



## President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

I am so very proud of our guild's reputation. We are being considered to become the custodians of the OHS Masters In-Depth studies for the province. This is such an honour and our librarians should take this as a compliment to the wonderful, progressive library they have created. "You guys are amazing." That is the reply I got from the OHS Librarian when I described our guild activities, its library and where we are going with it.

There are lots of exciting events coming up this year. Get involved and have a fun time with all that is happening in your guild.

## April Meeting

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30pm**

**Greeter: Tuula Talvila – Hostess: Cindy O'Gorman**

**Programme:** *Indigo! This meeting will focus on Indigo through an informative DVD, the expertise of Ellen Good and examples collected or made by our members. Bring your indigo-dyed textiles for show and tell. Information will also be available to inspire and assist in the preparation of projects to be dyed at Ellen's Indigo workshops on June 9th and 10th. (see page 5)*

### Meeting Location

Meetings are at Heartwood House (<http://www.heartwoodhouse.ca>) which is located at 153 Chapel Street, on the corner of Rideau Street, two blocks east of Nate's Restaurant. For parking, continue to the end of Chapel Street, turn right and follow around behind the buildings. Enter the building at the Rideau Street entrance. The meetings are held on the main floor, to the left in the Gallery, and the Resource Centre is

downstairs.

*Reminder on Access* – At the meetings, usually someone is available to greet members at the side door. If not, the side door has a buzzer system. Top entry is Heartwood House & OVWSG. Punch in the code (1002) which will ring the phone in the RC. Whoever is in the RC answers phone and presses/holds "9" to unlock the door for you. Heartwood House is also accessible by OC Transpo routes 2, 7, 14 and 18.

### Things to remember to bring to April's meeting:

- ♦ local newspapers for Ex & Sale (see page 4)
- ♦ pillows for OHS conference display (see page 2)
- ♦ fabrics to be prepared for June indigo workshop (see above and page 5)
- ♦ membership renewal form & payment (see page 2)
- ♦ registration forms for St. Distaff's Day, Indigo Workshop, Spinning Retreat
- ♦ mugs for St. Distaff's Day (see page 3)
- ♦ Indigo Show & Tell items
- ♦ willingness to volunteer to help out the Guild

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# Membership Renewals

*Diane Blais-Lummerding*

It is now time to renew your Guild Membership for the 2007-2008 membership year! Memberships expire on April 30, except for those new members who have joined since February.

**Membership fees:** Individual: \$30.00 / Family: \$45.00.

## Membership Advantages:

1. Monthly Newsletter containing the latest Guild information
2. Borrowing Privileges for all materials from our extensive library
3. Rental Privileges for all Guild Equipment, including looms, spinning wheels and other equipment
4. Reduced Fees for Resource Centre courses.
5. Reduced Advertising Rates in the newsletter.
6. Membership in Guild Yahoo Group to share conversation, pictures, files, etc.

## How to Renew:

Please complete a membership form, which can be found at the end of this newsletter, and provide this form and your membership fee to the Membership Convener, Diane Blais-Lummerding. The Membership Convener will be taking renewals at the April meeting. Please try to have your information filled out ahead of time. If you are paying cash, correct change would be appreciated. Cheques can be made out to OVWSG. If you will not be attending the meeting, you can mail the form and payment to the Guild (153 Chapel St. Ottawa, ON, K1N 1H5) or directly to the Membership Convener (6516 Woodland Pl, Manotick, ON, K4M 1B3).

## For More Information:

You can contact the membership convener by email at [dianebl@rogers.com](mailto:dianebl@rogers.com), or by phone at 613-763-6886 (day) 613-692-2950 (evening).

# General Announcements

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

## OHS Guild Display Items

"Inspiration from the Closet" is the theme.

The Challenge = PILLOWS: Black, White, or Black and White -any technique, any fibre, any size, be as creative as you care to be!

Items that you have prepared for our OHS Guild display

may now be brought to the April meeting. They will be stored in the Resource Centre for the Display to start taking shape. If you are still working on items, please let Laurie know, so that we will know how many items will be in the display for planning purposes. The conference is May 9 - 13 in St. Catherines. There will be awards for individual items as well. Do not put your name on the item, as they will be assigned a number only, for the judging. If you have been working with that craft for 2 years or less, a "B" for Beginner will be attached to the number label. This is because there will be awards for the under 2 year category as well. We are also competing against the other guilds in Ontario, so let's show off our guild to the rest of the province.

This is the OHS's 50th anniversary, so it is a special year. Apparently there will be several 50th anniversary awards as well.

Laurie will be delivering and setting up the display in St. Catherines. However, we need time to prepare the display here before it gets packed up for the trip. So, get your items in as soon as possible, please. If you would like to help prepare the display here, see Laurie.

## Open Guild Positions

The following positions will need to be filled at the May AGM meeting:

Membership  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. The guild does not run on its own and these positions are very important to keeping our guild alive and functioning. Contact Mary Morrison or Laurie Harkin-Chiasson.

## OHS Library

By e-mail vote, your executive has approved pursuing the OHS (Ontario Handweavers and Spinners) Library offer. There are still quite a few questions that need answering, logistics and OHS executive approval.

They are dispersing their library. Originally they were going to sell the books at the May conference. In talking to Beth Whitney (the OHS Librarian), she would like to see us inherit the OHS Library. This would include the In-depth Studies (84 of them) from the Masters programs. Originally these were not going to be dispersed because they are archival material. They would like us to continue to offer/

lend them to OHS members. Only 7 to 8 loans were made in 2006. Regarding the OHS books, Jan compared their list of books to our own database. There are 65 books that we do not have. Beth would ideally like to offer those books to us for free. She still needs to sell this plan to the OHS executive. I am optimistic that this will happen, we just need to work out the details. As for storage, the City of Ottawa rep. talked to us about obtaining capital funding for enclosed shelving to protect our heritage library. I am working on that aspect now and have quotes on cabinets. More information as it develops. Many more questions to be answered. Stay tuned!

## **Briggs & Little's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

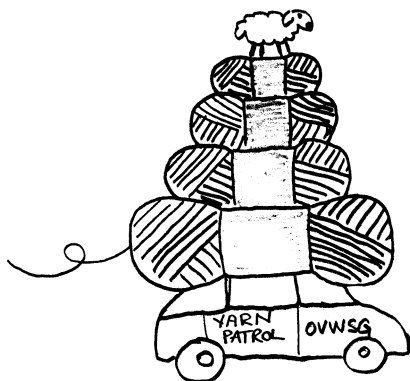
*John Little, via Cindy Jackson*

The year 2007 marks Briggs & Little's 150th Anniversary. There has been a woolen mill on our location since 1857, and operated under the name Briggs & Little since 1916, when my grandfather bought into the business. We are the oldest woolen mill in Canada, so I thought this may be something of interest to you and your members. Thanks for listening. Sincerely, John Little. [The mill is located in York Mills, New Brunswick. Website: [www.briggsandlittle.com](http://www.briggsandlittle.com)]

## **Yarn Donation to the Guild**

*Tuula Talvila*

A recent advertiser in our Marketplace section has 3 ½ totes full of yarn that she would like to donate to the guild. As she doesn't have a car, someone would have to pick it up. Her contact information is: Robyn Bozek, 613-296-1562. She also mentioned that she's thinking of joining the guild in the future.



# **Upcoming Guild Activities**

## **Fun Day/Tapestry Group**

*Mary Morrison*

The Fun Day for April will be on the third Sunday, as Easter is the second one. Any interested Tapestry weavers will meet also.

## **St. Distaff's Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

St. Distaff's Day - Sat. May 26 Winchester Community Centre

The instructors and workshops are all organized. The registration forms and details are now available on the website ([www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com)), from registrar Cindy Jackson (613) 445-5439, and at the end of this newsletter. Workshops will be on a first come, first served basis, so sign up early. Please pass on the information to your fibre friends as well.

### St. Distaff's Day CUP/MUG collection

Here is a great opportunity to get rid of all those extra mugs that are in the back of your cupboard. Each person attending St. Distaff's Day receives a goody bag of STUFF. One item will be a mug for them to use during the day, thus eliminating the garbage factor of styrofoam cups. At the end of the day they can either keep the mug or donate it back to be given to a charity.

We are looking to collect 100 - 125 mugs. They must be CLEAN and NOT CHIPPED. This is a really easy way to help your St. Distaff organizers put on a really great day. Please bring them to the April and May meetings.

### Sponsors and Door Prize Gifts for St. Distaff's Day

St. Distaff's organizing committee is also looking for sponsors for the event in the form of gifts or items for the participants, like cold drinks or bottled water, gift certificates, discount coupons, money etc. Gifts are to be used as door prizes on the day of the event. Please put on your thinking caps and help with a donation gift or approach other appropriate businesses to support this event. If the item (like a discount coupon) is to be supplied to all participants in their goody bag, then 125 will be needed.

### Promotional Materials and Area Tourist info

We can include material in the goody bags that each participant receives. 125 will be needed.

### St. Distaff's Day Vendors/Supplier Tables

A limited number of tables will be available to vendors/suppliers at this event. Details are on the Web Site ([www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com)). Judy Kavanagh is coordinating the vendors.

## **Spinning Retreat**

*Judith Rygiel*

Registration forms for the Spinning Retreat are available at the end of this newsletter, on the website, and will also be available at the April meeting.

We are looking for local fiber suppliers who would like to sell their fleece or yarns to enthusiastic buyers at our retreat.

## **NAC Curtain Tour**

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

I have been negotiating with the NAC about a tour day. I have been passed from Production to Archives and have not received a response yet. I will continue to negotiate this event. I will report back when I have details.

# **Exhibition & Sale**

## **Local Newspapers**

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

You know the little community newspapers that come to your door? Could you help out the Ex and Sale organizers by cutting off the top "Title and Contact" on the front page and printing your own name on it as well. There are so many of these papers out there, that we need some help in collecting them from all the different areas in and around Ottawa. Please bring them to the April & May meetings. The Ex and Sale committee intends to have small articles on the Ex and Sale submitted to these papers, to promote the fall sale. Your cooperation would really help in this job. You can hand them over to any Ex and Sale committee member, or to the President.

## **Ex & Sale Update**

*Nancy Ingram*

Due to poor weather conditions there was only a small turnout at the March 10th Exhibition and Sale meeting. However, many questions were addressed, decisions made and work is now moving ahead nicely.

**The Exhibition** will be entitled "**Vegetable, Mineral, but NOT Animal**" – Ann Sunahara would like people to identify to her the items that you would be willing to exhibit in this display. Items may be handspun, woven or off-loom created in all fibres other than "animal" – cotton & linen are examples. We want to have fun with this display – be as inspired as you want. Helpers will be needed now and at the sale -- volunteers should contact Ann (613-728-9691, [sunahara@magma.ca](mailto:sunahara@magma.ca)).

**Guild Displays:** we want to showcase the exciting activities which have taken place in the past year. It is our hope that workshop leaders will have pictures of their students at work, examples from the workshop and a short write-up about their event. We would also like to include: samples and photos from the fun days at the Resource Centre; photos and a write-up regarding the event and location for demonstration days; photos and a write-up from St. Distaff's Day, the Spinning Retreat and participation in OHS. The displays will be informative and educational and will help to promote the Guild to the public.

The **Guild Information Table** will complement the displays in an important way. Included here will be library books, copies of newsletters, membership forms, photos from meetings (Show and Tell) and information about the Resource Centre and upcoming events. Resource people will be needed here to provide information and showcase the Guild Display.

The **Fundraiser** for the Resource Centre will be a table "selling" items donated by Guild members. We suggest that all items be fibre-related, tagged, priced and ready to sell. It has been suggested that 15% of sales be donated to Afghan weavers and the proposed title of the display would be "Weavers Helping Weavers".

To those involved in organizing events and activities mentioned above, or those serving on the executive and therefore involved in some of the guild duties, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE PHOTOS AND/OR PREPARE MATERIAL FOR THESE DISPLAYS AS THE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES OCCUR.

We will once again have a **Guest Artist** and this year it will be Pattie Dolan. More information to come.

**Sales Team:** To date, I have 16 members who have expressed interest in having a booth and many have submitted their applications and cheques. We still have booth spaces and are looking for additional participants. (Note: cheques are due on 1<sup>st</sup> of May and will be deposited early in May.)

There is a **Co-op Booth** at the sale. It is intended for our members who produce only a few items but want to participate in the “sales” aspect of the Exhibition and Sale. Please consider entering item(s) from your work. Laurie Harkin-Chiasson is chairing the booth, but as President of the Guild has a lot on her plate and would appreciate it very much if someone would step forward to assist.

**Advertising/Promotion:** This year we are printing bookmarks and postcards. Bookmarks are for early handout and the postcards will be available in June and September. Ann Sunahara has identified a printer who has given us a good price.

Ann has requested that you put your name on your local paper and pass it along to her. We are hoping that members living in different areas of the city will try to use our press releases to obtain a story in these local papers. In order to generate interest, you could submit a story on you and your own work and include a photo to sweeten the pot! Roberta Murrant will have the press releases.

Roberta Murrant has drawn up a list of jobs. She will be contacting booth holders to identify “duties”. We have attempted to match your work with an interest or skill. It is the responsibility of all of us to promote the Exhibition, the Sale and the Guild.

**Budget:** As usual we are close to the line. Aside from the rental of the hall, printing and mailouts, we have little to spend on paid ads. We have four booths to sell and their sale would help the bottom line. If you know of someone who might be interested in a booth space, please print out an extra application form from your computer or contact me and I will mail one out.

This is our 27th year at the Glebe Centre which means that this event has been important in our history. Let’s all work to make it a success. I will be at the April meeting to answer any questions you may have.

## Resource Centre News

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

We have been approached to rent out our meeting room on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. An e-mail vote

of the executive has resulted in 9 yeses so far, to accept this. Wilfred and Jeanette from Coop 301 (directly across the hall from us) have started a program to support immigrant women with completing forms for social service workers. They will be able to pay us \$50.00 per month. Crunching some numbers, that seems a reasonable amount. A contract will be drawn up by Moe with a few details that our executive have requested below.

1. They are responsible to make sure our things are not damaged, lost or stolen during the time they are using our room. i.e. Don't leave room unlocked and unattended.
2. We would still be able to access our library room during that time period.
3. Must leave the room clean for the next person/group to use. i.e. Sweep the floor if it is dirty/gritty and clean the tables if they are dirty.
4. We have an agreement with ESL that we each have our own white board markers and white board cleaner. If they are going to be using the white board, they should provide a labelled plastic container for their own white board supplies.
5. ESL (our co-renter) should be advised of the change.

I expect that should special events occur where we need the room on a Thursday afternoon, we could negotiate at that time.

## Spring Workshops

### Spring Workshops, April-June

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

Be an instructor for a workshop. Do you have a particular subject or technique that you can pass on to others? Instructors get paid for their time, and any materials provided are paid for by the students. Please consider teaching. The next brochure is being prepared, so please inform Elizabeth Watt of your intentions ASAP (613) 692-6115 [elizabeth.watt@sympatico.ca](mailto:elizabeth.watt@sympatico.ca)

### Introduction to Indigo Workshop

*Elizabeth Watt*

A reminder that the Introduction to Indigo Workshop is coming up in June and registration forms are being accepted now. Registration opens up to other guilds this month, so please get your forms in soon. Some workshop details (full details appeared in the February newsletter):

One-day workshop with fibre artist Ellen Good at the MERA Schoolhouse in MacDonald's Corners. In the morning session, students will learn the methodology of dyeing with Indigo and prepare the vat(s). In the afternoon, they will dye yarns (handspun or commercial, as skeins or made into warps) or yardage that they or other members of the Guild have prepared in advance. 2 sessions are being offered, with a maximum of 8 persons per session.

Date: June 9 or June 10

Time: 10 am to 4 or 5 pm

Cost: \$55 plus a \$6 material fee

Notes: Lunch will be between 12 and 1 depending on how quickly the vats are prepared. The kitchen at MERA is equipped with microwave, stove, coffee pot, and electric water boiler. It is up to workshop participants to suggest a bag lunch or a pot luck. Participants have an option to stay overnight with MERA members or at a local B & B. Car pooling is encouraged.

## Heartwood House News

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

### Computer Recycling Program

Every time equipment is recycled through Heartwood House, everyone at HH benefits. A portion of the profits is distributed to the member groups of HH. Our share from last month is \$31.31. We encourage you to support this program and tell your friends and neighbours where they can dispose of old computer equipment. The old style large monitors however have a charge for disposal. All other equipment is recyclable and free to drop off at HH. HH now has a marketing coordinator for the recycling program, so watch for upcoming strategies to increase the computer recycling.

### Parking

This has become an increasing problem during business hours. The regular HH groups pay for parking spots, however visitors often take spaces, leaving them without parking that they have paid for. Solution: An EVERYBODY PAYS PLAN.

Parking rates will be:

50 cents/hour (handicapped, no charge)

\$1.50/half day

\$3.00/full day

\$30.00/half month

\$50.00/month

Five specific visitor parking spaces will be created along the hill facing the motel wall nearest the entrance to the parking

lot (with signage). Once these spaces are filled, you must park elsewhere. (Free 3 hour parking on Beausoleil and free 1 hour parking on Chapel). Reception staff at the front desk will be asking if you have a car when you sign in and visitor parking must be paid then (include your licence plate number). It is important to remember to SIGN OUT when you leave Heartwood House so staff will know that your visitor space is now available again. This is only in effect during business hours on weekdays; evenings are not a problem. This new plan will take effect on Tuesday April 10th.

Once the parking lot dries up in the spring, a work day will be arranged to paint specific parking space lines on the pavement. Signs will be erected to indicate the 5 visitor parking spaces as well. Heartwood has struggled with parking for some time now and this seems like a reasonable solution. The impact on ourselves should be minimal. There are plans to look into getting the upper parking lot by the dumpster gravelled, so that it may be used year round as well.

### Debut Dance Show

Daughter of a fellow Heartwooder, Dali Basu makes her debut performance as a professional dancer. Upasana presents Dali Basu "Sculptures in Motion" - An evening of Classical Odissi Dance. There will be interpretive narration making it a real learning experience. Sat. Apr. 21, 2007 7:30 pm Alumni Theatre, Carleton University [www.upasana.ca](http://www.upasana.ca) Tickets are normally \$18.00 through Ticketmaster, however Heartwood members may obtain tickets for \$15.00 from Kay in People Words and Change (office in the corner where the hallway turns from the Gallery to the Lobby. This is an event that we are encouraged to support as Heartwood House members.

### Snack Cart and Kitchen Coming

The snack cart program is being reinstated at Heartwood (daytime) and will offer healthy snacks for sale. A kitchen is being arranged that members may use. More details later.

### Unclaimed Items Sale

Saturday April 28 (OC Transpo Lost and Found Items - Unclaimed)

Part of our commitment to Heartwood is to provide 2 volunteers to help out with this sale. Set-up will start at 10:30. Feedback from members who have helped on this commitment in the past say that it is great fun. Lots of terrific bargains to be found as well. Sign up to help with the sale at the April meeting, or come to the sale to support Heartwood House.

# Minutes

## Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild - Monthly Guild Meeting

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Gallery, Heartwood House

*Written & recorded by Cindy O'Gorman*

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Executives, Convenors, new members and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

### Show & Tell

-Melanie L. showed her newly acquired Belly Dancing Silk scarf with a little demonstration.

-Cindy O'G. showed her Level 5 OHS Spinning Certificate Flax project; handspun 3 ply linen bath mitts.

-Laurie H-C showed her newly woven crackle weave scarf

-Yvonne S. showed her copy of The Wheel Magazine highlighting a couple articles of interest

### Business Meeting/Announcements

-**Back to Back Wool Challenge** – a sign-up sheet was passed around

-**Heritage Day @ City Hall** – This event was attended by Laurie Harkin-Chiasson & Judith Rygiel

-**Spin-In in Chesterville** – was a fun day and attended by several members

-**info@ovwsg.com** – is our new email contact (arranged by Diane Blais-Lummerding) and is forwarded to Laurie H-C

-**Fun Day Sunday** – March 11th

-**NAC curtain Field Trip** – Laurie H-C is trying to organize a field trip to visit Micheline Beauchemin's handwoven curtain from many years back (Saidye Bronfman awardee). Mary M. suggested Laurie talk to Mandy H.

-**Ex & Sale planning Meeting** – Saturday March 10th at 1:00pm. Anyone is welcome. This year, Cotton will be featured as well as a Guild Display.

-**Advertising for Ex & Sale (Ann Sunahara)** – bring in a newspaper clipping of your small local newspapers with your name written on it. The idea is that a small newspaper article of interest will be made listing the names of local people who will be at the Ex & Sale as advertising for the event. Small newspapers will generally publish these "of interest" type articles free of charge if they involve people from their "area".

-**Coop 301 March Break** workshops for kids have been abandoned due to lack of volunteers.

-**OHS Guild Display** – Mary M. brought in pillow forms to inspire your own creation. She was selling her stash of

pillow forms for \$4, proceeds going to the guild

-**Spring/Summer Guild Workshops** – everyone is encouraged to instruct a workshop. Also your workshop ideas are needed. A Beginning Weaving workshop with Mary M. will be starting soon. Kumihimo possible too.

-**OHS Library** – we have agreed to allow Jan Scott (Librarian) permission to purchase books that we don't have from this collection. Jan seems to have interested Faith Seltzer (Ottawa Grant person) in our rich Library resource at our recent Silent Auction as Faith seemed to indicate that capital funding could be found for more library shelving.

-**Thank you** once again to Dolores & Pierre Cyr who scrubbed down the RC floor prior to the Silent Auction.

-**Membership (Diane B-L)** – we have 4 new members for this month. A reminder that we are starting to take membership renewals...a renewal form will be in the next newsletter.

-**Archives & History position** – Cindy O'Gorman will be taking on this position. If you have any pictures, information etc that you would like to be kept for the future, get them to Cindy (from the last few years).

-**HH Big Online (Laurie H-C)** – Laurie has key for access now. We still need a volunteer to book time to do research on our behalf of the database on grant opportunities in Canada & US with application forms

-**RC** – will be open this Wednesday from 1-3pm. Also, Mary M. will be weaving for a photo opportunity for the Museum of Civilization

-Jack Lane has been given the go ahead to make a **sectional warping beam** for the 100" loom which would make winding on much easier especially with a view to making coverlet blankets.

-**Elections** are coming up at the May meeting. The following positions will be vacant and needing volunteers... anyone is welcome:

Membership

Secretary

Programs

Vice President willing to train for President  
(excellent teacher)

### Program

Ann Sunahara introduced the 3rd program in the Winter Series "Programs to Dye For" by presenting a photo slide show of her previous trips showing examples of Ikat she found on her journey. Ikat is the ancient technique of creating patterns by selective tying & dyeing of warp & weft. Thank you Ann for a very interesting show.

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

# Marketplace

Glimakra Standard Loom: 120cm, double warp beam, sectional, 10-shaft  
Contact: Robyn Bozek 613-296-1562

Cone holder, Spool rack \$1500

## Advertising rates:

Members: \$12 for first 25 words or less, + \$0.23 for each additional word. Non-members: \$15 for 25 words or less, + \$0.28 for each additional word. Business Card size: \$18/issue or \$150/year; ¼ or ½ page: \$30 or \$32/issue. Commercial: \$15 for 20 words, + \$0.45/additional word, Full page: \$79/issue.

To place an advertisement, phone or email Tuula Talvila at 613-565-3754, [tuulat@gmail.com](mailto:tuulat@gmail.com).

Announcements of special events carry no charge to members unless items are specified for sale or services for reimbursement appear in the event notice. Advertisements must be pre-paid.

## Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild

Meetings & Resource Centre: Heartwood House, 153 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ont.

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## OVWSG Workshop / Course Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make cheques payable to “The Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild”**

Mailing Address c/o: 1118 West Ave, Manotick, ON K4M 1G6 613-692-6115 (Elizabeth Watt, Registrar)  
[elizabeth@wattfamily.ca](mailto:elizabeth@wattfamily.ca) Please make a separate cheque for each course, and please register **2 weeks** before the course starts.

The Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild (a non-profit organization) has been promoting hand made textiles for over 50 years. Our mandate is to maintain and promote the knowledge and practice of weaving and spinning. The Guild recently established the Weaving Resource Centre, which is located at Heartwood House, 153 Chapel St., Ottawa. We offer lessons, workshops and access to our equipment and library as well as studio space for textile artists. The Weaving Resource Centre is made possible in part through a grant from the City of Ottawa.

**Please Note:** Weaving and spinning equipment can be rented on a weekly or monthly basis. For all workshops and courses please feel free to bring lunch/snack and drink. Cancellation of a course is possible after the 1st lesson with a refund of the fee paid less a \$10 administration charge. Cancellation of a course by the Resource Centre will result in a full refund. The Resource Centre reserves the right to cancel a course.



## April Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm <b>Guild meeting:</b> Indigo dyeing (DVD & workshop prep)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Easter Monday</i>	<b>10</b> New parking rates begin at Heartwood House	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Fun Sunday & Tapestry Group <i>Resource Centre noon-4pm</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> May newsletter submissions deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> OC Transpo Lost & Found Sale at Heartwood House
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Guild memberships expire					

Please note that details about events and courses can be found in either the newsletter or in the workshop brochure (available at meetings, in the Resource Centre, or on the website).

## May Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Booth fees due for Exhibition and Sale	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30 pm <b>Guild meeting:</b> Annual General Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> OHS Conference, Brock University, St. Catherines	<b>10</b> OHS Conference	<b>11</b> OHS Conference	<b>12</b> OHS Conference
<b>13</b> OHS Conference	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Victoria Day</i>	<b>22</b> June newsletter submissions deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> St. Distaff's Day, Winchester
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

Heartwood House, 153 Chapel St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1H5

<http://www.ovwsg.com>

## Membership Application / Renewal Form

ANNUAL FEE: \$30.00 Individual / \$45.00 Family

The membership period is from May to April 30 of the following year. New Members who join from February-April, the membership expiry is extended to April 30 of the following year

(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).

Please Print Clearly. In the email address, please differentiate zeros from the letter "O", ones from the letter "l", etc

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PROVINCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSTAL CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a (please check one):**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New member      | <input type="checkbox"/> Returning member (after an absence)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member | <input type="checkbox"/> In what year did you first join the Guild? _____ |

**Do you participate in:**

- |                                   |                                   |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinning | <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving  | <input type="checkbox"/> Felting  |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dyeing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry |                                       |

**Are you interested in:**

- |                                   |                                   |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinning | <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weaving  | <input type="checkbox"/> Felting  |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dyeing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry |                                       |

**Are you willing to help in the following areas:**

- |                                     |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarns                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops  | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Exhibition and Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library    |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive       |

**Do you have any ideas for workshops or programs, or any additional comments?**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ST. DISTAFF DAY

**SATURDAY May 26, 2007**

**Winchester Community Centre/Arena upstairs.**

The sixth annual St. Distaff Day is being hosted by the Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild and will be held at the Winchester Community Centre/Arena 577 Main Street, Winchester.

The focus of this event is “**Interpreting St. Distaff in Fashion**”. Plans include vendors, workshops and the annual St. Distaff Day Challenge. We invite you to use your imagination to create your inspired interpretation of St. Distaff in Fashion to display in the exhibition. Original entries made by the exhibitor will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

## REGISTRATION

NAME.....TEL #.....  
STREET ADDRESS.....CITY.....  
PROV.....POSTAL CODE.....

E-MAIL.....

The cost is \$20 for the day, which includes both a morning and an afternoon workshop, lunch and both morning and afternoon refreshments.

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO “OVWSG” AND MAIL \$20.00 PAYMENT, INCLUDING THIS FORM TO:**

Cindy Jackson,  
279 Eadie Road,  
Russell, ON K4R 1E5

Do not include any supply fees. These get paid to your class instructors.

**WORKSHOP PREFERENCE** Please choose three each (by number) of the morning and afternoon lists. We will do our utmost to accommodate your choices but the sooner you register, the more likely you are to obtain your first choices.

A.M. 1st.....2nd.....3rd.....

P.M. 1st.....2nd.....3rd.....

When you receive your confirmation we will include a list of supplies that you will need to bring to your workshop. We will be contacting you by email so please print clearly. Any supply costs get paid directly to the workshop teachers.

YES

NO

Do you belong to a Guild?

If so which one

Do you wish to be contacted

for next years St. Distaff Day?

for other OVWSG events?

All personal information including email addresses will remain private.

**REGISTRATION FORM  
FALL SPINNING RETREAT**

**OCTOBER 12- 14, 2007  
Sam Jakes Inn, Merrickville, ON**

**SPONSORED BY  
Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild**

NAME:.....  
ADDRESS.....  
.....  
.....  
TELEPHONE NUMBER.....  
E-MAIL.....  
SPECIAL NEEDS.....

**PART I: REGISTRATION FEES:** Register early since we are limiting event to 50 people.  
Early bird, before June 30th.....\$65  
From July 01st to close of registration on August 31<sup>st</sup> .....\$75

Make cheques payable to **OTTAWA VALLEY WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD**

**PART II: ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL PLAN** All participants will be staying at Sam Jakes Inn and having meals together during the Retreat. Call Sam Jakes Inn at 613- 269-3711 for Ottawa area, or 800-567-46667 for participants from outside of Ottawa to reserve your room. Mention to staff that you are part of the Spinning Retreat. You must make your reservation at the Inn before August 31, 2007 to finalize your registration status.

Prices for Inn Package, per person: Includes all Taxes and Gratuities for two nights accommodation, two dinners, two breakfast buffets, one lunch, and two coffee breaks:

Single Rate.....	\$412.93	
Double Rate.....	\$276.08	Do you need a roommate?.....
Triple Rate.....	\$225.15	
Quad Rate.....	\$207.65	

For Guild use: Date of registration..... Receipt and information package sent .....  
Date registered with Sam Jakes.....

Send registration to: Judith Rygiel, 2 Bren Maur Road, Ottawa, ON, K2J 3Z7  
E-mail: [judith\\_rygiel@look.ca](mailto:judith_rygiel@look.ca)  
613-825-4155