

Frequently Asked Questions



We're all getting ready for this year's OHCG Virtual Event, **WINTER WING DING**, on December 4! While many of us have attended some kind of virtual or zoom-based conference in the past year or so, you may still have questions. This document of "**Frequently Asked Questions**" will reside on the [OHCG website](#) for your information.

ZOOM

What equipment do I need to participate in a Zoom event?

You'll need to have an internet connection and a computer, laptop, tablet, iPad or smartphone. You'll need to be able to get to [zoom.com](https://zoom.us), and/or download the zoom app. More information on getting started with Zoom can be found in Robin Whitford's newsletter article [here](#). If Zoom is new to you, talk to friends and/or family for help.

Do I need a camera/webcam & microphone to participate in the Winter Wing Ding?

The Winter Wing Ding is one of the rare instances of a Zoom presentation where **you DO NOT need a camera/webcam or microphone to participate!** This is because the event will be a presentation with videos you can watch, much like a television show or movie. This will also be a bonus for those folks reluctant to participate in Zoom as they feel it's hard to figure out who is speaking when there are many participants on the screen. The Winter Wing Ding "show" will appear on your screen with a single image/speaker at a time, so it will be clear who is talking at all times!

My computer/laptop/iPad/phone screen is so small! Is there any way I can view the presentation on a larger screen?

Go BIG! If you have purchased a TV (Smart TV) in the past few years, chances are you can connect your laptop or iPad to it and stream internet content....which means that you could be watching the Winter Wing Ding on a big screen TV. Check in with the techie in your life to see if this is a possibility for you! Also, some branches or groups may be hosting small gatherings where a large screen tv can be used (pandemic conditions permitting, of course). Talk to your branch to find out what is happening in your area.

Who will get a Zoom link to the Winter Wing Ding?

All 2021 members who supply an email address to the OHCG with their membership renewal will receive a link to the Winter Wing Ding in early December. Folks who have already renewed their membership for 2022 will also receive a link!

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DISPLAY OF PROJECTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

I've heard a lot about a display of holiday/winter themed rugs at the Winter Wing Ding, but what exactly will it look like?

Take a look at the displays we did at last year's Annual conference. They can be accessed [here](#). The Wing Ding display of projects will look very similar.

Do I need special camera equipment to take photos of my projects for the display?

No! Most recent (e.g. in the last 5 years) smart phones will take photos that will meet the quality required for display online. **You don't need a special camera or special skills!** Just make sure you take a look at your photo before submitting it, to ensure you're satisfied with the quality of the image

What are the requirements for photos that I submit?

Photos must be at least 1 MB (megabyte) in size and in jpg format. As indicated above, most smart phones can produce photos of this quality. Go to the [OHCG Annual webpage](#) for more details regarding Displayed projects.

Are there any guidelines for taking photos?

- Use natural light if possible: outdoors on a cloudy day is good as there are minimal shadows affecting your photo
- Don't crop the photos of your projects if at all possible. This will ensure they are as large as can be.
- Make sure your project fills the entire screen of your camera, with very little floor showing around the edges.
- Place your projects on a neutral surface to photograph them - a white sheet or black background are good choices. Keeping it neutral means the colours in the project remain true.
- Try to take the photo looking directly at the project. Hang it on a wall or stand directly over it if placed on the floor. A ladder could be a helpful tool here. The key is to avoid your project looking like a trapezoid (unless, of course it IS a trapezoid!).
- Look for Rug Hooking Magazine's 2-issue feature on photography best practices in 2019. Also, here's [an article from Deanne Fitzpatrick's blog](#) with a few more tips.