



President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

I was so proud to be part of this Guild at this year's Exhibition and Sale. What a wonderful show with such a vast variety of fibres everywhere you looked. The exhibits were fantastic. Everyone pulled together to put on the "No Animals Fibres, Please" Exhibit. It was totally awesome, I learned a lot! The items donated to support the Women Afghani Weavers were all excellent quality, varied and generous. Special thanks go to Jack Lane, who donated a coverlet for the fund-raiser. When we pull together the guild is a great TEAM. Yea, team!

December Meeting

Monday, December 3rd, at 7:30pm

Greeter: Tuula Talvila

Program: Chinese Auction, & Pot Luck

Members bring in items to be auctioned. This can be fibre related or anything you think other members might be interested in bidding on. How it works: Envelopes filled with numbers, for bidding, may be purchased (i.e. envelope #15 is filled with little 15's). Each item has a small yogourt cup beside it. You place your little numbers in the cups, as a bid. At the close of bidding, one number is drawn from each cup. If it is your number, you win that item. Strategy - if you really want an item, place several bid numbers in its container. Many people purchase several envelopes to increase their odds. When I (Laurie) first started at the guild, I won quite a lot of fibre at my first Chinese Auction. This got me started on my first fibre stash! This is a great opportunity for new members to get started at their stashes too, for just a couple of dollars. During the bidding, we will enjoy the pot luck and socialise. There will still be a Show and Tell and short announcements.

P.S. We could use some more yogourt containers. Please bring along some, if you have them (not the mini size).

Library open at 5:00 pm

For the past couple of meetings the Library has opened early. This has afforded a longer time for people to peruse the library and also a meeting/ social time for members to gather before the meeting. This appears to be a welcome service and therefore will continue.

No Newsletter in January

In order to give our Newsletter editor a break during the Christmas season, we do not publish a newsletter in January. However, if anything urgent comes up a regular e-mailing notice will be sent to members.

Things to bring to the December meeting...

- ♦ yummy snackables to share for the pot luck
- ♦ empty medium-sized plastic containers for bids

January Meeting

Monday, January 7th, at 7:30pm

Greeter & Hostess volunteers needed!

Program: Ann McElroy, OVSWG member and felt artist will be demonstrating name tag felting.

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Exhibition & Sale Report

Exhibition and Sale Notes

Nancy Ingram, Coordinator

Did We - Highlight the activities the Guild: its programs, workshops, and demonstrations?
Did We - Attract new members to the Guild?
Did We - Introduce the public to new and old fibres used in our products?
Did We - Raise money for the Resource Centre and for Afghan women?
Did We - Offer a variety of finished items for sale along with raw materials?
Did We - Have a good overall presentation of sale booths, exhibits and a featured guest artist?

The answer is a resounding YES! to the questions above.

The overall impression of the event was very positive. My thanks to everyone who contributed to making the show a success. Can we improve? Of course we can. We can be more creative in our advertising, we can improve our signage throughout the show - the list goes on. Every year we look for new ideas in planning the event and we appreciate comments from everyone - from those currently participating in the exhibition and sale to those who have interest in becoming involved in promoting the Guild and its work.

There is a planning committee already working on the 2008 event. The next show will proceed only if people volunteer for the many jobs outlined on my comment sheet (mailed to 2007 booth holders and exhibit organizers). Please submit your comments now and let me know if you are interested in participating in next year's show. Applications will be mailed out in January. A planning meeting will be held on a January weekend, tentatively scheduled for 1:30, Saturday, 26 January at the Resource Centre.

Summary Statistics: Exhibition and Sale

Number of booths sold - 21 plus coop booth
4 Exhibition/demonstration areas including guest artist
Income from sale of booths \$2391.62
Expenditures \$2362.72

Carryover from last year (\$175.00) not used and available for 2008 along with small carryover from this year.

Again, my sincere thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to the organization of the event before, during and after. Please volunteer for next year and attend the planning meeting.

Rogers Community Cruiser

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The Community Cruiser not only provided free coffee and TimBits, they took some TV footage as well. This was to be turned into a composite of community events as a commercial. I enquired about purchasing and unfortunately we will not be able to do so. She did however give me the following link where we will be able to view our Cruiser moments. It is supposed to be on the site by the end of November.

<http://www.rogerstelevision.com/get.asp?rid=4&lid=16&tid=12549&arid=4>



Photos from the Exhibition & Sale:

(left) Media students from Rogers Cable covering the Ex and Sale

(right) Multi-tasking President Laurie Harkin-Chiasson -- selling donated fibre while being interviewed by media students from Rogers Cable

Photos by Ann Sunahara.



How Old Fibres Meet New Fibres

Francine Deguire

It is undeniable that our ancient artisans knew how to coax usable fibre out of a plant. In fact, the anthropologists stipulate that those artisans utilized it as their necessity and cultural expression. Today, the contemporary artisans use our ancestors' techniques with the old and / or new fibres as a solution to their design problems.



Items by Guest Artist Patricia Dolan (photos by Francine Deguire)

OVWSG's Exhibition 2007

Francine Deguire, Coordinator of the Exhibition's booth "No Animal Fibre Please"

At the exhibition show, some of our Guild's members brought to our attention how their passion is expressed with hues, textures and shapes. Others demonstrated how the awesome natural, man-made or synthetic fibres can be spun and turned into fascinating results. And on top of all, our booth greeters were there to share with the public the uncovered secrets of the fibres along with very relevant educational materials (prepared and displayed). The amount of participants were so great that I cannot enumerate all of them. Please accept my grateful thank you. All of you contributed immensely to make this event an unforgettable experience!



Ex & Sale Photos:

(left) Rug weaving by Fatima Dias

(middle) Work by Guest Artist Patricia Dolan

(right) Detail of work by Patricia Dolan

Photos by Francine Deguire (far left) and Ann Sunahara.

More photos from the Exhibition & Sale...



Guild display table



Scarves by Francesca Overend



Scarves by Francesca Overend



Judith Rygiel
demonstrating spinning



Scarves by Roberta Murrant



Past President Ann Middleton
preparing linen fibre for the
spinning demonstration

*All photos on this page by Ann
Sunahara.*

General Announcements

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Lost Jacket

At the October meeting an orange tone woven jacket was left at the meeting. Would the owner please let us know and we'll try to get it back to you.

Generous Donation

A slide projector and screen, both in pristine condition were recently donated to the guild. We just need to purchase a new bulb.

Audit complete

The audit of our books for 2006-07 have been completed. Thank-you to our auditors.

Membership Assistant

Fatima Dias is doing a great job as Membership Convener and getting all our membership lists and records up to date. However, it looks like their move from Toronto area to Ottawa is not going to be happening as planned. She has been making our meetings regularly but cannot commit to driving here during the winter months. She is still going to take care of Membership but requested an Assistant to take on the meeting duties during the winter months. Ann Sunahara volunteered to help out. Ann will be at the membership table by the doors to take your membership payments/renewals and issue receipts, cards and information.

February 29, 2008

It's a LEAP YEAR! Do you have a suggestion for a guild activity for leap year?

Fabrics of Pioneer Life

Ann Sunahara

This book would be a great stocking stuffer. Clearly and succinctly written by Ellen Good, an outstanding weaver, spinner and dyer, "Fabrics of Pioneer Life" is full of useful, practical information about flax and wool production, spinning, dyeing, weaving and weave structures used in textile production in 19th century Lanark County. Published by MERA (31 pages, 54 photographs), it is a bargain at \$12.00.

Available at the December Guild Meeting or by contacting Ankaret Dean or Ann Sunahara
613.728.9691 sunahara@magma.ca

Upcoming Activities

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Almonte, Ontario

(we are members)

www.mvc.on.ca or 613 259-2421

1. "Fiber Fairytales" by Harmony - November 8th - January 27th Mixed media textile art featuring tapestry and woven 3-dimensional art, painting on silk, quilts and appliqué.
2. MVTM Gift shop sale - December 3rd-21st
3. Wine & Cheese Fund raiser - December 6th, 7 pm
4. "Kintail Country Christmas", Sat. Dec 15, 2-8pm at Mill of Kintail Conservation area. Victorian ornament workshop by MVTM volunteers as part of Kintail country Christmas celebrations.

CAO Council for the Arts in Ottawa

(we are members)

council@arts-ottawa.on.ca or 613 569-1387

1. "Holiday Happening" (CAO Christmas party) Wednesday, December 12th, 4-8pm Studio, Arts Court, 2 Daly Ave. Ottawa
2. Victor Tolgesy Arts Award - nomination deadline Nov. 30, 2007. Nominees will be judged by the degree of their accomplishments in the arts and their years of contribution to the arts community in Ottawa. Trophy plus \$5000 cash prize. For information contact CAO
3. "Financial Management for Artists" workshop, Starts Jan.10, 2008

Rug-hooking class in Kingston

Loretta Moore

"The Perfect Stitch" in Kingston is offering a basic rughooking workshop on January 20 from 10a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be basic rughooking combined with wool appliqué and proddy which is a technique that adds texture to the finished piece. To register for the class, call The Perfect Stitch in Kingston at 613-389-2223. The store will provide details on the cost of the class. Kits will be provided ranging in price from \$45.00 and up and hooks for those who do not have hooks. A quilting hoop or Q-snap frame is required for the class.

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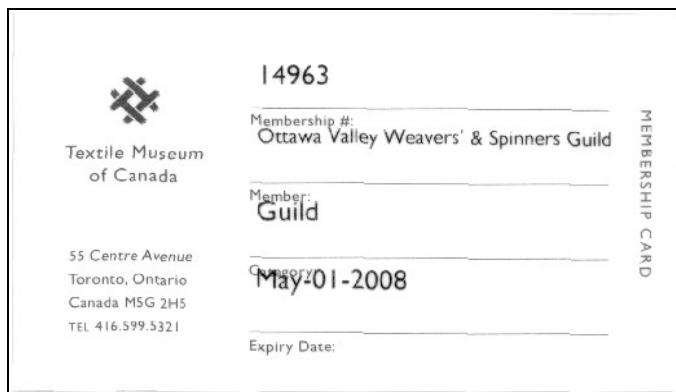
You can still sign up for a night at the Great Canadian Theatre Company's new facility. We have chosen the play "PLAN B" which is on the end of May, beginning of June. Sign up sheets at the meeting. Actual date to be set in the new year. Group rate = half price tickets.

The Blues - Textile Museum of Canada

Ann Sunahara

This excellent exhibit is on until March 2, 2008 at the Textile Museum of Canada. It explores indigo use in West Africa, East Asia and Canada. It also includes works by contemporary artists that draw on the indigo tradition and on the Blues including Gee's Bend's Mary Lee Bendolph, and Ontario's Dorothy Caldwell.

So if you are in Toronto this holiday season, visit the Textile Museum of Canada, 55 Centre Avenue (near the St. Patrick Subway station) 416-599-5321. Use the OVWSG Guild Membership card below and get \$2 off the usual admission fee. (Tip: Wednesdays from 5PM to 8PM admission is "pay-what-you-can").



Getting Involved in the Guild

Aside from coming to Guild meetings and taking workshops through the Guild, there are other ways for members to get involved and lend a helping hand to keep Guild activities running. This is a new section in the newsletter that will outline opportunities to help out, requests for ideas, etc.

Hostesses & Greeters

Both Hostess and Greeter are needed for the January and February meetings. Please sign up at the December meeting or let Laurie know. Hostess purchases some juices and snacks (reimbursed by Treasurer) and sets them up at a table for the meeting. Greeter stands at the side door between 7 and 7:30 on meeting nights to admit/welcome members and direct new members to the Gallery and/or Resource Centre.

Computer researcher

Are you a person who likes to research on the computer? The guild is in need of a person to take on the "Big Online" research. We have paid into this service and we need a member to actually use it. This database provides possibilities of access to funds, corporate sponsorships, grants etc. The research involves searching the database for potential matches with our organization. A locked room has been set up at Heartwood House with a dedicated computer hooked up to the licenced database. We have a key to the room, you would just need to book a time slot through Moe (Director of Heartwood House). We have paid for this service for a year now and have yet to actually use it. Are you the person we have been looking for? Contact Laurie to volunteer or get more information.

President's Term

Laurie's term as President completes April 30, 2008. We are in need of a President to take over. Laurie has honoured the 2 year commitment. She will continue helping the guild in another position, but we need to think about a new President for the 2008-09 year.

Guild's 2009 Anniversary

The Guild will be 60 years old in 2009. We have the HH Gallery booked for May 2009 for a Guild Art Show all that month. Start planning your projects now. Keep in mind they are best hung on the walls. Do you have any other ideas/activities for our Anniversary year?

Resource Centre News

Parking on Saturdays

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Just a reminder that on Saturdays the parking lot behind Heartwood House is reserved for the synagogue. They have agreed that if a workshop is taking place, the instructor may take one space. Alternate parking is available on Beausoleil Dr, north of the synagogue and HH complex (see other parking information in the HH News section, pg. 8).

Fun Sundays

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Dec 9, Jan 13 and Feb 10, 10am to approx. 3pm (or until people get tired). Arrive when you can, bring a lunch (or there's a Shawarma place across the road) and your enthusiasm.

These are held on the second Sunday of the Month. Come out for a few hours of Fibre activity. Try out something new, bring along a project or just poke around the library. Anything goes. NEW MEMBERS: This is an excellent opportunity to come out for a fun day, try out some equipment, see what the Resource Centre has to offer, socialise with other members etc.

Access: Use the side door (facing Rideau St.) Buzz 1002, which will ring in the Resource Centre and we can buzz/unlock the door for you to get in.

Christmas Break at the Resource Centre

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Is there anyone (or a few people) interested in using the Resource Centre during the holiday break? Put a warp on a loom, do some drum carding or spinning? Arrangements can be made for access/key etc. All the equipment is available to you; you just have to commit to coming and using it. We will ask again at the Dec. meeting to see if there is an interest, or let Laurie know.

Wednesday Weavers

Mary Morrison

The Wednesday Weavers (Sue Quinn, Francesca Overend and I) will not be in the Resource Centre every week in Dec. or early January. If any members wish to work there or need help with something, please contact me, Mary Morrison at morrmary@sympatico.ca or (613) 830-9992.

Guild Workshops

Sign up now!

Design 101 for Spinners/Knitters

Sat. Jan. 12, 9:30 -5:00 - with Shirley Browisky. Never run out of handspun yarn for a project again. Yarn design, how much to spin, measurements, writing the pattern and much more. All levels. \$65 members \$75 non-members. Materials fee: \$8.00

Beginning Needle Felting

Sat. Jan. 19, 10:30 - 3:30 - with Ann McElroy. Learn to use a felting needle to make felt without getting wet. Make a wool sculpture. \$40 members \$50 non-members. Material fee: to be determined.

Introduction to Kumihimo (Japanese Braiding)

Sun. Jan. 20, 11:00 - 4:00 - with Laurie Harkin-Chiasson. Make a 16 strand spiral braid and a "square braid with hearts". Traditional methods, equipment uses and brief history will be covered as well as modern methods. \$40 members \$50 non-members. Materials fee: \$10

Post-Beginning Weaving Course

Sundays, beginning January 27, 11:00 - 4:00, with subsequent classes held in Feb. and March, likely at two-week intervals (that information to come later) - with Mary Morrison. The emphasis will be on developing a project, working on all aspects of designing: - intended use, technical demands, colour blending, choice of yarns. Floor looms will be used. Five of them are available to use. Cost per lesson: \$40 for members, \$50- non-members.

Tapestry for Beginners

Anyone interested in a Tapestry Course for beginners please let me know and it can be arranged. Mary Morrison (morrmary@sympatico.ca)

New workshop brochure

Time to plan for the next workshops session starting in February. The new schedule (February to June) is in progress. We will send out an e-mail when it is ready. Contact Elizabeth Watt (elizabeth@wattfamily.ca) with your intentions to instruct, topic and select dates etc. The guild pays its instructors \$25/hr of class time. Cost of any materials you provide to students is reimbursed directly to you, by the students. If you have a technique or fibre related topic that you are familiar with, come out and instruct in the Resource Centre. Enthusiasm is the only requirement.

Heartwood House News

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Monthly Bulletin

Heartwood House has just started a monthly bulletin. The purpose of the bulletin is to provide an opportunity for member groups to inform the community (internal and external) of on-going activities including workshops, fund-raising events, special announcements, classes etc. All submissions must be submitted by the first Thursday of each month (Next deadline is Dec. 6). What you write will be copied directly to the bulletin. It will appear on their website as well. They would like it kept to approx. 1 paragraph. Send submissions directly to Moe at moe@heartwoodhouse.ca

OC Transpo Unclaimed Items Sale Notes from Moe of HH:

"Despite the heavy rainfall the "Faithful Shoppers" were out in force to scoop up the deals at the OC Transpo Unclaimed Items Sale held on October 27th. \$3,800.23 was raised, which is a sale record! This was a fabulous result considering the reduced numbers of shoppers and the fact that the majority of items were sold from a range of 25 cents to \$5. The shoppers also benefited from the amazing deals for brand new t-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball hats, Ottawa Senator t-shirts and Toronto Maple Leaf t-shirts that were donated to Heartwood House by MBNA. There is no way that we could successfully sell 5,000 items without the support of our Heartwood community. Many thanks to the volunteers for the GIFT of their time. OVWSG volunteers were Ann McElroy and Madeleine Parent"

Rent

Good news!! The expected rent increase for the new year has been postponed to Feb. 1, 2009. At that time rent increments will be set for each group.

Heartwood's Own Art Show

All members (that's all OVWSG members as well) are invited to submit articles for the ART SHOW in the HH Gallery. The show runs from DEC 7 - 31. It doesn't have to be framed, but there should be some way to hang it. You can put a price on your work or just strut your stuff (mark it NFS for "Not for Sale"), so we can all enjoy each other's creativity. It can be a fibre of course, however other suggestions are painting, photograph, drawing or craft. Submit to Kae at People, Words & Change (Main Floor, in the corner, by the Gallery) by Friday Dec. 4. Several of our members submitted to this show last year, so get in on the fun.

Poetry Series Note Cards - ALSO Fund-raiser

ALSO (Alternative Learning Styles and Outlooks), a literacy organization in Heartwood, has these note cards for sale at \$15 per package of 10 with 10 different designs, blank inside. This is student work from their "Random Acts of Poetry" Workshop. www.also-ottawa.org

Aphasia Centre Poinsettia Fundraiser

Nursery grown "Freedom" variety poinsettias in 8" pots. Red, Pink or White \$27.00 taxes incl. (Cheques or Cash) Order by Dec 7. sibly@aphasiaottawa.com or 613-567-1119 or drop by the Aphasia Centre at Heartwood House.

Facility Upgrades

1. Locked Bike Shed constructed to combat theft. Must register with HH to get a key.
2. Upper parking lot (on the hill towards regular lot) has been graded and gravel added, making it now usable. This is now to be the Visitor Parking area.
3. Metal railing being installed on south side landing of the front steps.
4. Hallway construction: The bulletin board in the main floor hallway is being reconstructed for promotion of the Everybody Wins Computer recycling program. New shelving with heavy locking casters are being constructed to safely store and move computer donations to the "dungeon" and to safely remove the items when they are picked up by Ray Long Computers. These will replace the dollies and piles on the floor in the hallway. Should be neater and safer.
5. Benches being constructed by side door fence. This should help in reducing the number of people "hanging around" the side door.

HH Visitor Parking - weekdays

Before 4 pm on weekdays, visitors to HH are requested to use the parking lot east of the synagogue (on the hill up to the HH lot). This lot has been levelled and new gravel laid down, making it now usable. It was very muddy in the past. Sign in at the front desk (red binder) with your make of car and pay for parking at \$1.00 for half day and \$2 for full day. After 4pm, we can use the usual paved parking lot behind Heartwood House, at no charge.

HH Front Desk Christmas hours

December 24th - closed at 2:30 p.m.
December 25th - 26th - closed
December 27th - 28th - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
December 31st - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
January 1st closed
January 2nd - return to normal schedule.
(There are most likely no ESL classes operating in our Resource Centre over Christmas.)

Marketplace

Currently no items advertised for sale.

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 613-722-4808, 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.

Correspondence: Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild
Heartwood House, 153 Chapel Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1H5

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

Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ovwsg/>

Newsletter Editor: Tuula Talvila (tuulat@gmail.com, 613-722-4808)

Past Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes

Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

Monthly Guild Meeting

Monday, October 1st, 2007, Gallery, Heartwood House

(Written & Recorded by Marilyn Mulligan)

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

The meeting began with an introduction of the executive and visitors.

SHOW & TELL

-The show and tell portion of the meeting began with a request of new and unusual fibres for the exhibition and sale "no animal fibre please", just any old and new fibres other than animal based.

-Patricia at 721-6357 has angora wool for sale and is looking for Megan's mother in law.

-We saw some articles made with loopy yarn

-Judith Rygiel had a Coverlet bought in Trois Rivières on her way back from the Maritimes, woven in the Acadian Catalogne style, and a woven hemp article died in indigo.

-A jacket created by a tailor, from silk fabric woven and dyed by Judith Rygiel was modelled by Ann Sunahara.

-Some fibres, passed around, were from recycled pop bottles, raw bamboo, organic cotton, hemp roving and gummy silk.

-We were shown a magazine article about Japanese textiles, a hook for a spinning wheel created by a blacksmith, and some non-animal fibre woven - linen and rayon.

BUSINESS MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

-We had a report on the Resource Centre

-For the next 10 months the co-op 301 is using our room until 4: PM and is paying us rent for the time.

- There were requests for submissions for the newsletter such as the upcoming workshops, and other events.
- Some programs for the GCTC were passed around after a description of the performances and a sign up sheet was provided for anyone interested in attending.
- A request for volunteers for the vacant Guild positions was presented along with a description of some of the duties required, such as greeter at the door, hostess, program committee and a co-ordinator for programs.
- Ideas were brainstormed for the members present to come up with a program for this year's Guild meetings. Some of the suggestions for the programs were Pin Weaving, weaving edges, Fleece and Fibre, sheep, knitting and weaving. Madeleine Parent volunteered to be Program Coordinator along with Jason Massia (Technology component).
- We were advised that a grant for shelving had been submitted to the City of Ottawa. (This would cover 50% of the cost.)
- The Guild will be celebrating their 60th anniversary in April 2009 and exhibits have been requested for a Gallery Show.
- It was announced that the filling cabinets were being cleaned out and planning was requested for workshops and instructors.
- The subject of the exhibition and sale and was brought forward to request advertisements in local papers, post cards were handed out for members to be posted on bulletin boards. A request for donations such as a project we have done, volunteers, demonstrations, fundraising for silk weavers in Afghanistan.
- We saw a donation for the sale, a bedspread woven in a snowflake pattern, double bed size, and reversible in cotton. Suggested price \$1600.00
- OC Transpo has a sale of unclaimed articles on the last Saturday in October and a request for 2 volunteers are needed. Ann McElroy & Madeleine Parent volunteered.
- The workshops were discussed
- a membership list has been updated
- Jan offered to come in to open the library at 5 P.M meeting nights.
- an in-depth report on the OHS Binders is in progress.
- An executive meeting will be held after the sale
- Fatima described the Guild exhibition and Sale she had attended in Alberta. It was considerably larger than ours.

PROGRAM

-Following a break Nicole Colbeck co-ordinator for Heartwood House gave a very informative talk on the Heartwood House members, their groups and purpose. We received an explanation of what the concept of Heartwood House represents for everyone involved and how they benefit these groups who have access to equipment and opportunities that would not normally be able to afford on their own.

The meeting ended at 10:10 pm.

Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild Monthly Guild Meeting Monday November 4, 2007, Gallery, Heartwood House

(Written and recorded by Marilyn Mulligan)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Laurie Harkin-Chiasson (President)

Announcements

- Fatima had left some name tags with Laurie for new members
- some books were donated by author Ellen Good "Fabrics of Pioneer Life"
- introduction of the Executive, new members and visitors.
- a lost jacket was left from last meeting (orange)
 - There were some bags left after the Exhibition and Sale - will be in the lost and found

Show and Tell

-Jan had created binders containing and describing many fibres. Binder 1 contains fibres from plant sources, Binder 2 contained fibres made from metals, micro fibre, angelina, and nylon. This took a great deal of work and expense on her part for our exhibition and sale and will be held in our resource library.

- Jan brought in some drop spindles purchased from Viking Santa. They are perfectly balanced and very decorative.
- Ann Sunahara donated a book for the resource centre and also showed us a picture of Mahatma Gandhi
- Ann McElroy will be showing us how to make felted name tags at our next meeting
- we saw a 3 ply long draw made into a shawl (long draw - spinning with one hand using a big wheel)

Business

- Judith asked that the expenses be sent to her (for the Ex and Sale)
- Nancy Ingram thanked everyone; she was impressed with displays, variety, guild table and the teamwork.
- over \$500 was earned from the guild table
- an executive meeting will be called this month.
- Madeline Parent has set our programs and will be co-ordinator
- Library opened at 5 P.M.
- Audit on the books has been completed
- Fatima has been dealing with our new membership while living in Toronto and Ann Sunahara will be her assistant for the winter.
- There will be no newsletter in January
 - The in-depth study and inventory of our inventory is done, some new books were not on our list
- library cabinet grant is coming
- Wed. Weavers will not be in this week but will in the following week.
- Fun Sunday will be at Dec 9 at 10 A.M, see equipment we have to offer
 - dial # 1002 on the side door and it will ring down stairs in the resource centre
 - Parking, only the instructors are permitted to park in the synagogue parking lot on Saturdays.
 - Reminder- next month- Chinese Auction
 - Looking for donations, bring items for potluck. Mary agreed to organise numbers
 - 2009 Anniversary, need ideas for items
 - GCTC- planning for group attending play
 - A gift of a loom has been given to us (Swedish, counter balance)

Work Shops

- Please give plenty of time to make arrangements
- more people needed for the pine needle basket weaving, inkle weaving and needle felting.
- Other courses are being slotted.
- Nancy Ingram has sent out feedback forms for the Exhibition and Sale and would like them back ASAP.
- Mary Bowrin gave us a demonstration on bead weaving; the beading loom can be purchased at Wall Mart, Zellers or any Craft shop.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.