



President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

It has been a great year with lots going on. We will work towards an equally exciting next year. I would like to thank everyone who helped keep our guild running, whether it be Meeting night, Resource Centre, Special Events and Demonstrations or spreading the word and participating.

I am expecting our workshops to be full next year because of our ad in the Arts Course book being delivered to 120,000 homes in the fall. We will be reaching a lot more people. This also gives an increased opportunity to our members to teach and get paid for it too!

Over the summer there will still be some activities happening, even though the meetings and newsletters will be taking a short break. Check the Yahoo site for updates, events and activities. Have a safe summer.

June Meeting

Monday, June 4th, at 7:30pm

Programme: Dr. Skye Morrison and Pot Luck

Special Speaker for the June meeting: Skye Morrison, folklorist, textile designer and 'thread bandit queen' will speak about her work in India helping women set up spinning/weaving/embroidering cooperatives.

Not only is Dr. Morrison giving a presentation to us this month, but she is also scheduled to be the key note speaker at the 2009 OHS conference in Alliston (outside Barrie). You too can have a preview. There will be a pot luck with the presentation, for our last meeting before the summer break. So bring along some goodies or juices etc. See you there. (more meeting information page 2)

Things to remember to bring to the June meeting:

- ♦ Membership renewals were due April 30 (except for new members who joined since Feb '07)
- ♦ Snackables for the pot-luck
- ♦ Spinning Retreat registration forms for the Early Bird (before June 30) discounted price

St. Distaff Day a smash hit!

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Though it started out with no power in the kitchen, that turned out to be the only thing that went wrong. So, the coffee was a little bit late getting put on, while the power was restored, but after that it was smooth sailing. The weather was great, the workshops were fun and exciting, the room was large and spacious and the ambiance was friendly. Everyone was commenting on the wonderful delicious catered lunch of sandwiches, bagels, wraps and fruit trays by Andy's Foodland in Winchester (he also donated lots of juice to us). The wonderful desserts that many of our members donated were wheeled to each table (like those high class restaurants with a dessert trolley!). There were many leftover juices and bottled water that will be taken back to the Resource Centre, for us to use up.

The vendor displays were wonderful and set a colourful mood to the whole room. The generosity of all the participants and vendors gave a fantastic selection of prizes for the Fun Project "St. Distaff in Fashion", as well as numerous terrific door prizes.

Our guild table fundraiser sale of yarns, duplicated books and a donated loom, yielded \$251.00.

There were about 25 hands that went up when we asked "How many people are here for St. Distaff for the FIRST time?" I believe the final count on participants was 79.

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St. Distaff Day report, continued from Page 1...

OHS regional representative Kay James was present and also raffled off a free membership to OHS. By the way, OHS donated 60 of the Inspired Fibres books for inclusion in the goodie bags. Another great goodie bag inclusion was a skein of yarn from Apple Laine (Cindy Jackson) in every bag. Heard many comments on the cool goodie bags.

The donated cups were a big hit (and saved plastic and styrofoam from going into the landfill as well). About 30 cups were given back for us to re-donate to a charity.

A BIG round of applause should go out to EVERYONE who made this day a great success!!!!!!

Comments from the book:

"A wonderful day - lots to learn and share"

"Thanks for a very well run day. The name tags were great."

"Great day - Well organized"

"Great Day"

"Lots of fun. Learnt a lot"

"Very enjoyable"

"Very well organized and cheerful staffs"

And in an e-mail from Janet Whittam: "I'd love to say just how much I appreciate the work of the St. Distaff's committee and how extremely well I thought the day turned out."

June meeting information, continued from Page 1...

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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General Announcements

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Executive / Committees for 2007-2008

Please see the following page for the slate of 2007-2008 Executive & Committee members, as voted on at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Vacancies - volunteers needed

The following positions are still open and volunteers are needed:

- 1st Vice President
- Secretary
- Programs - Meetings
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Public Relations/Publicity

The first 3 of these are essential and important positions: We are looking for a Vice President who is willing to train to be President.

Secretary - are you able to take minutes at meetings (regular and Executive) and print them up for the newsletter?

Programs - Are you able coordinate people to present programs for the meetings?

Please contact Laurie H-C to volunteer or with questions, at lauriehc@magma.ca

Slate of Executive / Committees for 2007 - 2008

Executive Committee:

President	Laurie Harkin-Chiasson (serving 2nd year of term)
1st Vice President	VACANT
2nd Vice President	Pat Trudel
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	Judith Rygiel
Bookkeeper	Vince Vincent
Past President	Anne Middleton

Secondary Committees:

Membership	Fatima Dias
Newsletter/Marketplace	Tuula Talvila
Librarians	Jan Scott Mary Bowrin Ann McElroy Jane Schuell
Programs – Meeting	VACANT
Programs - Technology Assistant	Jason Massia
Website	Cindy Jackson
Yahoo	Rebecca Cairns
Resource Centre Coordinator	Mary Morrison
Workshops Coordinator	Elizabeth Watt
History/Archives	Cindy O'Gorman

Other Committees (as needed):

Standards	Mandy Heggteit (weaving) Elizabeth Watt (spinning) Judy Kavanagh (designer)
Exhibition and Sale	Nancy Ingram Janet Whittam
Ex and Sale Guild tables	Ann Sunahara
Ex and Sale Theme Exhibit	Francine Deguire
Demonstration Opportunities	Cindy O'Gorman
OHS Liaison	Sue Quinn
Heartwood House Liaison	Laurie Harkin-Chiasson
Fundraising Coordinator	VACANT
Fundraising Research (Big Online program)	Ann Sunahara
Public Relations/Publicity	VACANT
Constitution	Ann Sunahara (with Heather, Sue, Mandy & Laurie)

New Committee positions

In looking closely at the new slate of committees, you will notice some additions. A **Constitution Committee** was formed to update and review the constitution. It has been found to be very outdated and not sufficiently reflecting today's reality for the guild.

Another new position is **Technical Assistant** for the Programs. This came from Ann Sunahara suggesting that in future the position should not be handled by just one person. She suggested someone who is technically oriented in DVD, Powerpoint and projection presentations would be a great asset. That leaves the program person free to cover the guest presenter, without the worry of obtaining and setting up equipment. What great timing...new member Jason Massia stepped forward with exactly the skills necessary for the job. Thanks Jason!

Another secondary position of **Fundraising Research** was added. Ann Sunahara has volunteered to peruse the "Big Online" program that we joined, in partnership with other Heartwood House organizations.

OHS Conference Report

Guild Display

Our display was soft and cuddly with the 16 pillows that were submitted. The complete display will be reassembled at the June 4th meeting for all to see. You may claim your pillows after the meeting. We did not win a prize for our display, however I must admit that the Guelph guild, who did win, were very deserving as their display was wonderful. I will bring a photo of it to the meeting. I heard many good comments about some of the individual pillows on our display though.

Photos of the conference including the guild displays can be viewed on the OHS photos webpage:

http://ohs.on.ca/PhotoAlbums/album_1179781912/

Library book dispersal

It was decided not to have any favouritism to any one guild for first choice of books, so all books went on sale at the conference. I was first in line with a list of books that we did not already have in our library. I was successful in all but 3 spinning books which were not being offered for sale, as they are going to be auctioned off in the fall. There was a section called booklets which contain samples etc. and these also are going to be auctioned later in the year. It will take our librarians a little bit of time to catalogue and prepare the books before they show up on our shelves. We also had 4 large boxes of donated books at the last meeting, that they have to go through too. Talk about keeping the librarians busy!

OHS Juried Show

There were 3 items from our guild accepted to the show. Tuula Talvila had an entry (wire sea anemone) and Laurie Harkin-Chiasson had 2 entries (Thread Lifelines Scarf and Kumihimo necklace). There were no winners in the bunch, however the display was beautiful. The show items will be on display at the Burlington Art Gallery for the entire month of June.

OHS In-Depth Studies

In discussions with OHS (Ontario Handweavers and Spinners) on the dispersment of their library, we offered to become custodians of the In-depth studies (equivalent to Masters thesis(es) for Master Weaver and Master Spinner) and continue the lending process. Long deliberations of the Executive of OHS came up with an alternative solution. They were reluctant to totally turn over the studies to a guild, for control, safety and security reasons. These are valuable (in some cases "one of") documents that need a trusting guardianship to preserve for generations to come. At first they wanted one specific person to be held accountable, which on consultation with Jan Scott we decided should be the President of the Guild. The final outcome was that they appointed Laurie H-C (President) to be the new OHS Librarian (no books, just the studies), therefore they still maintain the control they required and the guild still helps by filling the custodial role for the studies. Earlier in the year, in anticipation of receiving the studies we applied for further money from the City of Ottawa to assist in getting properly protected shelving to protect these valuable items. We will not know until the end of June the outcome of this.

After the OHS Conference, Laurie then continued on to London to pick up the studies. They are now temporarily stored in a locked storage room in Heartwood House. There are some procedural items still to work out on how the lending will operate etc. It is hoped that by September we will have the studies properly stored and secure. It is a privilege to be custodian to these works. We work closely with OHS (our provincial organization) and we are pleased to partner with them in this project.

Membership Renewals

All memberships expired on April 30. Please remember to renew your memberships ASAP to prevent an interruption in your newsletter and keep your name on the current membership list. Send all renewals with name, address, phone and e-mail to:

OVWSG,
153 Chapel St.
Ottawa, ON K1N 1H5.

Membership cards

Diane reported that we ran out of cards. She is having more printed up. So patience, your new membership cards are coming.

Scarf for Cancer Research Fundraiser

Do you remember the wonderful pink silk scarves that were woven at last year's Ex and Sale? They were sold by silent auction on Sunday Apr. 29 at the Hope Blooms Annual Champagne Brunch at the Empire Grill. Proceeds went to the Canadian Cancer Society for breast cancer research. We are still waiting to hear the amount of money the scarves raised at the auction.

Arts Courses Brochure

We have a half page ad coming out in the City of Ottawa Arts Courses Brochures. These will be distributed to 120,000 households in the fall. They will also be school/teacher distributed to the schools. The 7 City of Ottawa Kiosks will have them available in early August. It is our hope that with this ad we will finally be reaching a greater number of people and being that it is an Arts Courses brochure that it will also be reaching the correct audience as well. We hope that our workshops will be full and maybe even waiting lists! We need to have the workshops full in order to keep the Resource Centre operational.

Textile Museum of Canada membership

Ann Sunahara

We have recently purchased a Guild membership in the Textile Association of Canada. For the \$60.00 fee all of our members are entitled to a \$2.00 discount each time they visit the Museum at 55 Centre Avenue in Toronto and \$1.00 discount on all lectures, programs and special programs. The discount can be claimed by showing a Membership Card for the Guild or a copy of the TMC Membership Card that has been issued to the Guild and is **reproduced below for you to cut out and carry**. The Guild will also receive and can distribute the monthly TMC Newsletter and e-bulletins.



Upcoming Guild Activities

Summer Activities

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Just because the meetings and newsletter are taking a break for a couple of months does not mean that all activities are stopped. This is the season for community demonstrations. Cindy O'Gorman will be reporting on opportunities and using the Yahoo site to keep everyone up to date. These are wonderful opportunities to come out for a fun time and share weaving, spinning, felting etc. with the public. You may be the one who introduces someone to the fibre arts for the very first time! Grab a drop spindle or wheel, loom or felting needles etc., and join your fellow members.

Summer Demonstrations

Cindy O'Gorman

Demonstration events are now underway. Get out your spinning wheels, spindles, carders, inkle looms and table looms etc. and volunteer a day or 2 to demonstrate what we do at various venues throughout the city this summer. It is a great way of generating publicity for our Guild while promoting our various events taking place this year. Besides it's a lot of fun doing something you love with a great group of people. The following events are currently scheduled, but more will be coming along for later this summer/fall.

- **Dickinson Days** (Manotick) - Saturday, June 2nd
- **Goulbourn Museum** (Stittsville) - Sunday, June 3rd during Doors Open Ottawa 10:00am-4:00pm
- **Pinhey's Point** (North Kanata) - July 15th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm during their Wool to Wheel Discovery Day
- **Colonel By Day** celebrates the 175th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal with an event taking place on holiday Monday, August 6th.

For more information or to sign-up for demonstrating, contact Cindy O'Gorman at 613-832-9316 or cgo244@yahoo.ca

Demonstrating in Smith Falls

Cindy O'Gorman

Caroline Brown of Smith Falls has contacted us regarding the festivities surrounding the 175th anniversary of the Rideau Canal, in the town of Smith Falls. This event is to take place July 21 and 22, and some 12,000 people are expected. They are looking for demonstrations of weaving

and spinning, and we could also sell some of our products. We could be present one day only, and Saturday was suggested as being a really busy day in terms of visitors. A possible time would be 11 to 4, though longer hours are possible. A brochure is being organized, and we could be listed there provided we let them know soon whether we are interested in attending. The website is: <http://www.chocolate-railway-fest.ca/>. This could be a good opportunity to publicize the Guild. If anyone is interested, I can pursue this opportunity, but I need firm commitment. Otherwise we will let this opportunity go.

If you are interested, or for more information contact me directly, Cindy O'Gorman at 613-832-9316 or cgo244@yahoo.ca

Looking for a summer project or challenge?

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The theme for the Ex & Sale this year is "No animal Fibres please" and we are looking for items to display at the theme booth. This could include cotton, rami, bamboo and all those new and wonderful fibres with exotic names. NO animal fibre - silk is considered animal in this particular definition. How creative can you be in your quest for different fibres? September's Show and Tell could be very, very interesting. See you then.

Spinning Retreat

Judith Rygiel

A retreat is time off to pamper yourself, to recharge your batteries, to be inspired, and to socialize with friends with the same love of fiber. The OVWSG Spinning Retreat, to be held on October 12, 13 and 14, promises this and more. Fiber artist Liz Miller proposes to enlighten and delight you with the following mini workshops:

- ♦ My Painted Roving Makes Awful Yarn
- ♦ How Much Handspun Do I Need
- ♦ I Have a 100 Little Balls of Handspun
- ♦ Wheel Maintenance
- ♦ and possibly a Mystery Topic.

In addition there will be a Textile Scavenger Hunt in the Village of Merrickville.

Sign up soon- **Early Bird registration ends June 30th**, which is coming up soon! See the OVWSG website for the registration form, or the April newsletter. For information

please contact Judith Rygiel at 613-825-4155 or judith_rygiel@look.ca.

Resource Centre News

Wednesday weaving afternoons

Mary Morrison

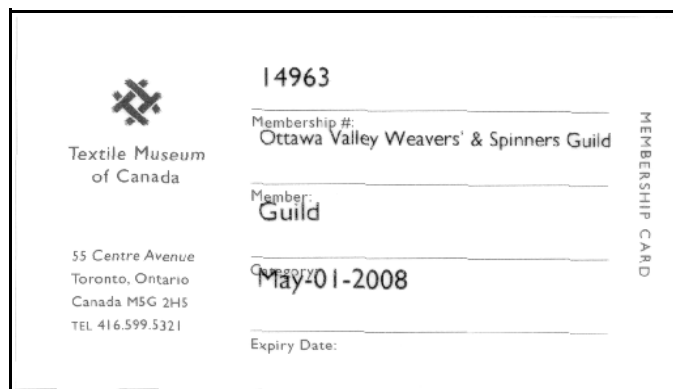
The small group of weavers are continuing to meet at the Resource Centre on alternate Wednesday afternoons during June - 13th and 27th. For further information contact Mary Morrison at mormry@sympatico.ca or (613) 830-9992.

Summer at the Resource Centre

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Any paid-up member of the guild can access the Resource Centre and its equipment (not the library). A couple of people have expressed an interest in setting up the 100" loom. Jack Lane has generously offered to mentor/guide a few, in coverlets. This could be a good summer project. Remember you have to work in pairs on this loom. Bring your interest to the next meeting and we will see if there is enough interest to pull the loom out of its storage room. The last group of 4 to use it made 5 blankets, donating the final one to the guild as fundraiser (in lieu of equipment rental fees). I have a whole series of photos of the last project in various stages, from milling, warping, threading and weaving to the final cutting off, which can be used as reference.

[back of the Cut & Carry Textile Museum of Canada membership card....hopefully I laid this out correctly and the front is on the other side!]



Additional key holders - Heartwood House & Resource Centre doors

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Existing key holders:

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson (613) 448-3853
Jan Scott (613) 828-3256
Ann Sunahara (613) 728-9691
Mary Morrison (613) 830-9992
Pat Trudel (613) 821-3277
1 lending spare with the Librarians
Big Online room key - Ann Sunahara

New key holders:

Cindy O-Gorman (613) 832-9316
Judith Rygiel (613) 825-4155
Elizabeth Watt (613) 692-6115
1 other to go to Programs person (position vacant at present)

Remember, you may borrow keys from any of these people to access the Resource Centre during off hours. By adding more key holders we hope to improve access to the RC. If this proves successful we will consider adding more key holders again.

Exhibition & Sale Update

Nancy Ingram

I want to thank the members who have come forward and offered to chair Committees for the Exhibition and Sale.

The following is a list of the contact people:

Nancy Ingram -- Chair, Exhibition and Sale
Laurie Harkin-Chiasson -- President of OVWSG
Ann Sunahara -- Liaison person for Exhibitions; Committee Chairperson for Guild Activities Table
Roberta Murrant -- Committee Chairperson for Advertising
Sue Quinn -- Liaison person with Glebe Community Centre
Janet Whittam -- Past-Chairman & Committee Member at Large
Francine Deguire -- Committee Chairperson for Theme Booth and Demonstrations
Fatima Dias -- Committee Chairperson for Resource Centre Fundraiser
Tuula Talvila -- Committee Chairperson for Coop Booth

Quick Notes:

- We are aiming to have the press releases ready in June – they can be customized to feature your own work or our feature artist.
- Book marks are now available for distribution at Studio Tours and at Guild Demonstrations. They should also be available in the Resource Centre after June. We will also soon have postcards available for distribution.
- If you are a booth participant and wish to have information about your products placed on the Guild website, contact Cindy Jackson.
- Remember to produce items for the theme booth “No Animal Products, Please!”.
- Please produce items for the fundraiser table. We are fortunate to have a very generous Guild member who is donating a coverlet to the fundraiser table – our sincere thanks to Jack Lane.
- There are 3 booths still available for sale. If anyone knows of a fibre artist who would be interested in joining the sale, please give them an application or have them contact me. Please send potential e-mail, regular post and phone contacts to Roberta Murrant who is compiling a list for use in the fall.
- Most Community Centres now have web-sites with community events posted. Arrange to have the Exhibition and Sale bookmark placed on the web-site and send along the web-site coordinates to Roberta.

We have a great team organizing the Ex & Sale. I hope everyone will contribute to making this a special, successful event.

Coop Booth

This is a guild table for those people who may have only a few items to sell. All participants volunteer some time to help in manning the booth during the show. This is a good entry level opportunity for those who do not have enough items to take on a full booth. If it is your first time showing, participants may have to have their work juried. The Guild takes 10% of the individual's sales and individual vendors are required to get a weekend event provincial sales tax permit.

November may seem like a long way off, but we need to know now if there are enough people to have the Coop booth run. We will be looking for a show of interest at the next meeting. For more information now or during the summer, please contact Tuula Talvila at tuulat@gmail.com or 613-565-3754.

Workshops

Indigo Workshop – June 9th

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Introduction to Indigo Dye Workshop - Sat. June 9 at MERA in McDonald's Corners with Ellen Good.

One-day beginning weaving – June 10th

Mary Morrison

There will be a one-day course on Sunday, June 10, 10am to 3:30 pm at the Resource Centre, Heartwood House.

Fees: \$45 members/ \$55 non-members; material fee - \$10

For use of a guild table loom, a deposit cheque of \$100 is required, to be returned when loom is returned.

Other one-day session will follow at intervals of approximately 2-3 weeks.
Register with Elizabeth Watt at elizabeth@wattfamily.ca or contact Mary Morrison at morrmy@sympatico.ca or (613) 830-9992.

Workshop Instructors

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Earn \$25.00/hr as an instructor! You do not have to be a master weaver or spinner, just knowledgeable in a specific technique etc. If you know a specific technique or interesting project and can pass on that knowledge in a group setting, that's all that you need. Maybe you know someone else who might be willing to offer a workshop?

We need to have a commitment soon, as the Arts Course brochures that our advertisement is appearing in, comes out in EARLY AUGUST. It is fun and rewarding. Note: any materials you provide to your students are paid for directly to you by the students, over and above the hourly payment. Fall workshop sessions are Sept. to Jan. Inclusive. They can be evenings or weekends.

If you committed to teach a workshop at the last meeting, please get your information in to Elizabeth ASAP.

Contact Elizabeth Watt at elizabeth@wattfamily.ca or (613) 692-6115 to set up a workshop time and get more details.

Heartwood House News

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

OC Transpo Unclaimed Items Sale

This sale was held on April 28, at Heartwood House. Francesca O. and Ann McElroy helped out at the sale. A total of \$2,783.05 was raised for Heartwood House. This sale is held twice yearly and part of our commitment to HH is to have a couple of people to help out on the day of the sale. Thanks Francesca and Ann!

Marketplace

For sale:

Small Floor Tapestry Loom - \$25.00
Full Size LeClerc Tapestry Loom - \$200.00
Maple Bench, like new - \$100.00
8-Harness Louet Table Loom with table - \$400.00
Shuttles - \$3.00 each
Reeds - \$20 (short), \$35 (long)
Books - New Key to Weaving Mary Black and many more - various low prices
Manual Bobbin Winder with approx 100 plastic bobbins - \$20.00
Phone 905-355-2546

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.

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.

Minutes

Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild – Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 7th, 2007

Gallery, Heartwood House

Written & recorded by Cindy O'Gorman

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

-New members were introduced: Claudia & Jason (knitters & future spinners), Madeleine (spinning for 1 year).

-Introduced Guild Executive members & Committees/Convenors.

Show & Tell

-Francesca O. – showed a weaving trick (a repair heddle – a doubled string with a hole in the middle with 2 safety pins to attach to harness.

-Ann Mc. – showed her first woven rugs and tapestry pillows from her cats.

-Laurie H-C. – showed her mini pillows woven from sewing thread for the Guild Display. She also showed the Guild Display pillow from Cindy Jackson (her 4th only weaving) and other members who already brought in their pillows.

Business Meeting/Announcements

-**Membership** – We are currently out of membership cards, so new ones have been ordered.

-**Ex & Sale** (Nancy Ingram) – introduced the Guild Ex & Sale to new members...an event to be held November 2, 3, 4 and has been held for the last 20 years to educate & demonstrate & encourage new members. There are sale booths to members & fibre related vendors. The cost is \$1803 for room rental, printing & mailings. Booth people are also expected to advertise. We will be doing small newspaper advertising from a press release. Patricia Dolan will be the guest artist.

-**Fundraising Table** – we must do fundraising in order to qualify for our grant, so we will have a fundraising table which will have donated fibre related items. This needs a Chairperson. Fatima D. & Anne M will be collecting articles. The Weavers helping Weavers will be organized by Sue Q. & Mary M. in which a % of fundraising funds will go to Afghan weavers through the Afghan Embassy.

-**Guild Booth** – will be organized by Ann Sunahara in which she will flash pictures of Guild events on her computer. We will also need workshop items for display.

-**Coop Booth** – Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

-**Demos** – Jan Scott

-**Theme Booth “No Animal Fibres Please!”** – will be coordinated by Francine D & Ann Sunahara. Some examples of fibres are cotton, linen, hemp, wire, plastic, bamboo, Tencel,... They will need demo people as well as fibres and information and finished items.

-**Ex & Sale Bookmark** advertisements are now available.

-**Spinning Retreat** – only 6 people are signed up yet. August 30th is the deadline for deciding if this event will go ahead as planned. A maximum of 50 people will be accepted and there is a discount until the end of June for early registration.

-**Keys to RC** – more have been ordered for a few more executive & committee/convenor members.

-The **silk scarves** woven at last years Ex & Sale were auctioned off at a recent Breast Cancer Auction.

-We have been given **opening reception tickets** to a couple of museum events. Any members who are interested/available can go: Museum of Civilization – Opening of Treasures of China Thursday, May 10th and War Brides at the War Museum on Friday, May 11th.

-**June Monthly Meeting** (Ann Sunahara) – We are pleased to announce that Skye Morrison, a Canadian Folklorist & Fibre Artist will be speaking at our next meeting.

-**Beginning Weaving** (Mary Morrison) – will be starting the 1st Sunday in June on 4H table looms. We need a minimum of 4 people to run the course. It will cost \$55/\$65 non members.

-**RC Wednesdays** – Every 2nd Wednesday afternoon from 1-3:30pm will feature tea towel, handtowel and wool runner weaving through the summer

-**100” loom** – Fatima would be interested in this loom in July or August. A total of 4 people are needed to get together.

- Mentor for 100” loom** - Jack Lane is willing to mentor on weaving a coverlet
- Buzzer to RC** – use 1000 if 1002 is not working...some problems have been happening.
- Summer Demos** (Cindy O’Gorman) – Upcoming demos are taking place at Cumberland Heritage Museum (Yvonne & Madeleine), possibly Agriculture Museum (Melanie maybe), Goulbourn Museum (Cindy, ...), Pinhey’s Point (Cindy, Francine, Fatima, Judy), Manotick (Jan, Ann M., Elizabeth), more to come.... Please consider volunteering your time to demonstrate your skills & help promote the guild.
- City of Ottawa Fall Workshop Brochure** – we need instructors. This booklet is being distributed to 120,000 households, kiosks & teacher kits. There are 2 booklets (Sept-Jan, Feb-June). We need to get information in by August. Instructors get paid \$25/hour of instruction time.
- OC Transpo Lost & Found Items sale** – Ann M & Francesca O helped out HH and raised \$2000
- St. Distaff’s Day** – need more cups (we currently have about 50, but we will be having 73 + people). We also need baked goods, bottled water & juices, door prizes, gift certificates. There will be no booklet but we will be doing a goodie bag. An organizational day is planned for the week before the day for bag stuffing, etc. Jan Scott will do the name tags. There will be a guild table to sell old library books.
- Dorothy Moore was at the meeting tonight – her friend (Anitta Jaakimainen) a former weaver needs to sell about 3 rooms full of yarns.
- Constitution Committee** (Ann Sunahara) is being formed to update & reorganize. The committee consists of Ann S., Sue Q., Mandy H., Heather.
- Executive Meeting** – the next meeting will be held this summer
- Strategic Meeting** – Laurie plans to hold a Strategic Planning meeting in the Fall

BREAK

AGM

-**end of year reports** – the following is a summary of reports that were either read and/or handed in to the Secretary for archiving:

- President’s Report (Laurie Harkin-Chiasson)
- Bookkeeper/Treasurer (Pat Trudel/Vince V.) - report coming in June
- Membership (Diane Blais-Lummerding) - report coming in June
- RC Report (Mary M./Sue Quinn)
- Library (Jan Scott) - report coming in June
- Newsletter (Tuula Talvila)
- Workshops (Elizabeth W.)

-**Nominating of Executive & Committees/Convenors Board.** The positions denoted by * have a newly nominated person and need to be voted in. All others are entering in their second year in the position and have agreed to carry on in that position. The slate is as follows:

Executive:

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| President – Laurie Harkin-Chiasson | * 1st Vice President – VACANT |
| 2nd Vice President – Pat Trudel | * Treasurer – Judith Rygiel |
| Bookkeeper – Vince V. | * Secretary – VACANT |
| Past President – Anne Middleton | |

Secondary Committees:

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| Newsletter & Marketplace – Tuula Talvila | * Membership – Fatima Dias |
| Library – Jan Scott, Ann McElroy, Jane Schuell* | |
| Website – Cindy Jackson | * Programs (2 people) – Jason Massia (Technical aspects) |
| Yahoo Group – Rebecca Cairns | & VACANT (Coordinator) |
| Resource Centre Coordinator – Mary Morrison | * History/Archives – Cindy O’Gorman |
| Workshop Coordinator – Elizabeth Watt | |

Other Committees:

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| Standards: Weaver – Mandy Heggteit | * Demonstration Opportunities – Cindy O’Gorman |
| Spinner – Elizabeth Watt | * Exhibition & Sale – committee headed by Nancy Ingram |
| Designer – Judy Kavanagh | * Public Relations/Publicity – VACANT |
| OHS Liaison – Sue Quinn | * Fundraising Coordinator – VACANT |
| HH Liaison – Laurie Harkin-Chiasson | * Big Online – Ann Sunahara |
| Heartwood House Liaison – Francesca Overend | |

-MOTION: To accept the nomination of Judith Rygiel as Treasurer.

-All in Favour

-No abstentions

MOTION PASSED

-Voting In: The positions of Membership, Programs, Archives, Library, Demonstrations were all voted in as noted in the list above.

-MOTION: To accept the members voted in to the Executive & Committees/Convenor Guild positions as presented at the Annual General Meeting, May 7th, 2007 in the slate above.

-Moved by Elizabeth Watt

-Seconded by Gordon Moat

-All in Favour

-No abstentions

MOTION PASSED

-Please Note – The following positions are still VACANT and require members to fill them in: 1st Vice President (willing to train to be President), Secretary, Program Coordinator, Public Relations/Publicity & Fundraising Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 9:56pm.

Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild

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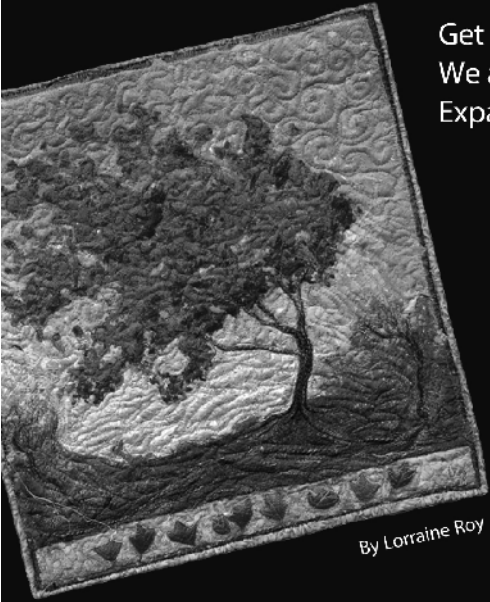
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June Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Back to Back Wool Challenge ----- Dickinson Days
3 Goulbourn Museum demo	4 7:30 pm Guild meeting: End of year Social Meeting	5	6	7	8	9 Indigo workshop (MERA)
10 Beginners weaving course 10-3:30 pm Resource Centre	11	12	13 RC open 1-3pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 RC open 1-3pm	28	29	30 Last day of Early Bird registration for Spinning Retreat



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