So much Spinning to do!