



President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The Exhibition and Sale is almost here. This is a real highlight of the year. Everyone should come out and enjoy themselves. We need members to help man the exhibit tables, talk to the public, pass out brochures or do some demonstrating; even if you can only help for a couple of hours, it will give another member a bit of a break. You do not have to be an expert to share your love of fibre with our community. This is a fun opportunity to participate and see the wonderful exhibits that have been planned as well. Hope to see everyone there.

Our next guild meeting is the day after the Ex and Sale and though we may be tired, I hope everyone comes out for the great program presentation.

Support The Guild's Annual Exhibition and Sale!

Nancy Ingram

All members should plan to attend this important Guild event at the Glebe Community Centre:

Friday November 2nd, 4-8pm

Saturday November 3rd, 10am-4pm

Sunday, November 4th, 10am-4pm

We will have 21 sales booths plus the co-op booth selling hand woven, hand spun and fibre related items. There will also be suppliers selling a good selection of yarns and fleece.

Guild displays will be informative, promoting the activities of the Guild. They will require helpers and donations of work. It is a time to get to know your fellow members, learn more about your craft and help to promote weaving and spinning in the area.

The organizing committee has worked hard to organize and advertise the event on your behalf – it is time to show up and have some fun.

See you there.

Rogers TV at the Ex and Sale

Sue Quinn reports the following:

"I spoke to Rogers and they want to come to the sale with the Community Courier on Sunday between 12 and 2. They will offer free Tim Horton's coffee and Timbits to people coming to the sale and exhibition. I told them that we had no space inside for them. That was not a problem; they will set up a tent outside and deal with everything. They also will film the event for a later program."

Isn't that great news!!! Thanks for arranging that, Sue.

November Meeting

Monday, November 5th, at 7:30pm

Greeter: Jean Hutchinson

Hostess: Vacant - please volunteer to Laurie

Program

Mary Bowrin will be conducting a demo/workshop on bead weaving.

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Library opens early at 5pm

Last month the library and Resource Centre opened at 5:00pm before the guild meeting. This experiment received thumbs up from several members. Therefore we will continue to open early before meetings. Comments were that it allowed for more socializing/talk before the meeting as well as more time to peruse the library shelves. The librarians also set up their signout/returns table outside of the library room to allow more room for people to access the shelves. This also proved to be a success.



October Guild meeting show & tell: Jack Lane with a coverlet he is donating to the Ex & Sale fund-raising booth.

General Announcements

Programs Coordinator

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Madeleine Parent has volunteered to take on this position. Please give her your support to bring excellent program material to the meetings for the next year. If you have any suggestions for program presenters please let her know.

December Meeting

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Just a reminder that the December meeting is traditionally a social night with a Chinese Auction. Items are donated by members for the Chinese Auction. Members may purchase envelopes of numbers which they deposit/bid into "pots" placed by each item. At the end of the bidding period, one number is drawn out of each pot and that person wins the item. It is a really fun evening and a great way for new spinners and weavers to start building up a stash of fibre and yarns. If you have a big stash already, take a look through it and see if there are some things you can donate to the

auction. Items do not necessarily have to be fibre, yarn or equipment, just something you think another member might be interested in bidding on. It is all for fun. It is also a Pot Luck evening, so bring along a little something to share.

Online Yarn Shop

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Received from Kathrene Petersen:

KitKnit.ca <<http://www.kitknit.ca>>, is a new easy-to-use online yarn shop based in Toronto, Ontario. Specializing in Cascade Yarns including an extensive selection of Cascade 220 colours, we also carry Inox / Prym knitting needles, Eucalan wool wash and a collection of magazines loaded with patterns. Visit our shop anytime of day and enjoy a Canadian online shopping experience from the comfort of your computer.

Kathrene Petersen

<http://www.kitknit.ca>

Toronto, Ontario

(647) 802-KNIT (5648)

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Wanted: Alpaca Spinners

Cindy O'Gorman

We have had a request for a list of spinners interested in spinning alpaca fibre from the organization Alpaca Ontario. They are hoping to add a new dimension to their show next April, a Spin Off. They would be looking for a few spinners, familiar with alpaca fibre. They would be required to do an evaluation of a 2 oz alpaca fleece sample and spin a small skein as well. All forms and fleece will be supplied. If anyone is interested in this opportunity send your name and contact information to me, Cindy O'Gorman at cgo244@yahoo.ca or 613-832-9316 and I will follow up on it.

Upcoming Activities

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Sculpture Show, includes Fibre

You are invited to attend the annual sculpture show "Encounters" by the National Capital Network of Sculptors. Seventeen Ottawa area sculptors present new works in fibre, clay, stone, bronze and glass.

Opening reception and auction 25 Oct. 5:30-9:30 pm.

Show runs 25 Oct. to 4 Nov.

1115 Bank Street (south of Sunnyside Avenue)

Beyond the Silhouette - Fashion and the Women of Historic Kingston

Last month I reported about a special evening tour at this exhibition. I forgot to mention that this show is on until April 6, 2008, so if you missed the curator tour, you can still see the show. It is held at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Kingston 613 533-2190 www.aec.ca

Rug Weaving Workshop with Jason Collingwood

The Huronia Handweavers (near Barrie) are sponsoring a rug weaving workshop led by Jason Collingwood from Sunday, March 30 to Thursday, April 3, 2008 (5 days). They will have room for participants from other Guilds. More information: contact Lyn Egsgard at lynegs@rogers.com.

Great Canadian Theatre Company GCTC

It has been decided that the play "Plan B" would be fun to see as a group. It runs May 27 to June 15, 2008, so we have some time to organize. Ten people signed up that they were interested and we need a minimum of 10 to get the half price ticket price for a group. It's not too late to sign up. I was asked if spouses were invited? I don't see a problem with that. Tuula has offered to have us over to her place, after the play for post-theatre desserts as well. Sounds like a real treat. More information on the play at www.gctc.ca. The theatre is now in its new location, the Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, corner of Wellington and Holland.

Guild Gallery Show at Heartwood House

Have you noticed the art shows that adorn the walls of the Gallery each month, at our meetings? Well, we have booked a month for our Guild to have its own art show in MAY 2009 (we just missed getting April, but May was still available). 2009 will be the 60th Anniversary of our guild (1949-2009). May is also our Annual General Meeting, so how impressive is that going to be, to have our own works on the walls during our AGM?! We hope that this gives everyone lots of lead time to prepare items for the show. Please keep in mind that most items will be hung on the wall. Items may have a price affixed for sale or marked NFS (not for sale), if you do not want it sold.

Resource Centre News

Instructors wanted for the Resource Centre

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Even though our fall workshops are just getting started it is time to start thinking about putting together the winter and spring workshop opportunities. You do not need to be a Master level Fibre artist to pass on your knowledge to others. Enthusiasm to pass on a skill to others is the only criterion that is necessary. Do you have a technique or small project that you can offer as a workshop? Do you know of another area person who might be interested in teaching a fibre skill at our Resource Centre? The guild pays instructors \$25.00/hr classroom time. If materials are provided by the instructor, a separate fee is charged to students for materials, payable back to the instructor. Please let Elizabeth Watt know of your interest. She can advise on dates etc.

Wednesday Weavers

Mary Morrison

We three weavers, Francesca, Sue and I, may not be in the Resource Centre regularly in November, after the Ex & Sale. If you wish to come and weave or bring your problems, call or e-mail Mary Morrison: (613) 830-9992 or morrmy@sympatico.ca and we can arrange a meeting.



Jan Scott and Ann McElroy demonstrating their fibre arts at the North Gore Farmers Market.

Heartwood House News

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

OC Transpo Lost and Found Unclaimed Items Sale

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, 12 pm to 2 pm. Lots of bargains to be had and all proceeds go to support Heartwood House. Guild members Ann McElroy and Madeleine Parent will be helping out at the sale.

Christmas Pot Luck party

Thursday Dec. 20th at noon in the Gallery. All Heartwooders (that's us too) are welcome. Laurie has attended several now. It is a delightful hour to mingle with other Heartwood groups, and a great lunch too. Moe usually brings along her guitar and sings a few carols with all of us, which is a real highlight.

Request from Heartwood House Reception Staff

To help the Heartwood Staff with after-hours security, they have asked that we let them know if we are holding an evening meeting or class/workshop. This way when someone buzzes at the side door, they know which groups are expecting people. This can be done by e-mail too (lostandfound@heartwoodhouse.ca); in the subject line put "front desk" or "reception staff". Similarly if there is something being delivered or picked up for our group, we should let the reception staff know what to expect.

Heartwood House Community Bulletin/Newsletter

Starting in November HH will be issuing a bulletin to all HH groups where we can advertise events, classes or fund-raising efforts. The deadline for submissions will be the 1st of every month. Send submissions to moe@heartwoodhouse.ca or for the HH website send the submission to Nicole Colbeck: everybodywins@heartwoodhouse.ca.

Coop 301 uses our RC space

Reminder that Coop 301, our neighbours across the hall, will be using our room Mon, Tues, Thurs. and Fri from 12:30 - 4:00 each week for approx. 10 months. They are paying us a rental fee for the space which will help us with our own rent fees. Note that Wed. afternoons are still available for the WEDNESDAY WEAVERS to meet.

Heartwood House Parking Notice

From Maureen (Moe) HH manager

In recent weeks cars from the apartment building across the street are being left in the parking lot overnight, while construction is taking place in the apartment building parking lot. Beth Shalom is very concerned about this and they have decided to ticket cars that are not registered to Heartwood or Beth Shalom. Please make certain that your car has a Heartwood parking pass and please place it on your dashboard when you are parked in the lot. OVWSG members should make sure they post a sign on their dashboard saying "Heartwood House" when your people are here on Saturday and Sunday.

Can you please inform your visitors that they must pay for parking if they are going to use the lot during business hours (8am to 4pm). Payment is made at the front desk when they sign in. There is a separate sign-in book for visitor cars. Can you please sign your cars in too and leave your payment (\$1 for the morning OR afternoon or \$2 for the day) with the reception staff. After 4pm there is no fee for parking. Gravel is coming soon to make the upper lot by the synagogue usable for extra parking.

Marketplace

LOOMS FOR SALE:

12-harness 60" Nilart w/sectional beam
4-harness 45" jack loom
22" table loom
large warping mill
various reeds (22" to 60")

613-833-2855 (dsgir2@rogers.com)

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 (OVWSG)
MONTHLY MEETING : SEPTEMBER 2007
Monday, September 10 / 2007 : 7.30 PM at Heartwood House
153 Chapel St., Resource Centre (at the Corner of Rideau)
(Minutes taken & written by José Gélinas Sept. 10- 27 / 2007)

Disclaimer : Some of the information &/or money amounts may not be accurate or complete & if there are any mistakes, please excuse me : I was just taking notes for my own benefit, not necessarily to use them for official minutes keeping.
José Gélinas.

In absence of the vacationing President (Laurie Harkin-Chiasson), the Vice-President (Shirley Browski) presided over the Meeting.

REPORTS :

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT : (Vince Vincent) : In 2006-2007 we received \$22,800 in grants & other revenues. ... (Other numbers were quoted, but I lost track : Sorry!!! J.G.) The present balance at accounts end is \$ 14,099.63 : we're in the black & looking good.

OHS : (Judith Rygiel) : Ontario Handweavers, Spinners [& Dyers] (OHS) donated 40-60 in-depth studies to us, on the understanding that we would be caretakers of the collection. Sue Quinn said the binders will be replaced : there are 60 to do in the "Dungeon". We will house them & buy shelving for them with the money from a \$10,500 grant we hope to receive this year (from the City of Ottawa?), to cover our rent & other expenses. The reports will be available for loan/circulation to members of the OHS (& OVWSG?) for a rental/deposit fee. We also have photocopies of OHS documentation on master weavers.

WORKSHOPS : (Elizabeth Watt) : Paper copies of the Workshop schedule are now available. This month 4-5? have signed up for the Beginners Weaving Class , starting Sept 30th (up to 8 can register). Cost is \$40-\$60, plus materials. --- 4 have signed up for the Spinners Class, starting Sept 22 (up to 6 can register, 8 is too many people). We need to enforce a 2-3 weeks' deadline? to give instructors time to prepare the materials for the class. — Upcoming classes include Inkle Weaving, Basket Weaving & Felt Hat (Nov.?), Kumihimo-Japanese Braiding (Jan.). It is recommended that new members rent the guild's equipment to find out if they like one or the other of the techniques practised by our members, before they go to buy their own equipment.

MEMBERSHIPS : (Fatima?) : **NEW MEMBERS?** : We seem to have many new faces (new members?). More on that at the next meeting.

LIBRARY : We have a few new books : we have 1,400 books & periodicals in our collection. It is recommended that you return the library's books before the meeting so that the librarians can come up & enjoy the meeting as well as all the members present. We are planning to buy shelves for display. In the next 1-2 months an inventory committee will weed extra copies (Ex.: 6 copies of Mary Black's book), which may be either sold to members, sold at the Ex & Sale, or via E-Bay, or sent to Newfoundland???

27th ANNUAL EX & SALE : Nov. 2, 3 & 4th at the Glebe Community Centre : This year's Theme : No Animal Fibres (Potential volunteers should contact Nancy Ingram). We sold 20 booths + the co-op booth : we have a mix of suppliers & craft people (Wendo Van Hessen, Alison Taylor, Fatima, etc.). We have a budget of \$500 for advertising. Small ads will be made by Judy Kavanagh & Sue Quinn will do mail outs, but we can also use vendors' & members' personal mail outs & word of mouth : it's a mutual thing vendors promote the guild & the guild promotes the vendors. Local radio & T.V. stations will be approached to promote the event, as well as local newspapers east & west (Kitchissippi & Manotick Messenger, Barrhaven, Kanata, Almonte, Perth River Guild, Journal & Star, Ottawa Farmers' Market, Lansdowne Community Booth, etc. ...)

Resource Centre : Resource Table Fund raiser for the Resource Centre : (Fatima) : We welcome donations of woven, spun and felted items to sell at the table (including one of Jack's famous coverlets). The Guild's booth will hold photos of the Guild's activities & workshops samples : We need volunteers to man the booth. (Contact Ann Sunahara). Tuula will provide copies of the Newsletter & books from the Library will be on display.

Ex & Sale Theme Exhibit : (Francine Deguire) : The theme of the exhibit will be "The History of Old Fibres" (Cotton, hemp, soy, plastic, rayon; no animal fibres <no wool, no mohair>) : Francine has 4 spinners for demos, but she could use weavers, knitters (milkweed silk, corn fibre, corn silk, bamboo, stainless steel, "engio", "marino"<a fibre-like denim>) : Bring your

samples at the next meeting.

SUGGESTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S THEME : Fashion : Best Piece.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

SECRETARY NEEDED : Cindy O'Gorman will need someone to replace her as Secretary to the Executive meetings & the Guild's general monthly meetings.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR NEEDED : The job can be shared : if several people are interested, but don't want to take it on solo, they could form a Program Committee.

Warping Board Demo in Carp (Mandy Heggteit) : 21-22-23 Sept. Volunteers will get a free Lunch/Dinner Ticket. Friday will be mostly school kids ; Saturday will bring a more mixed crowd.

Flat Weave Tea & Hand Towels : (Mary, Sue Quinn & Francesca) : We need weavers to weave simple things on a pre-prepared loom.

We need pictures of Non-Traditional Fibres? ... ???

NEXT MEETING'S PROGRAM : Fashion show video + weaver at Richard Robertson (Pat McDonnaugh?) + bring ideas for Ex & Sale

SHOW & TELL : Included :

- Judith : Hand spun wool & mohair (she has 100 cones of 3 ply wool & mohair) for knitting.
- Pat : "7 round petals & 2 leaves" : Felted flower (with a butterfly) inspired by a story on tape about children's learning process.
- Jan : Dyed fibre : "Loose at first, then tighter" (while working through Harry Potter's stories).
- Elizabeth : Hand spun : Fractal yarns adventures in Dyeing : (Viscose, hemp, flax, sea salt, washing soda soak, indigo dip) : Pairs of colours : Blue-green, Yellow-green, Lavender & Blue-grey, Peach & yellow.
- Mary : Indigo dipped jacket, Indigo tie-dyed scarf & kerchief + weaving lime green yellow & orange : Summer-winter.
- Jack : Overshot coverlet : Pink & red : 60 hours' work : 2 x 45 in. Panels : 294 cm long (9 ft) + 10% shrinkage = 80 in. Wid x 9 ft.
- Anne Middleton : Hand spun jacket
- Francesca : Dyed silk & cotton variegated scarf.
- (... ?) : Black grey & white sheep block : 167 grams black & white socks
- Barbara Cairn : Hedgehog felted pin & felted vessels
- V.P. (....?) : Mixed fibre shawl & tea towels with odds & ends of cotton weft.

ADJOURNMENT TIME : 9.30 P.M.?

***NEXT MEETING : Oct 1st? / 2007 : 7.30 PM at Heartwood House's Gallery.

Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild

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