

**CSKMS
2014 Conference
August 14-16, 2014
Geneseo, New York**



Evaluations Summary

1. Did the overall Conference events meet your expectations? (yes or no)

27 yes, 0 no

Comments:

“exceptional”

“I had a ball—so well organized and friendly”

“It was very well run conference”

“And so much more”

“Great work”

“Great networking & help. Wonderful people”

“far exceeded!”

“No negative undercurrents, such a relief!”

2. Did the date and time of the conference work well? (yes or no)

26 yes, 1 no

Comments:

“August is not a busy time but with enough notice I can make any time work.”

“July might suit more people”

“End of week” (This comment accompanied a “yes” response.)

3. How would you rate Geneseo as a suitable conference location? (1-10, 10 being highest)

27 responses, sixteen 10, two 9, four 8, one 7, two 6, one 5

Comments:

“10!”

“Hotel Price too high for quality of space”

“Beautiful area Good Roads”

“Great!”

“Beautiful scenery, pretty easy to get to, probably less expensive to put on a conference in a small town like this”

4. Given that members say they want to rotate the annual conference around the country, we think the 2015 Conference will be on the West Coast. What is the likelihood you would attend? (1-10, 10 being the highest)

27 responses, three 10, one 9, one 7, one 6, three 5, one 4, four 3, two 2, ten 1, one “will try”

Comments:

“Prefer mid-west—closest for all”

“would love to see a central location—national meeting once every 3 years with regional meeting on the other two years!”

“I like the rotation idea even tho I might not be able to come to every one”

(There was no number 5 question.)

6. Were you able to set up your work station the way you originally planned? (yes or no)

26 yes, 1 no

Comments:

“vendor”

“I had no expectations as I am a beginning cranker.”

“Yes – access to electricity for light and sufficient space.”

“loved the way you set up the room—I worked so well”

“we had plenty of space”

“But not enough space”

“very crowded where I was sitting”

“I had plenty of room but some people seemed a little crowded”

7. Overall rating of Valley Oak Event Center: (1-10, 10 being the highest)

27 responses, sixteen 10, six 9, three 8, two 7

Comments:

“Food could be better.”

“hotel connected, good parking – all easy walking distance”

“Elevator!! on-site Breakfast definitely a plus!”

“my kids would have liked an indoor pool—could have stayed at the Hampton”

“clean—great breakfast—very friendly”

“just great”

“Great hospitality & staff/nice facility coffee/Tea & water”

“Coffee put out in AM” (This comment accompanied an 8 rating.)

“A little hard to have to keep moving machines. Not sure there is a better way however.”

“Food better than I expected given the low registration fee”

8. Overall rating of vendors on site: (1-10, 10 being the highest)

27 responses, nineteen 10, one 9, four 8, one 7, one 6, one “NA”

Comments:

“Would have liked someone selling equipment like needles & cylinder springs, buckles, etc.”

“Just because not many” (This comment accompanied the one 6 rating.)

“Lots of vendors for a small conference! Thanks!”

9. Overall rating of class offerings: (1-10, 10 being the highest)

27 responses, eighteen 10, three 9, three 8, one 7, two “NA”

Comments:

“more advanced classes (more classes in general)”

“Really enjoyed all the classes”

“Nice selection of class, good choices!”

10. What did you enjoy the most?

Comments:

“mitten class”

“Learning new things from others attending event.”

“classes & companionship”

“every thing”
“knitting with my friends”
Classes & friends”
“The relaxed atmosphere”
“People & classes”
“Everything”
“classes & comradery”
“meeting new crankers”
“Fred's helping with the machines”
“fellowship w/ other crankers”
“the crankers!”
“meeting other sockers”
“learning how to rib & how to read the sock”
“The whole thing”
“Teaching—cranking--everyone's positive attitude”
“knitting and talking w/ others”
“Meeting new people Getting help w/ my machine”
“Time with other crankers, meeting new friends”
“The classes and getting to know other CSMers”
“The people”
“Meeting everyone and how helpful everyone was”
“the people”

11. What did you enjoy the least?

Comments:

“lots of interruptions”
“lack of sleep! :o)”
“classes”
“cost of hotel”
“meals”
“I really enjoyed it all.”
“nothing...it was all good!”
“not enough time”
“nothing”
“couldn't take some classes”
“nothing”
“Doesn't apply to me—I just loved it! I really can't say—it was all good. Always something going on—very active Loved the whole seminar”
“?”
“Drive to”
“When everybody left. :o(“
“The big room is still too much for me—one day I will enough experience to be productive.”

General CSKMS Questions

1. How did you hear about the CSKMS?

3 checked “Ravelry”
4 checked “a friend”
7 checked “2013 Conference”

6 checked "CSKMS website"
8 checked "Other:" & wrote the following:

"Kathy R"
"our group"
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"Kathy Roletter"
"our local CSKM organization"
"Hemlock Fiber Festival"
"Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival"
"yahoo groups"

2. Why did you join CSKMS?

Comments:

"Ideas & companionship"
"To be with fellow knitters"
"To be supportive & to attend the conference"
"expand my knowledge of the sock machine"
"to be with friends to understand the working of a CSM"
"To be able to attend the conference"
"To learn more about CSM"
"own CSM & need help"
"meet with folks who enjoy sock making"
"to learn how to make a sock"
"to learn how to use my machine"
"liked the comraderie and high ethics of those who formed it"
"to learn to use my machine"
"wanted an organization after CSMSA disbanded"
"meet other crankers"
"to come to conference"
"to keep us together—us being us crankers"
"yes"
"to get help"
"to attend the conference"
"I wanted to support the organizatioon to see it continue and so I get help as well—If I become proficient I would be happy to give back."
"Because it came about."
"attend conference"
"because of my friend"
"N/A"

3. How often do you go to the CSKMS website?

9 marked "once a week or more"
9 marked "once a month or more"
9 marked "infrequently"
0 marked "never"

4. Rank the following website features in order of importance to you:

(15 respondents actually ranked the features & the following are averages.)

___events 1.87 (plus 6 checkmarks)

___resources 2.07 (plus 6 checkmarks)
___conference information 2.73 (plus 5 checkmarks)
___members only pages 3.27 (plus 4 checkmarks)
___member advertisements 4.27 (plus 2 checkmarks)

5. If we added a chat room feature to our website, would you use it? (yes or no) 8 yes, 12 no

6. Would you like to see CSKMS-related items for sale on our website? (yes or no) 23 yes, 1 no

7. Would you like to see a classified advertising feature for members on our website? (yes or no) 18 yes, 3 no

8. Additional comments/suggestions:

"No—It was great!"

"An electronic suggestion box"

"Just loved the whole event. You all just did the BEST job!! oo :o) xx"

"Thank You!"

"very enjoyable"

"just keep on going"

"Absolute beginners session with a 3 to 1 ratio first night. Even the beginner class felt too advanced."

"Make available (for a fee) worksheets for classes that we didn't attend."

"Very enjoyable! Great job"

"Well Done! Learned a lot & had a great time!"

"Great!"