

2015 Conference Evaluation Results



Survey Monkey was used to collect responses. The summary of those responses along with comments is shown below.

(1) How did you hear about this conference?

Answer Choices	Responses
CSKMS website or CSKMS message to members	60.00% 21
Ravelry	17.14% 6
a friend	5.71% 2
local yarn shop, guild or hobby group	5.71% 2
newspaper article	0.00% 0
Other (please specify) Responses	14.29% 5
Total Respondents: 35	

(2) Please rate the following.
(Excellent, OK or Needs Improvement)

Denver as a conference location.	81.82% 27	18.18% 6	0.00% 0
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It was a nice size main room, I liked how it was divided into sections made it easier to get to know everyone in your quadrant. It was also convenient to be able to walk different restaurants.

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Centrally located

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Easy access; the rooms were well lit; luncheon food tasty. Easy to move between rooms.

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Easy access off of I-25 was nice

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Would like to have coffee available in the mornings

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Excellent breakfast; close to restaurants

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Hot and stuffy in classroom

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It was nicer than last year's location.

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The vendors at the conference.	75.76% 25	18.18% 6	6.06% 2
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always something good to buy

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It was nice to have different types of vendors, would like to see a few more with different sock yarns too

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More would be nice but with a turnout of approximately 40 people we really cannot expect it.

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I appreciated the fact that there weren't a lot of vendors. We could focus on learning and helping instead of spending. :)

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I would love more vendors, but those present had good offerings

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At least one more vendor would have been a good idea.

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The class offerings at the conference.

87.88%
29

12.12%
4

0.00%
0

All were terrific. Basics are always needed (I'm a newbie) and more challenging classes for crankers that are more experienced.

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Wish I could have taken them all

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Only took one class.

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Great for Beginners / Intermediate. Not much for advanced users

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As a beginner they met my needs

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need more time in-between to digest and just crank and visit.

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thought I wanted the long ribber class but after 2 hours I lost focus

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Jamie Mayfield my favorite

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I learned soooooo much!!!!

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I'm having trouble with sizing so it would be nice to have a class or lecture on that topic.

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Would LOVE to have a dying class!

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More classes for beginners. Many were too advanced for me.

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Lots of choices & skill levels

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The work areas in the large conference room.	96.97% 32	3.03% 1	0.00% 0
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Easy access and easy to move around in.

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glad you expanded the room for the ribber class

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Plenty of room

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Were great, I learned a lot from the others

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Space was great but it was a bit lonely. Why do you have to cart machines from room to room?

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Very nicely layed out as stated above

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Plenty of room!

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The length of the conference (3 full days).	90.63% 29	9.38% 3	0.00% 0	32
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Since this was my first conference I didn't realize Thursday was an actual conference day. Sorry I missed it.

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Thurs/Friday/Sat is a little weird, but understand that is so Sunday can be a travel day.

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Extend it to include an all day Sunday crank-in. No classes. Show off what everyone made, take pictures with new friends. Give out fun awards, like a "Cranks-a-lot" award for the most finished pieces. Or an award for the sock with two heels?

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Just long enough, to have free knitting time and time to attend classes too

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I like that it was Thurs, Fri and Sat.

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One more day would be even better!

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- (3) If you took classes, please rate them for how useful they were to you.
(Extremely Useful, OK...I did learn something., or Not Useful At All)

Troubleshooting & Maintenance of 20th Century CSMs	46.15% 6	53.85% 7	0.00% 0
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Once in the class I realized that I have a 21st Century machine, so didn't really need this class. My misunderstanding; nothing that the Society did or did not do.

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I didn't take any classes .

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I did not take this class

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Helped me learn more about the workings and date of my machine

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Since the presenters spent some time discussing the history of the machine and the various manufacturers, more time dissecting would have been nice. Although, I felt enabled to take my entire machine apart, clean and oil it and put it back together.

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I want to take this next time.

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Beginner Knitting	88.89%	11.11%	0.00%
Comments (8)	8	1	0

Very helpful

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just plain good

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Thanks, Jamie!

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i want to know all of the comments, good and bad

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I did not take this class

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Helped me get confident in making heels and toes

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Everyone was so helpful. Pace was a little fast...

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It was good for me, but there was a beginner who didn't even know how to start and she could have used a more basic class.

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Starting with a Closed Tube (Friday)	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
	2	4	0

I'm so new that this was almost too advanced. I would like to have had the basic information provided in a handout as there wasn't enough time to write down information while listening and observing the instructor.

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Instructor was late for class and unprepared

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I did not take this class

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Toe Closings, Kitchener Two Ways	85.71% 6	14.29% 1	0.00% 0
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Learned that the purl version is the way to go.
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Watermelon Socks	85.71% 6	14.29% 1	0.00% 0
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Jenny's method for the russian join was the best takeaway
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Great teacher, Jenny!
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opened up thoughts of creativity
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I want to take this next time. I heard it was excellent
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Heels: Three Styles	66.67% 10	33.33% 5	0.00% 0
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I don't think that we covered three ways -- only two.
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I am so happySue showed me the proper way to use the tension spring....! It works great!!!!
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too fast I got lost
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my fault, missed a lot getting my heel tensioner right
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Learned a lot.
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too fast paced
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Scalloped Selvedge (Friday)	100.00% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
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Wasn't able to stay for this class, but enjoyed Kathy's demo in the main room. Victorias use of a Ravel cord was worth the trip!!!!
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very nice technique, I am going to practice
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Wrist Warmers Comments (2)	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	0.00% 0
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I did not take this class
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We ran out of time , class needs to be longer and move along a little quicker
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Ribber Class	93.33%	6.67%	0.00%	
Comments (11)	14	1	0	

100% helpful. Since the conference I have been able to use the ribber, reset it, etc. with confidence.

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good instruction if it would have been one instructor because the "helpers" were doing things different from Jamie and caused confusion as well as delays in being at the stage Jamie wanted you to be on the machine for the next step

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Thought the class was too large. Some of us (me) needed more individualized help.

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i want to know all of the comments, good and bad

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Was good but I learned more of what I neede from Fred

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yes and I can take it again

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My favorite class!

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I got to make my first ribbed sock!!!! I made another at home! Would have like a generic handout on the steps to set up ribbersock

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Amazing. Just what I needed.

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Learned a ton! Finished a ribbed sock, yeah!

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Perfect class for me! I learned ribber basics and knit a ribbed sock...great class!

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Starting with a Closed Tube (Saturday)	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Comments (5)	1	0	0	1

Took the class; can't remember a think about it.

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I did not take this class

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Mittens	80.00%	20.00%	0.00%	
Comments (5)	4	1	0	

What fun these are going to be!

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actually doing the thumb flap in person with the instructor was helpful for questions

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Was looking forward to this class

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I did not take this class

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Love the pattern that Sue developed since it has a left & right hand.

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Easy Lace Scarf Comments (2)	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Great teacher, Jenny! 8/11/2015 7:10 AM View respondent's answers			
I did not take this class 8/10/2015 9:40 PM View respondent's answers			
Sweet Sock Comments (1)	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Fun instructor, easy to follow along. 8/12/2015 9:39 PM View respondent's answers			
Scalloped Ribbing (Saturday) Comments (0)	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0

(4) Considering the price of registration (\$90 including refreshments & Saturday buffet lunch), lodging & transportation, do you feel this conference was worth the cost of attending?

Answer Choices	Responses
yes	96.88% 31
no	3.13% 1

Would be willing to pay as much as \$120
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One of the best priced conferences I've seen
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I was a little anxious about flying with my machine but am ok now
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Not sure what transportation you are referring to?
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Fine job on the organizing of the event! I enjoyed it immensely.
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Compared to other craft conferences I've been to, this was very reasonable.
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(5) What did you enjoy MOST about this conference?

Meeting old friends and making new ones.
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Meeting so many people; having great fun. Learning so much.
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all the friendliness and help from everyone
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EVERYTHING!! Friends, classes, information!!
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Classes
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No stress. Everyone was so nice

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I'm an equipment junkie, so really did enjoy seeing all the machines and how they were set up, etc.

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Hands on learning

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The love of knitting on the CSM with wonderful friendly cranker. Everyone was willing to share and help with those that needed help .

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Learning new techniques

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Meeting everyone

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The help and friendliness of the attendees.

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the helpful people, no snarkiness!

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Chance to meet other crankers

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Seeing old friends from across the country

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Learning two new patterns and two techniques

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The sharing nature of the other people attending

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The great people!

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meeting new crankers

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I learned so much

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really had fun touching base with friends from previous conferences, the classes were great

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Beginner class with Jamie

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meeting new people and learning from eachother

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seeing friends old and new and the inspiration from immersion

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Talking with everyone and the Ribber class

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Meeting so many wonderful people that share the same love of knitting.

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Meeting new people and learning new things.

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Meeting other crankers and learning, learning, learning!

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I LOVED meeting everyone!

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The people - teachers, board members, knitters!

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The people. They were all very encouraging and helpful and they took time to help those of us with less experience. Also the ribber class. :).

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The socializing with other crankers & the opportunity to learn more CSM skills.

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(6) What did you enjoy LEAST about this conference?

Hauling my machine to classes; set-up takes too long. With so many people moving around I don't think that the classes were able to start on time and therefore couldn't cover all of the material.

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lack of time to do it all!!

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some classes need to longer to allow for finishing a project, or have more time between to finish before the next class.

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nothing

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Can't think of anything

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Classes weren't quite long enough for novice crankers like me.

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Leaving

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Early morning classes

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The brief explanation on how to do a new task-thank goodness for the assistance in each class.

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leaving....

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8 am classes

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Distance too far from mountains

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Moving my machine around

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Packing up :(8/10/2015 11:27 PM	View respondent's answers
traffic in the area	8/10/2015 11:16 PM	View respondent's answers
not enough cranking time	8/10/2015 10:11 PM	View respondent's answers
Veteran representative	8/10/2015 10:03 PM	View respondent's answers
the altitude	8/10/2015 9:51 PM	View respondent's answers
Nothing	8/10/2015 9:41 PM	View respondent's answers
Saying goodbye.	8/10/2015 9:36 PM	View respondent's answers
Flying to Denver	8/10/2015 8:03 PM	View respondent's answers
the only negative I can think of is the toe-stubbing bed box in the hotel rooms. :)	8/10/2015 7:52 PM	View respondent's answers
Not having activites to get to know people.	8/10/2015 7:09 PM	View respondent's answers
Not enough time to take all the classes I wanted to take.	8/10/2015 7:04 PM	View respondent's answers
8 am classes...too early for me. :)	8/10/2015 6:58 PM	View respondent's answers
It was over too quickly!	8/10/2015 6:50 PM	View respondent's answers

(7) Given that most members want the conference to rotate around different geographic locations & that the majority of our members are in the USA, we would like to know which region(s) you like best for the 2016 conference. (Note: The question allowed up to 3 choices, but the "multiple answers" option was not enabled, thus responses were limited to one choice. We apologize.)

Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Northern west coast USA	20.69% 6
▼ Southern west coast USA	0.00% 0
▼ Northern mid-west USA	37.93% 11
▼ Southern mid-west USA	31.03% 9
▼ Northern east coast USA	6.90% 2
▼ Southern east coast USA	3.45% 1
Total	29

(8) Please mark the months in 2016 that you like for the next conference. (Choose all those in which you would be interested in attending.)

Answer Choices	Responses
▼ March	17.86% 5
▼ April	17.86% 5
▼ May	42.86% 12
▼ June	60.71% 17
▼ July	85.71% 24
▼ August	57.14% 16
▼ September	35.71% 10
▼ October	28.57% 8
Total Respondents: 28	

All of the above work for me...

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Can't answer until you tell me where it is

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Mid June to mid August

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early in the month

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last half of May to first half of August. Do not conflict with convergence or other weaving, knitting, or yarn events like TNNA

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July worked well for me.

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Early July

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the last question about regions would not let me choose 3

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The last question wouldn't let me choose more than one location. I would select, northeast coast, southeast coast, or Nashville TN

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I'm retired so it doesn't matter to me.

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any month is doable

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The form only allowed me to select one location in the last question

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(9) How likely are you to attend the 2016 CSKMS conference?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Extremely likely	45.16%	14
I hope I can...depends on location and/or cost	54.84%	17
Probably not	0.00%	0
Total	31	

Mostly depends on my mom's health.

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rats could only pick one region for conference - mid west WI would be good

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Depends on the time of the year - It interferes with Sturgis first week of August

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Have to check the finances!

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(10) Which of the following describes your opinion about the Head Over Heels for Vets program in which CSKMS members & non-members contribute socks, hats, scarves, etc., for veterans?

Answer Choices	Responses	
I think it's a great idea & I have contributed to the program this year and/or last year.	35.48%	11
I think it's a great idea even though I have not contributed so far.	58.06%	18
It's OK if others want to do it, but I don't really care to participate.	6.45%	2
I would prefer to discontinue the effort in the future.	0.00%	0
Total	31	

but plan to for next year!

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Didn't know about it

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I am new to CSKM knitting but hopefully next year I will be able to contribute to the project.

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I like the idea of giving back to the community

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I am starting now for next year

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I think it is a good cause, the speaker had great info to share, but the talk was a little long.

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Do they appreciate it? Meaning are these items useful to them?

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