



Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild

March 2013 Newsletter

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Next Meeting:

Monday April 8th, 2013
at 7.30pm
Heartwood
53 Chapel Street Ottawa,
Ontario

Our next meeting:

Monday, May 6th, 2013
at 7.30pm

President's Message

Aurora Richard

This is the weekend that the clocks spring ahead, a reminder that spring is fast approaching. Soon the snow will be gone, and soon enough the sheep will be shorn of their thick winter coats, providing us with lots of fibre to spin. Soon, too, we will be moving to our new building, although the date has not yet been finalized; it could be near the end of May.

Next month's Guild meeting will be on April 8, the second Monday of the month, because April 1 is Easter Monday. At that meeting, I will be collecting finished projects for the Guild display at the OHS Conference. As the conference hosts, we wish to create a great impression, so please help us out by lending us your finished works. Note that you do not need to be attending the conference or be an OHS member to submit an item for the Guild display. If you can't drop off your project at the April meeting, please contact me to arrange a drop-off time. The latest I will be able to collect projects is Tuesday, April 30, at Open Studio.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting is moved to June 3rd this year, due to the proximity of the OHS Conference to our usual May date (but we will still be having our monthly meeting in May). Our membership fees are due in May. Note that you have to be a current member to vote at the AGM. Laurie will be accepting membership dues at the April and May meetings.

Don't forget about the pop-up sales. The next one is Thursday, March 14, from 11:30 to 1:00 at Heartwood House. Drop off donations at Heartwood House, or attend the sale and make a purchase for a toonie.

Being on the executive, I have learned how much hard work goes into running the guild. Our dedicated volunteers keep the guild running smoothly for everyone. Last month, I mentioned some of the board members whose excellent work keeps things going. This month, I want to thank some of the other members who work tirelessly in the background. Elizabeth Watt runs the workshops that teach us so many things. Jan Scott runs the library and does workshop scheduling and helps out with many other things. Mary, Ann McIlroy, and Alison staff the library every week. Melanie prepares a great newsletter every month. Janet arranges the programs that make our monthly meetings so fascinating. Laurie looks after the membership and is the chair of the OHS Conference. So a big thank you to these people and to everyone else who helps out.

OHS 2013 Conference

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

NOT TOO LATE: Get in on the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners (OHS) Conference

May 1 to 5, 2013 Held at the NavCentre in Cornwall, ON.

There are **still some spaces left** in many of the workshops. Though your selection is starting to get limited, you may still be in luck.

The main registration deadline has passed. However, we will still accept late registrations, with the understanding that we will try our best to accommodate your workshop choices, where there is still room in those workshops.

I suggest you contact the registrar directly, to determine individual workshop availability. Roberta Murrant roberta@murrant.com 613 832-3428. She can assist you in the registration process.

Full Conference package includes accommodation, all meals (excellent food), 2 keynote speakers, meet and greet, banquet, vendors mall, juried show, guild displays, fashion show at the banquet and much more.

There is also a **"Saturday only" option** with workshops and lunch offered. (plus access to the vendors mall, juried show, guild displays etc). For the Saturday only attendance, there is an additional fee, if you wish to stay for the banquet/fashion show on Saturday evening. I am sure that the guild can arrange some car-pooling, for persons looking for the "Saturday only" conference experience.

Full conference details may be found at:

[http://www.ovwsg.com/Conference Registration.pdf](http://www.ovwsg.com/Conference%20Registration.pdf)

PRIZES AND AWARDS FOR YOUR FIBRE WORK – JURIED SHOW

YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE to submit 1 (or up to 3) articles to the conference Juried Show. There are many prizes available. The theme is "Beyond the Fringe". One interpretation of the theme may be "Beyond your comfort zone".

Full details and entry procedure may be found in the Conference Registration package link above. OHS membership required to enter. **ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 15.** You only need to submit your intent to enter item(s). The actual item(s) are sent at a later date.

FASHION SHOW

Enter a garment you have made. The fashion show is one of the highlights of the conference, during the Saturday evening banquet. You can model the garment yourself, or ask for a model to be supplied. What a great way to show off your wonderful creative work. The theme for the fashion show is "Fibre Optics", which is also the theme for the whole conference.

Full details and entry procedure may be found in the Conference Registration package link above.

Guild Displays

Assist our Ottawa guild to make a display for the conference based on the theme "Optical Illusions". Contact Aurora Richard (aurora.richard@gmail.com) to get involved.

Membership

Membership Renewals

Laurie is now accepting membership renewals for the 2013-14 membership year. Remember that all memberships expire on April 30, 2013 (unless you just joined in 2013). Please make cheques payable to "OVWSG" and dated for May 1. Regular membership \$40.00, Family \$55.00 (at the same address). Payable at the membership desk at the meeting. Or, mail to: OVWSG, 153 Chapel St. Ottawa, ON K1N 1H5. Please use the Membership form attached.



Welcome to New and Returning Members:

Sandy Bryden
Colleen Millen-Brouwer

Upcoming Events

April 12-13, 2013

Fibre Fling 2 – Textile art show and sale

Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa

Out-of-the-Box Fibre Artists and the Kitchissippi United Church invite you to a show and sale of fibre and mixed media art on Friday and Saturday in the church hall. This is a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Hours: Friday 10 am-8 pm and Saturday 10 am-5 p.m. Admission is \$5. High Tea will be available on Saturday afternoon for \$10. Contact Rita Rottman (ritarottman@sympatico.ca), or Rebecca Dufton (rebecca.dufton@gmail.com), or visit www.out-of-the-box.org

"Rare Reflections" A Feast for the Soul

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

3 Rosemond St. E, Almonte, ON

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is thrilled to present an exhibit by award-winning textile and mixed media artist Hilary Rice. "While my skills as a textile artist are self-taught," says Rice, "I now understand that all of my life experience up until this point has been preparing me for what I do now. I learned about fabric dyeing, printing, designing, free machine embroidery, metal work, and the list continues. I discovered that quilting could be an art form; that artists work with textiles as their medium." And Rice truly excels as an artist in that medium.

"Rare Reflections" is her personal reflection on the term "thin places"—where the veil between different worlds nearly disappears, and we become aware of the sacred. The aim is to create art as an oasis with the potential to transform. Each piece acts as a bridge to the holy, drawing the viewer in, to dwell with and seek a deeper relationship with the divine.

The hope is that the intangible imagery will prompt a hidden message that is written in the minds and hearts of all—the message will sing within the soul of those who see.

"Rare Reflections" opens at the Textile Museum on March 19 and runs until May 18, with a vernissage on Saturday March 23 from 2 to 4 pm. Come and feast your soul!

curator@mvtm.ca

www.mvtm.ca

150 Years of Canadian Weddings

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

3 Rosemond St. E, Almonte, ON

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum has several remarkable wedding dresses tucked away in its collection. When the Museum's curator attended a local fashion show that featured only wedding dresses, inspiration struck, and a new exhibit was born. "150 Years of Canadian Weddings" showcases a unique selection of gowns, representing the decades from the 1860s to present day and will be at the Museum from March 19 to May 18. At the vernissage on Saturday, April 6 from 2 to 4, Rev. Heather Kinkaid will give a talk on the evolution of marriage. The Museum is open from 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is \$5 and members are free. Don't miss your chance to see these vintage gems. For those planning a wedding—come and be inspired!

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Resource Centre - Library

The Library opens at 5pm on the Monday of the meeting (*Come in early and enjoy the new books, magazines and DVD's*). Please return books before the meeting (*so the librarians may also enjoy the meeting*).

Mary can help you sign out books. You will need your name (*printed clearly*) and your phone number also printed neatly on the "Name" line, the date due will be the month and year of the next meeting (*May 2013*).

If you are unable to make the meeting, email or call the librarians to arrange to extend the loan by one month.

Please check that DVD's are in their cases before you return them!

Please check your fibre library to see if any of our missing books are visiting yours. if you find any please drop them gently back to us! We miss them!!! If you are chatting with any previous members of the guild please ask them to check there books too.

Thanks very much and see you soon!

Jan

Marketplace

The Marketplace portion of the OVWSG Newsletter is used to promote and assist its members. **Current members of the OVWSG can advertise at no charge.** Some restrictions may apply as to space availability and file restrictions.

For Non-Members: \$15.00 for the first 25 letters. \$0.28 for each additional word. \$2.00 per image

CONTACT: Melanie Overduin melanie_overduin45@hotmail.com



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& in excellent
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Please contact
Mandy Heggteit
at 613-722-5039
or
heggteit@rogers.com

For Sale:

Swedish Glimakra Tapestry Loom,
Upright Floor Model.
Height- 68", Beam width- 39"
Includes bench and shuttles. Asking
\$325.00
Contact jp.russell@sympatico.ca



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**Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild, Minutes of General Membership Meeting
4 February 2013, 7:30 p.m. Heartwood**

Chair: Aurora Richard, President

Present: General Membership

ITEM	DETAILS
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aurora welcomed all
1.1 AODA refresher training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelly facilitated AODA refresher training as required annually by the Accessibility for Ontarions with Disabilities Act – AODA The guild's AODA Customer Service policy will be posted on the web site New members receive information about AODA with their new member package
1.2 "Spin-In" in Chesterville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurie H-C informed us about the upcoming Spin-In in Chesterville. This annual event is February 14th this year, 10:00 to 3:00. Contact Laurie for directions
1.3 OHS Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ontario Handweavers and Spinners (OHS) biennial conference is fast approaching Our own guild is the primary host and our own Laurie H-C is the Chair, along with many other members actively involved in this event. The early bird deadline has been extended to February 8th The conference is located at the exceptional Nav Centre facility in Cornwall
1.4 Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new procedure is now in place for signing out items: PRINT your name on the sign out card and include your phone number
1.5 Tall Ships Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Brockville Tall Ships Festival, June 14 & 15, is looking for vendors. If interested in vending or demonstrating, notify Kathleen Schwass and she will get more information.
1.6 The Move	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studio Manager, Ann S., informed us that the Easter weekend packing event is still on <i>[this event has now been re-scheduled]</i> We are hopeful that we will move in April before the OHS conference Let Ann S. know if and when you are available for packing.
1.7 AGM – date change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been re-scheduled to June 3rd because: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is usually held in May and this will be the day after the OHS Conference, not convenient for those attending the conference. There are changes to the Not For Profit Corporations Act which must be addressed at the AGM. As part of the changes required of the guild, there will be two new positions. Mandy, as Past President, will chair the nominations for all positions. There will be a regular program for the May meeting.
1.8 Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandy's "Fabrics for Interiors" has 1 person interested; 2 more are required to run the workshop. This workshop is NOT limited to floor looms; rigid heddle users are most welcome. Colour Theory workshop: Several people are interested. Let Elizabeth know if you are too. Open to any fibre art as colour applies to all.

1.9 Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda was presented with her prize for her shawl, voted the best project at the Exhibition and Sale
1.10 Show & Tell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aurora: second handwoven project sampler, 98 inches in length Bernadette: Cotswold dyed violet & red, with mix of colours emerging in final process; nibs & nubs of green blended in another colour mix dye project. Marc Lord: has borrowed the new DVDs and will review for next time Kelly: skein of recently finished handspun, plied with thread; first ever lace shawl; with Charlotte, sampler from recent participation in Refresher for Lapsed Weavers workshop Gord: DVD, Walk the Wheel Julie Anne Zdunich: temperature control gadget for the dye pot Mandy: special silks warp from recent weaving conference; felt balls Merilyn Mulligan: skeins dyed with coreopsis; handwoven hat made of handspun Judy Kavanagh, Elizabeth Watt & Jan Scott: Art Yarn workshop treasures, including cashmere plied with handspun silk Ann McElroy: Inkle Weaving Class products – sample bookmark, scissor pocket, key fob Alison James: knitted bibs; handspun & handknit socks with slipstitch heel Pauline Wood: Beginner Weaving Workshop sampler Jean: handspun Cotswold skeins
Program A:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne Jackson provided a visual presentation of the new website that is currently under development. It is not yet “live”. There were lots of ooo’s and aaa’s! It was described as clean and uncluttered. Anne is looking for feedback and suggestions. Those present had suggestions regarding: adding library items; desirable colour(s); Course photos are needed. A link to register courses is coming.
Program B:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Videos from the library were shown simultaneously, one on weaving (in The Gallery) and one on spinning (in The Studio).

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Heartwood House, 153 Chapel St., Ottawa, ON K1N 1H5



Web: <http://www.ovwsg.com>

General E-Mail: info@ovwsg.com

Membership: membership@ovwsg.com

Version: Form updated Sept. 15, 2011

Membership Application / Renewal Form

ANNUAL FEE: Individual **\$40.00** Family (same address) **\$55.00**

The Membership period is from May 1 to April 30.

New Members who join from February-April, the fee remains the same as above. However, the membership expiry is extended to April 30, of the following year.(i.e. receive a few extra months)

Renewals are payable at the April or May meeting or by mail. (Non-renewals by the June meeting, we will assume no intent to renew, with subsequent removal from membership list/newsletter etc.)

Please make **cheques payable to:** *Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild (or OVWSG)*

Note: If also paying for workshops, booth fees etc., please make **separate cheques** for each service.

Please return to the Membership Convenor at the address above.

Please Print Clearly:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE:(_____) _____

MOBILE/ALTERNATE PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____ (For newsletter delivery)

(Please differentiate "zeros from the letter "O", ones from small letter "I" & CAPITAL/small)

Are you a: New Member _____ Renewal membership _____ *Returning member _____

*If returning (after an absence) : In what year did you first join the Guild? _____

What do you participate in (or learning)? Spinning _____ Weaving _____ Dyeing _____

Knitting _____ Felting _____ Basketry _____ Other _____ Specify _____

Are you willing to help in any of the following areas? Executive member _____ Treasurer _____

Secretary _____ Resource Centre/Studio _____ Monthly meeting Programs _____ Program presenter _____

Annual Exhibition and Sale _____ Sale exhibitor _____ Community Demonstrations/Displays _____

Workshops _____ Workshop Instructor (paid) _____ Newsletter _____ Library _____ Membership _____

Equipment & Rentals _____ Technical Equipment _____ Yarns _____ Education/Outreach _____

Fundraising _____ Publicity _____ Grants _____ Website _____ Yahoo site _____ History/Archives _____

Auditors _____ Constitution & By-laws _____ Hostess _____

Do you have any ideas for Workshops, Meeting Programs or any additional Comments?

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____



Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners Guild

2013 Exhibition & Sale

Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Avenue, Ottawa

Friday, November 1, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 2, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 3, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Vendors' Application

Name:	Telephone:
Address:	
Email:	Website:

BOOTH SIZE REQUESTED (Cost is \$1.80/sq foot, schematic with booth #'s attached)

8' x 10' (\$144) Booth # ____ <input type="checkbox"/>	10' x 12' (\$ 216) Booth# ____ <input type="checkbox"/>
6' X 13.4' (\$144) Booth # ____ <input type="checkbox"/>	# 6 X 2 Tables Required ____

Booth Fee: \$_____ + Membership (\$40) = \$_____ total

PAYMENT

- All vendors must be members of the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild
- Booth and membership fees are due May 1, 2013
- Cheques (booth fee and membership (\$40.00) are payable to *Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild* and dated May 1st 2013
- Refunds: one half before September 1, 2013, no refund after September 1, 2012
- Send completed form and cheque to: Francesca Overend, 87 Quinterra Court, Ottawa, ON K1V 1K9

In addition, all vendors agree to:

- Mail out and/or email promotional material to 15 or more clients and distribute bookmarks and flyers
- Commit to an advertising assignment and/or work on Guild displays
- Commit to a helping with set-up or take down at the event weekend
- Forward jpg images of recent work as well as a biography to Annie Jackson at anniejackson@rogers.com to be posted with your permission on the Guild website and for use in sale publicity
- Provide a donation (minimum value \$50.00 per booth) to be used in preparing the raffle basket, or during demonstrations during the year
- First time vendors must undergo a standards control selection process at Guild meeting in June.
- Display equipment for **booths not located against a wall** cannot exceed 6 feet in height

