



## President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Welcome to 2007 and a fantastic line up of activities for all our members: workshops on a variety of subjects, Spinning Retreat, Silent Auction & Open House, St. Distaff's day, OHS (Ont. Handweavers and Spinners) Conference Guild display, Themed meeting programs leading up to Indigo dyeing workshops in June, Demonstration Opportunities, Ex and Sale in the fall, Mentorship programs, Study groups and regularly planned Fun/Play days at the Resource Centre. You cannot say that we do not offer something for everyone in our guild. I encourage everyone to become active in one or several of these events and activities. Personal enrichment and serenity can be found right under your nose.

### **Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild**

#### **Meetings & Resource Centre:**

Heartwood House, 153 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ontario

#### **Correspondence: Remember our new address!**

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

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

visited included studios creating fabrics by means of the Japanese dyeing technique Shibori. Come share her adventure!

See page 3 for details regarding Silent Auction donations.

### **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.

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## February Meeting

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm**

**Greeter: Jean Hutchinson – Hostess: still needed!**

**Programme:** *Japanese fibre arts with Sarah Hale;*  
*and we will be accepting your Silent Auction donations*

Sarah Hale, a textile artist who exhibited at last November's Exhibition and Sale, recently enjoyed a fibre arts tour of Japan in the company of other fibre artists. The venues

# General Announcements

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

## St. Distaff's Day Planning/Organizational Meeting

*Thursday, February 1st, 7 pm, in the Resource Centre*

As we are hosting the event this year we will need many volunteers to help out, both before the event, and the actual day of. Many tasks have already been broken down into small, manageable parts. This is a major fund-raising opportunity for our guild, so your participation is urgently needed. Everyone's invited, and bring your creative spirit/ideas. (For more information about St. Distaff's Day events, please see page 4.)

## Executive & Committees Meeting

*Monday, February 19th, 7-9 pm, in the Resource Centre.*

Send RSVP and any agenda items to Laurie H-C. All members are welcome to attend these meetings and participate, however only Exec. & Committees have a vote.

## Guild Website

Cindy Jackson will now be taking care of the Guild website ([www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com)). Please direct any updates to the information on the website to her at: [cindy@applelaine.com](mailto:cindy@applelaine.com). She has indicated that she may not always make the meetings, but as long as any update information is e-mailed to her, it will be done.

I would like to thank Diane Blais-Lummerding for all her work on our website to date.

## Meeting Night Greeters and Hostess

On the request of the membership, these volunteer positions have been created.

Feb. 5 Hostess - Need a volunteer  
Greeter - Jean Hutchinson

Mar. 5 Hostess - Need a volunteer  
Greeter - Judith Rygiel

April 2 Hostess - Cindy O'Gorman  
Greeter - Tuula Talvila

Duties of Hostess: Provide some juices and possibly dessert item(s) for refreshment at the meeting. This is to be set up in the Gallery, where the meeting is held. Arrive before the meeting to set up. Reimbursement of any costs to be submitted to the Treasurer.

Duties of Greeter: Arrive around 7 pm to greet people at the side door and hand out the name tags. Name tags (brown filing box) are in the 3rd drawer of the filing cabinet in the RC Library. This allows people immediate access to the building without having to buzz and wait. Welcome new members and guests and direct them to the meeting room and/or introduce them to another guild member who can

show them what the guild has to offer.

## Operating Funding Grant

Several members are working hard as we speak/read, on an application to the City of Ottawa, for an Operating Funding Grant covering three years. They are working for you, to keep our facility open, available and running for your use. Thank-you in advance to those members for their time spent on pulling this application together, in a short time frame.

## Calls for Show Submissions

From the "Council for the Arts - Ottawa" (of which we are a member):

### Mississippi Valley Textile Museum - Call

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is now accepting submissions for our upcoming exhibition Community Threads. We are looking for art or artifacts, things you have or things you have made, that represent your connection to the historical textile industry, the contemporary fibre arts or where the two meet.

Do you have any artifacts or relics of the local textile industry? Items used by a former millworker? Are you an artist or artisan working with fibres? Then we are looking for your items and artworks to display in the first exhibit of its kind to be displayed at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, to celebrate the reopening of our Norah Rosamond Hughes Gallery.

Please submit images of your items or artworks with a brief biography or personal statement by email to

[textile@magma.ca](mailto:textile@magma.ca) or by mail to: MVTM Box 784 Almonte, ON K0A 1A0 or drop by the museum with a CD or slides.

For more information, please contact Erin Snow, Acting Curator, at 613-256-3754 or email [mvtm@magma.ca](mailto:mvtm@magma.ca).

**The deadline for submissions is February 4th 2007.**

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is located at 3 Rosamond St. E. In Almonte, ON. We are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am – 4pm.

[www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com](http://www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com)

## March Break with the Kids

The Coop 301 group at Heartwood has asked us if we are interested in partnering on a project to offer activities to children/youth over the March Break. I know that we have done this type of thing in the past, offering half-day mini workshops.

Please think about this proposition. If there is enough interest, we will go ahead with planning this project. I will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

## Demonstrations

We are looking for someone who can coordinate the Community Demonstrations. Most are events that we have

traditionally participated in. This involves being a contact person for demos and sending sign up sheets around at the meetings to get participants. You would also make sure to pass on the details (where, time etc.) to the participants and collect any Honourarium fees for the guild from the event organizer. Cindy O'Gorman has taken the first event to come in, Pinhey's Point in June (Father's Day). Demonstrations are a really fun way to get involved in your guild and get to know other members. Showing your skills in a public setting never fails to be a very rewarding experience. YOU may be the one who influences someone to become a spinner or weaver.

## **Mentorship Program**

*Cindy O'Gorman*

Would you like to have a Mentor as an advisor on your journey to learning and refining a new skill or technique? Would you like to share your expertise or particular interest with a new learner? For new members and as a reminder to ongoing members, the Guild has a Mentorship Program, which was started in the Fall of 2005. If you would like a mentor, or if you would be willing to mentor someone, please contact Cindy O'Gorman at 613-832-9316 or email [cgo244@yahoo.ca](mailto:cgo244@yahoo.ca) for more information.

## **Upcoming Guild Activities**

### **Fun Sunday/Play Days**

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

The membership is interested in resurrecting this activity. This will be a designated Sunday afternoon (noon to 4) where any member can come to the Resource Centre to use the equipment, experiment on something new, or just bring in a project to work on, in the company of other guild members. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to be introduced to the Resource Centre and what it has to offer. Check out the range of equipment or try your hand on a loom or wheel. Specific dates have not been set, at the time of this printing. Watch the Yahoo group page for announcements on upcoming Sunday Play Days.

### **Silent Auction and Open House: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12-4pm**

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

Saturday, February 10th, noon to 4pm at Heartwood House in the Gallery (where we hold our meetings). The open house will consist of demonstrations (many will be hands-

on) of spinning, weaving, felting and many other fibre arts that our guild participates in. The Resource Centre and Library area will be open and members will be showing the public what we have to offer. Refreshments will be available.

Set up will start at 9 am. Come and help out, please. More "Demonstrators" of our various Fibre Arts are needed as well, so please consider demonstrating, even for a couple of hours. We are asking members to donate items for the Auction as this is our major Fund-raiser for the Resource Centre, and fun for everyone too. Though the emphasis is on spinning, weaving and other fibre arts and related materials...we are also encouraging people to keep Valentine's gifts in mind. The gift basket/box idea has been suggested. So if you don't have fibre items to donate, what about a gift donation, or gift cards/certificates. Put on your creative thinking cap and come up with a unique donation. Donations may be dropped off the morning of the event or at the February 5th meeting. We are also asking for donations of baking/goodies or juice for the refreshment table. Volunteers to man this table are also required. Please pass on the word about the Auction and Open House to your friends. We have publicized the event in many of the Community Calendar/Coming Events, type of advertising. \*\*\* Our premier donation is a Queen-sized Blanket (100% Briggs & Little Wool) that was woven on our 100" Loom. Come and bid on your favourite item - you may get a bargain.

### **Spin Out for a Spin-In! Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Margot Dixon*

The Chesterville & District Historical Society invites you to celebrate Heritage Week at its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spin-In on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Held in the Nelson LaPrade Centre, 9 William St. (in the Park) Chesterville. William St. is on the east side of Main St. S., south side of St Mary's School. Theme for 2007 – Sock It To Me! Knitters are invited to bring a pair of their hand knit, but not necessarily hand spun, wool socks. We will discuss the perks, pains and pleasures of the process of creating wool socks; and debate the merits of traditional, toe up, and circular needle methods.

Vendors: Debbie Etherington, Elisabeth Kaufmann, and Lise Noakes will be attending – you can restock with supplies! Door prizes will be won. Bring your lunch or treat yourself to a meal at one of the village restaurants. For more information contact Margot Dixon 984-2880.



## OHS Conference Guild Display Challenge

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

OHS is the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners. Their biennial conference is being held at Brock University in St. Catharines this year. Our guild is participating in the "Guild Display Challenge". *Inspiration from the Closet* is the theme. We looked through our guild closet and found an old guild challenge to make white pillows. Therefore we have modified the new challenge to be: Pillows in Black, White or Black & White, any material, any Fibre Art form. You do not have to be at the conference to take part. Other members will take our display to the conference. Let's get as many pillows as we can, varied and creative. Please submit your pillows at the April Guild meeting, so that the display may be organized.

### St. Distaff's Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**When:** Saturday, May 26 is the final date. It got changed a couple of times as we pursued a place to hold it.

**Where:** Winchester Community Centre/Arena (Upstairs). Car pooling will be encouraged. Elevators, new public washrooms, kitchen facilities, large parking lot, air conditioning and next to an outside park area. Winchester is easy to find, at junction of Hwy 31 (Bank St. at the Ottawa end) and Hwy 43 West (towards Kemptville).

**Who:** Our Guild is hosting the event this year. Each year a different guild in Eastern Ontario offers this event.

**What:** A day in the country, offering half-day workshops, lunch, vendor tables, door prizes etc.

**Call for Instructors:** Do you have a talent for a specific technique that you can teach/demonstrate in 2 to 2½ hrs.? Please let us know by Feb. 15, so we can finalize the workshop registration forms.

**Call for Vendors:** There will be a limited number of vendor tables available. These will be allotted on a first come, first served basis.

**Contact:** Registrar: Cindy Jackson, [cindy@applelaine.com](mailto:cindy@applelaine.com) or President: Laurie Harkin-Chiasson, [lauriehc@magma.ca](mailto:lauriehc@magma.ca)

### Shear Panic at St. Distaff's Day?

Jan Scott

Here is a strange little bit of information that my husband tripped over on the internet. It's a site called "Board games with Scott" (<http://www.boardgameswithscott.com/>). He reviews various board games and has a little online video showing how to play them and reviewing the game's structure. It's really quite good. What I thought that the Guild may like is his latest game called "Shear Panic". It's described as "a light strategy game about managing the position of your sheep in a flock", and it has really cute sheep figures!! This may be fun to play at St. Distaff's Day!

To find the video review on the website, scroll down the page until you see the title "BGWS 036 - Shear Panic with the Lamont Brothers" - the beginning is silly but so is the game.



Picture of the sheep herd playing-pieces from "Shear Panic"

### Demo at Dickinson Days, Manotick

This event will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Elizabeth Watt for details at 692-6115 or [elizabeth@wattfamily.ca](mailto:elizabeth@wattfamily.ca)

### Spinning Retreat – October 12-14, 2007

Judith Rygiel

Indulge yourself by attending the first Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild October Spinning Retreat at Sam Jakes' Inn in Merrickville, ON. This retreat is limited to a maximum of fifty participants who will spend the weekend with guest textile artist, Liz Miller, from New Brunswick. She will be offering four mini workshops and practical advice for spinning enthusiasts. The retreat also features fibre suppliers, numerous door prizes, opportunities to shop for quality handicrafts in the village, a tour of a heritage museum, meeting new friends, and enjoying the comforts of a four star inn, including spa services.

The retreat starts at 5:30 pm, Friday October 12 and lasts until mid-morning, Sunday, October 14.

#### Part I: Registration information

Early bird registration, before June 30<sup>th</sup>, is \$65. After that the registration fee is \$75. Registration closes on August 31<sup>st</sup> or whenever we reach the maximum number of people. This fee covers all workshop activities.

#### Part II: Accommodation/ meal plan at Sam Jakes' Inn

All participants must make their own reservations with the Inn. They have offered us a special accommodation/meal plan which includes two nights accommodation and five meals. Meals include two three course dinners, one three course lunch, and two country buffet breakfasts. The price range varies, with all taxes and gratuities included, from \$276 for four people sharing to \$412 for a single.

**Contact person:** Judith Rygiel for registration forms, e-mail [judith\\_rygiel@look.ca](mailto:judith_rygiel@look.ca) or 613.825-4155

# Resource Centre News

## Weaving projects

*Mary Morrison*

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 10, four of us met to discuss weaving projects in the RC. The warp of blue and white cotton has been converted to an appropriate size for tea towels, for anyone to weave; a brown warp on a 48" loom will be adjusted for hand towels; and a new linen warp will be set up on another floor loom for woollen runners (like I showed at a previous meeting). These looms will very soon be ready for weaving. The group of us will meet again on Wed. Jan. 24, (1-3 pm) and every two weeks after. You can check with me to confirm the dates. Anyone is welcome to join us (Francesca, Sue Quinn, Cindy Jackson, and Mary M.). Sue is going to work on her tapestry, when not working on a big loom. Our aim is to encourage participation in interesting weaving projects. Suggestions are welcome. Please contact Mary Morrison at (613) 830-9992.

## Bulletin Boards

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

When you are in the Resource Centre, be sure to check the Bulletin Boards for further information. We receive mailings from many other guilds, arts events and Resources etc., which are posted, but not necessarily read at meetings or make the newsletter. For example, the last item I posted was a newsletter from the Quilters Guild. Don't miss this secondary source of valuable information.

## Equipment Storage

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

To reduce the clutter in the Resource Centre, some equipment was placed into storage (basement of Synagogue). This equipment may be brought out for your use, on request. For the 100" Loom however, we would ask that you have your warp done and ready for loom dressing before the actual loom is brought out. Once your project is completed we ask that the loom be placed back into storage as soon as possible. This is only because it takes up so much space in the RC room.

A list of Available Equipment in Storage is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Resource Centre.

# Exhibition & Sale News

## Door Prize Winners

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

These are the Door Prize winners from last November's Ex & Sale. Congratulations all!

Joan Plouffe - bird ornament	Elodie Cossette - Christmas Stocking
Olivia Pucci - Christmas ornament	Louise Cossette - Cards
Tasha Cooper - Ornament grab bag	Ruth Clynick - Mug Cozie
Louise Cossette - Felted Soap	Denise Cokev(?) - Batique picture
Elizabeth Crocker - Socks	Marguerite Chevrier - Mug mats
Dianne Breton - Christmas ornaments	Helen Spenser - couldn't read card
Mary Bowrin - Nancy's Card	Ranald Thurgood - Christmas Tree
Jan Scott - Shirley's weaving	Louise LaBerge - Tamari Ball
Lucette da Cunha - Christmas ornament bag	Heidi Roukema - Card Box
Kevin Matysiak - Drop Spindle	Dominique Roukema - Teddy Bear
Heather Galigau - pink cushion	Ranald Thurgood - Christmas Tree
Connie Bruce - Christmas ornaments	Ann Beauregard - Pink runner
Taylor Charlton - Star	Andre Plouffe - could not read card
Dianne Wadden - Silk bird	Gail Gaffney - no prize description
David 'The Pantry' - Guest Towel	Yvonne Mai - no prize description
	Cheryl Parker - no prize description

## Ex and Sale Committee

*Nancy Ingram*

For over 20 years the Guild has successfully held an Annual Exhibition and Sale at the Glebe Community Centre each fall. We have been fortunate to have Janet Whittam as Chair of the sale for the past several years. Janet would like to step back a bit this year and therefore it is proposed to have a team approach to organizing the sale; Janet will be part of the new team but will be replaced by Nancy Ingram as Chair. The team will be structured to represent the various aspects of the Exhibition and Sale; as it now stands, it consists of Laurie Harkin-Chiasson, Ann Sunahara, Sue Quinn, Janet Whittam, Roberta Murrant and Nancy Ingram.

The Exhibition and Sale has always been an opportunity to showcase the work of the Guild and its members. A variety of exhibits, mini-workshops, demonstrations, feature artists, silent auctions and garage sales have been featured in the Guild allocated space. The space is approximately 20ft by 30ft. We would like some fresh thoughts on how best to use the space to promote the Guild's work and to teach the public about the techniques of our craft. Please e-mail your ideas to Ann Sunahara ([sunahara@magma.ca](mailto:sunahara@magma.ca)) or Nancy Ingram ([ingram@rideau.net](mailto:ingram@rideau.net)) before February 15, 2007. We would welcome your comments and ideas as we plan the use of this space.

The Sale component also provides an opportunity to showcase the work of individual artisans who not only display articles for sale but demonstrate their craft. Equally



important, booth fees cover the costs of the event. To encourage participation, the fees are kept extremely low for a city venue but we expect booth participants to contribute time to promote and organize the event. We encourage and want our Guild members to purchase the majority of spaces. However, if spaces remain unsold, they are sold to fibre-related artists to support the costs of the event. Once again, if you have comments or suggestions regarding the Sale component please e-mail them to Nancy Ingram ([ingram@rideau.net](mailto:ingram@rideau.net)) before 15 February.

The Glebe Community Centre is a great location and space to hold our event. It is an opportunity to promote our craft and educate the public. It is an opportunity to fund raise for the Guild and the Resource Centre. It is an opportunity to mingle with and learn from your fellow weavers, spinners and fibre artists. Your ideas to make this another successful event would be most welcome.

There will be a sale planning meeting in the spring for all booth participants and Guild organizing committee members. The place and time will be published in the newsletter and announced at a future meeting.

## Heartwood House News

*Laurie Harkin-Chiasson*

### Heartwood House Art Show (Dec.)

Mary Morrison, Francesca Overend and Laurie Harkin-Chiasson submitted works to this Art Show.

### Outside Signage

Outside signage plans are in the works to have signs outside the building identifying each of the groups. They would be mounted between the lower level and main floor windows, that face Chapel Street. We will have a sign with our name, logo and possibly our web address. This should help increase our exposure to the public.

### Calendar

A calendar of events for all Heartwood House groups is going to be arranged, so that all of us know who is doing what etc. It will be mounted in a prominent place. This will also increase the exposure of our events and workshops to the public.

### Big Online

Fourteen groups from Heartwood (us included) have partnered together, to purchase the software licence called Big Online. This is a funding database which provides quick access to over 11,000 Canadian & US Foundations,

Corporations, and Government programs. Many of these sources cannot easily be accessed, but Big Online increases the possibility of finding funding sources to meet our organization's needs. This service also provides training, live support, writing assistance including templates and samples of successful proposals, free searches by their research department and networking opportunities.

I just got word that a dedicated computer laptop, high speed connection, and printer have been installed for Big Online access. There is a small room beside the Gallery doors that is being used for this resource. We will need 1 or 2 members who are willing to spend some time perusing this database to seek out funding for our Guild. Time slots will be booked through Mo (HH Administrator) and a key to the room made available. Please let Laurie know of your interest to use this tool for our guild.

### Computer Recycling

Heartwood House continues to accept computers etc. for recycling. However, only the traditional style monitors will cost \$15.00 to recycle, whereas other equipment can be donated at no cost to the donor.

### Unclaimed Items Sale

The next OC Transpo Unclaimed items sale will be the last Saturday in April. We commit to having 2 volunteers to help with the sale. We will need volunteers to take on this fun event. Come out to support Heartwood House. Some great bargains can be found!

### Ticket Offer

A fellow Heartwooder, Mita Basu, is offering (to other Heartwooders; that would be us) tickets at a reduced price. Her daughter, Dali Basu, presents an Evening of Indian Classical Odissi Dance, called "Sculptures in Motion" in the Alumni Theatre, Southam Hall, Carleton University, Sat. Apr. 21, 7:30pm. Mita has tickets available for \$15, a savings of \$3 off the Ticketmaster price. Contact her at home at 613-592-0732.

## Winter Workshops

*Elizabeth Watt*

The Double Weave Workshop has been cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

Workshop dates are listed in the Events Calendar at the end of the newsletter. For complete details of the workshops offered this winter, please refer to the Dec/Jan newsletter or the workshop brochure (available on the guild website, or at

our monthly meetings).

As registrar I'm finding that many people are leaving signing up for workshops until the last minute. This makes it very difficult for instructors to ensure there are sufficient materials for participants. It also makes it hard for me to decide whether a workshop will run or not. In general 4 participants are required to allow a workshop to run. I decide 2 weeks in advance whether the workshop will go or not and let instructors know numbers. To confirm a space I need to have payment and registration information in hand; cheques are not cashed until we are sure the workshop is going to run and no earlier than 1 week before the class. Instructors should only have to handle their material fees, not registration fees.

On the bright side, we have workshops scheduled almost every weekend from now until the end of March; we just need more participants. Come out and join us! If you have a suggestion for a workshop for the Spring Session, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can arrange instructors and scheduling. If you want to teach a course we'd love to have you.

For workshop information please contact:  
Elizabeth Watt  
692-6115  
[elizabeth@wattfamily.ca](mailto:elizabeth@wattfamily.ca)

## Introduction to Indigo Workshop

*Ann Sunahara*

One-day workshop with fibre artist Ellen Good (www.inroadstour.ca -- Artisans -- Ellen Good) at the MERA Schoolhouse in MacDonald's Corners (one hour east of Ottawa).

Indigo has been used to colour textiles blue for thousands of years. 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. To maximize the number of persons, Ellen is offering 2 sessions with a maximum of 8 persons per session. A chance to try out the techniques shown in our winter programs!

Date: June 9 or June 10

Time: 10 am to 4 or 5 pm (depending on how quickly the dyeing goes)

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.

## Minutes

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

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Gallery, Heartwood House

*Written & recorded by Cindy O'Gorman*

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

New members and visitors were introduced.

### Show & Tell

-Judith Rygiel showed her cotton Boutonné blanket find at a Textile show that still has its original label in the corner of the blanket

-Rebecca Cairns showed her knitted 2 colour chain creation.

-Ann McElroy showed her needlefelted cat creation made of 2 colour coopsworth sheep fleece.

-Jack Lane showed his handmade electric variable control plying head.

-Christa Metcalfe showed her Quiviut knitted mitten creation made of commercial dyed and natural coloured handspun Quiviut yarn

-Mary Bowrin showed her funky legwarmer creation handmade with love for her granddaughter.

### Business Meeting/Announcements

-**Caution:** Last meeting, a coat and scarf were hanging outside the meeting room and the scarf was taken.

-**Workshops/Courses** (Elizabeth Watt)

-New workshop/course schedule is now available

-Courses/workshops will be starting soon and we are being encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible in order that the instructors can make necessary preparations.

-**Ex & Sale Report** (email from Nancy Ingram) – as read by Laurie H-C

-Janet Whittam will be stepping back next year and Nancy Ingram will take over as Chairperson of next year's Exhibition & Sale with a group/team approach to organization.

-If you have any suggestions for next year's Ex & Sale, send your suggestions by email to Nancy by Feb. 15

-a Sale planning meeting is scheduled for the Spring

**-RC Report** (Mary Morrison)

-100" loom has now been dismantled and in storage. If a 100" loom project is being planned, you must have the plan and warp done before it will be brought out of storage, but it is possible.

-RC reorganization/rearrangement is now complete  
-Experienced weavers will be available at the RC on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm. Bring your special interest or questions, problems.

**-Demonstrations** (email from Louise Laberge)

-Pinhey's Point is requesting our attendance for demonstrating on Sunday, June 17, 2007. Louise can't take care of this issue, so Cindy O'Gorman will coordinate this demonstration.

**-Silent Auction** (Laurie H-C)

-Our annual Silent Auction/Open House/Demonstration will take place Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Heartwood House Gallery from 12noon to 4pm. We will need volunteers for various tasks.

**-Guild Display** for the Ontario Handspinners & Weavers Conference 2007 which will be held at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON May 11-13

-The April meeting will be the target date for the Black/White pillows. Start working on them now please.

**-St. Distaff's Day** (May 26, 2007) (Laurie H-C)

-The event location has been set. It will be Saturday, May 26 at the Winchester Community Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

-room rental is only \$175 + GST

-We will need to advertise in Fibre Focus by mid February

-we will need ½ day workshop instructors, vendors

-Fun Project (tentatively knit tit bits) by Elizabeth

**-Spinning Retreat** (Judith Rygiel)

-to take place at Sam Jake's Inn in Merrickville 4 star spa

-October 12, 13 weekend with Liz Miller instruction

-per person cost including all meals: \$316 double occupancy, \$214 quad occupancy, \$387 single occupancy

-early bird special June 1<sup>st</sup>

-September 1<sup>st</sup> cut off date for registration

-approx. \$40 conference fee

-there will be 2 registrations: one for the Inn and one for the conference

-we need a minimum of 30 people for break even with a maximum of 50 people for the event

-bring wheel & PJs

**-MERA Indigo workshops** (Ann Sunahara) will be June 9, 10 in MacDonald's Corners which is 1 hour 15 minutes from downtown Ottawa

**-Fun Days Sunday** (Laurie H-C)

-would there be any interest in this reoccurring 1

Sunday a month

-Answer: Yes

**-City of Ottawa Grant** (Laurie H-C)

-We will be applying for an Annual Operating Grant which is due for submission by the end of January.

**-HH Big Online** (Laurie H-C)

-We are now signed up for this program

-we will need 2 people maximum to allow access to this for the guild

## Program

Ann Sunahara introduced the program on Tsujigahana, an ancient dyeing technique and the man known as one of Japan's "National Treasures", Itchiku Kubota who has devoted his life to this technique. The brief discussion was followed by a beautiful video on the man and the technique and the 1995 exhibition/exposition: Homage to Nature: the Landscape Kimonos of Itchiku Kubota. The DVD was edited especially for us and given to our Guild by the Museum of Civilization and is now in our library for borrowing. For more information go to:

<http://www.civilization.ca/cultur/kimonos/kimoneng.html#menu>.

The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

## Newsletter Notes

*Tuula Talvila*

In case anyone has difficulties with the PDF version of the newsletter coming up as a blank page in their web browser – and I know I've had several email discussions with people on this subject in the past – please follow this advice: go to the top menu of your browser, and choose File/Save Page As (even though the page is blank). You can then save the PDF file to your computer and open it in your PDF reader. Also, some people with dial-up connections have noted that if they wait for a couple of minutes, the page will eventually open.

It is just very, very slow to come up. Patience!

For any newsletter problems, submissions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me at [tuulat@gmail.com](mailto:tuulat@gmail.com) or 613-565-3754. Thanks!

### Welcome to new members...

Alexandra & Emma Walker    Aline Conroy  
Cheryl deLaplante    Loretta Blucher-Moore  
Mary Anne Causyn    Peter Harkness

### ...and to returning members...

Alison James    Christa Metcalf



## Marketplace – items for sale:

Small weaving frame  
Fur pieces  
Metal hanging brackets  
Embroidery supplies

Theatre fabrics  
Trims  
Frames  
Craft books

Fax/Phone 613-741-7703

- 1) Vertical Spinning Wheel w. lamp: cherry wood, manuf. 1974. Comes with 4 bobbins/spindles. \$250
- 2) Hand carders: three grades (very coarse, medium, fine). Of these last two, one is for cotton, one is for wool. \$25/pair.
- 3) Large wooden skein winder \$20
- 4) Blue, collapsible skein winder/holder. Clips onto table edge. \$15
- 5) Rack with 3 spindles \$20
- 6) Drum carder \$200
- 7) Kircher loom \$75

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(1) Spinning wheel



(2) Hand carders



(4) Skein winder/holder



(5) Spindle holder

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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.

## 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 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.

The Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild  
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<b>February Events Calendar</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1</b> 7pm in the RC St. Distaff's Day planning meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 2 of 8)	<b>5</b> 7:30pm <b>Guild meeting: Japanese fibre arts (Sarah Hale)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12-4pm Silent Auction fundraiser in the Gallery
<b>11</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 3 of 8)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Exhibition & Sale ideas due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30-4:30 Inkle weaving workshop
<b>18</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 4 of 8)	<b>19</b> 7-9pm (RC) Executive and Committees mtg.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10-3pm Chesterville Spin-In	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30-4:30 Gaining Control spinning workshop
<b>25</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 5 of 8)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			

Please note that details about events and courses can be found in either the newsletter or in the workshop brochure.

<b>March Events Calendar</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30-3:30 Beginning Needle Felting workshop
<b>4</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 6 of 8)	<b>5</b> 7:30pm <b>Guild meeting: Ikat techniques</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 7 of 8)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 1:00-3:30pm Beginning Weaving (class 8 of 8)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30-4:30 Acadian Wedding Blanket weaving workshop
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:30-4:30 Novelty Yarns spinning workshop