



President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

This should be an exciting fall. The Ex and Sale is coming up fast and the theme of "No Animal Fibres, Please" should be interesting to members and public alike. I am excited about our ad in the City of Ottawa Arts course book and I hope to see our workshops full and waiting lists for the next session. Our resource centre has taken another large step forward in serving not only our members but our local fibre arts community. Get involved, suggest an activity, get together and have Fibre fun!

October Meeting

Monday, October 1st, at 7:30pm

Greeter: Ann Sunahara

Hostess: Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

NEW, NEW, NEW LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN AT 5:00PM

Come early and take your time perusing the library. Books, yarns etc. for sale, will be set up for you to check out. Note: Before 7:00 you can use the main doors at Heartwood House (please sign the book at the front desk). After 7:00 use the side door (buzz 1002 on intercom, to right of side door) or the greeter will let you in.

"Beyond Our Walls"

A presentation by Nicole Colbeck of Heartwood House.

Book, Periodicals and Yarns Sale

Thanks to many generous donations over the past months, the guild has duplicates of many titles. It is offering these for sale to guild members first. After this meeting they will be on sale at the Ex. and Sale in November. Note: There are 4 more boxes, that were not offered at the Sept. meeting.

Show and Tell at October Meeting

Bring your weird, new and non-animal fibre, as a preview to the theme exhibit "NOANIMAL FIBRES, PLEASE", that is being prepared for the Ex and Sale in November.

CHALLENGE: Let's see the variety of different non-animal fibres (raw, spun or woven etc.) we can come up with. It doesn't necessarily have to be something you have made yourself.

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Guild member Ann McElroy demonstrating spinning at the Carp Fair on Saturday, Sept. 22nd (photo by Jan Scott).

(See page 3 for more on the Carp Fair.)

General Announcements

City of Ottawa Grants Update

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

As you know, the City of Ottawa's Cultural Services has supported our Resource Centre for the past couple of years with a project grant. This year we advanced to an Annual Operating Fund grant application. We were accepted and in July we received a cheque for \$10,500.00 from the City. This amount covers our rent and insurance for another year. Your executive had also applied for an amount for storage/shelving cabinets to properly store and protect our precious fibre arts library. We were informed that this was not the proper grant to apply for something like this. We were then referred to yet another City of Ottawa Fund for minor capital expenditures. This new application (for the library cabinets) has just been completed. If accepted, they will cover up to 50% of the cost.

Serious news regarding programs

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The Executive is very distressed over not having a **Programs Coordinator**. Your executive works long hard hours, keeping the guild operating. We desperately need someone, or a group of members, to champion this position. You don't necessarily have to come up with the ideas of what, or who, to have for the program. You would confirm the presenter, remind them just before the meeting and see if they need any special equipment or set up. (Jason Massia has volunteered to help Programs with any technical equipment for presentations), greet them the night of the meeting and introduce them. Several people may want to work as a team and pool resources etc. It is imperative that the position be filled for the programs to continue.

Vacant Positions

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The following executive and committee positions are still open:

Secretary - to take minutes at general and executive meetings, keep them on record and send them to be published in the newsletter.

Programs (this could be a 2 person position) - oversee the program presentations at the General meetings. See above for a description of the position. Also involves following up with treasurer to see that the presenter has received their honorarium for the presentation. A set of keys to the building and Resource Centre comes with the job.

Fund-raising Coordinator - initiate fund-raising activities

Public Relations/Publicity - represent the guild for all types of media coverage
- maintain database of radio, TV, newspaper and community calendar contacts (a lot of this is already done)
- prepare news media releases

Website news and updates

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Cindy Jackson is working on some updates and additions to the website:

1. A page of pictures from St. Distauff's day
2. A members page

Cindy J. (cindy@applelaine.com) asks for people to send her their website or blog links. This is for all guild members. These do not need to be retail based but would be nice if they are fibre related to some extent. This is a great way to show off what a diverse group we have in our membership. This is also a good way for the public to contact members of the guild. So don't send your link if you don't want traffic. This is something that all booth guild members for the Exhibition & Sale should be linked to as sometimes people may see something at the sale and need to locate a vendor.

Have you checked out the website lately...it is awesome! We are really impressive.

Membership

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Fatima Dias was able to take over the membership duties from Diane, on September 1st. Membership cards were finally made up and sent out by mail. She is preparing an up-to-date membership list. I am sure that Fatima will do a great job.

GCTC Offer

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

We have received an offer from the Irving Greenburg Theatre Centre (Great Canadian Theatre Company) regarding Group rates (10 or more) to attend their first season. \$19.00 per single ticket which represents savings of up to 50% against regular ticket prices. The theme is "Capital Letters" dedicated to the Ottawa Community. Five shows to choose from. The theatre is in Wellington Village at 1233 Wellington St. at Holland (613) 236-5196 See www.gctc.ca. If there is enough interest, we could have a theatre social night. Let Laurie know if you might be interested.

In-Depth Studies

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

During the summer, Judith R., Sue Q. and Laurie H-C started an inventory and condition report on the In-Depth Studies. This should be finished soon and will be sent to OHS (Ontario Handweavers and Spinners) to initiate any repairs that are deemed necessary to the collection and for our own purposes i.e. what condition the IDS's have arrived in. OHS is also providing separate insurance on the collection (though it is technically irreplaceable).

Summer Demonstration Thanks

Cindy O'Gorman

Over the summer, the Guild was asked to demonstrate spinning and weaving at several venues throughout the summer: Cumberland Heritage Museum (Cumberland), Pinhey's Point (Kanan), Dickinson Day's (Manotick), Goulbourn Museum (Stittsville) and the Carp Fair (Carp). A very special thank you to the volunteers who gave of their time and interest in sharing their work with the public and helping to promote the Guild at the same time: Jan Scott, Mary Patterson, Yvonne Szpakowicz, Madeleine Parent, Elizabeth Watt, Ann McElroy, Francine Deguire and Cindy O'Gorman. I sincerely hope that I haven't forgotten anyone.

St. Distaff's Day Booklet

Cindy O'Gorman

The St. Distaff's Day booklet has been completed and is now entered into the Guild library. It contains a little story about the history of St. Distaff's Day, the program and about a third of the instructor notes. Thank you to the instructors who provided their notes. If you were an instructor and would still like to add your notes to the booklet, contact Cindy O'Gorman at 613-832-9316 or cgo244@yahoo.ca.

Carp Fair Demo

Jan Scott

Friday Sept 21 2007:

Amazing weather, and overrun with school kids most of the day! Cindy and Mary were great! Unfortunately the organization wasn't up to last year's standard and lunch tickets were forgotten! Lots of people stopped and asked questions about spinning and weaving and the guild. Most of the people were local with a few western tourists this year.



Saturday Sept 22: HUGE CROWD!!!! No one showed up to help me out!! Overrun with people asking questions, trying to give out flyers and course info!!! Got a bathroom break at 3pm when my husband arrived. Got lunch tickets but didn't get to use them until dinner. I had a lovely roast beef dinner at



AJ's Catering with Robert the black smith and Glenn the husband (see what the rest of you missed!). I also saw the 8 horse wagon competition with the draft horses - WOW they are big!

Sunday Sept 23: Ann (in photo Page 1) arrived just before the gates opened and Mary (in photo at left) arrived for a second day a bit after. Three people made the day very easy and we got fed well for lunch. Again we had lots of local people interested in both the craft of weaving and spinning and the guild. Next year we need to have more volunteers to come have fun!

Library

Jan Scott

Remember to bring back your books! If you can't make the meeting, call and let the librarians know and we will renew your books for next month. My number is 613-828-3256, or email me at jsrmt@hotmail.com.

Guild Printed Materials and Verbal Announcements

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

This is a reminder that under the terms of our City of Ottawa Grant, we must acknowledge the City's support by:

1. Making a written acknowledgement as "OVWSG gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa" on printed materials or reproducing the City of Ottawa logo on printed materials (available on request at infoculture@ottawa.ca)
2. Mentioning support verbally in public announcements, press conferences and speeches
3. Reproducing the City of Ottawa logo on the organization's website with a link to ottawa.ca/arts (Cindy has been advised).

Upcoming Activities

Fabric Flea Market – Oct. 13th

Mary Morrison

Oct. 13, 10am - 2pm. Glebe Community Centre on Lyon St. Admission is \$2—all proceeds go to help Cambridge St. School. There will be lots of fabrics, yarn and other interesting goods. I understand that a number of weavers will be there selling.

Private party for OVWSG & the Ottawa Knitters Guild – Oct. 13th

Shirley Browsky

We de-stash, you benefit. Huge yarn sale and other stuff. Flyer available at October meeting.
897 Elmsmere Rd., Ottawa (Rear Party Room)
October 13th, 10 am to 4 pm (tea & coffee will be served)
For info call Shirley Browsky 613-488-2898 or Elisabeth Schneider 613-421-3185.

MERA Happenings

Ellen Good

Shibori Workshop to be held at the MERA Schoolhouse in McDonald's Corners on Sat/Sun Oct 20/21 taught by Ellen Good. Go to the MERA website meraschoolhouse.org for more details or phone Ellen at 613 479-2659. Register with Marilyn Barnett at 613 259 2269. Cost \$135 for non-members, \$125 for members.

Spinning morning on Thursdays at 10 am, Fiberarts program Thursday afternoons. More details Ankaret Dean 613 278 1203.

Exhibition and Sale at Glebe Community Centre Nov 2, 3 & 4 (F4-8pm, S/S10-4pm)

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The Guild's annual Exhibition and Sale is coming up soon at the Glebe Community Centre. If you're new to the Guild, this is a great way to see the beautiful work of your fellow members, and also a great way to get involved with the Guild. For the Theme Exhibit, Guild resource table and Yarn/Book Sales, we need members to help man these tables. If you can only help for a couple of hours, half day or whole day, that's fine. Every bit of help will share the workload. Spinning/Weaving etc. demonstrators are also required. Again if you can demonstrate for even a short period of time, at some point

through the weekend, please help out. You certainly don't need to be an expert to demonstrate. It is meant to be fun. This is your exhibition, your time will see that this fantastic venue continues, for all to enjoy in the future. We also need people to help set up the exhibit, guild and sales tables on the Friday as well. See you there. Bring your friends, too. P.S. There's a great little place to have a bite to eat at the sale too.
(See Page 5 for the full Ex & Sale Update.)

Historic Fashion Exhibit

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

"Beyond the Silhouette", an exhibit on Fashion and the Women of Historic Kingston, at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Kingston (www.aec.ca) (613) 533-2190. This was where the OHS juried show was held at the OHS conference in 2005. There will be a TALK and RECEPTION with guest curator M. Elaine MacKay, who will conduct a tour of the exhibition. A reception will follow. The postcard does not say anything about RSVP. Sounds like a great evening.

"Behind the Cloth" at Carleton U.

Judith Rygiel

Carleton University's Learning Initiatives program will offer this six week non credit interest course with no prerequisites and no assignments. Contact Sonia Smee at Carleton, 613-520-6624 or see the website www.carleton.ca/cie Fee is \$90.

Behind the Cloth: A Textile Detective Uncovers the Social and Economic History of 19th Century Maritime Communities

Wednesdays, November 7th – December 12th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Room 124 Leeds Residence
Dr. Judith Rygiel

For full course description please see the September OVWSG Newsletter or visit the Learning in Retirement webpage at <http://www.carleton.ca/cie/LinR/index.html#behindthecloth>.

WASOON 2008

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

This Weavers and Spinners of Ontario North event takes place at Canadore College in North Bay May 23, 24 & 25, 2008. There are full and half day workshops, banquet and Key note speaker Lorraine Smith on Inspiration 2008: The Path to Creativity. Friday evening presentation by Ixchel Suarez on History and Techniques of pre-Columbian Dyes. More information at <http://www.ohs.on.ca/WASOON2008.htm>. Registration opens Jan. 15. and closes Mar. 15. Only 130 participants, accommodation available in the college.

Exhibition & Sale

Update

Nancy Ingram

It is time for the final advertising push to promote the Sale and Exhibition. There are printed postcards available to be mailed out to clients, friends and relatives (there is also an electronic copy on the web-site to send by e-mail). Remember to place postcards on bulletin boards in community centres, libraries, and other public venues. If you can use our press release with a story about yourself in your local paper it would be much appreciated. This must be done without a cost associated with it as I am spending our advertising dollars on ads in small city papers. Remember to phone Roberta Murrant at (613) 832-3428 or contact her by e-mail at robertaandroy@rogers.com if you can offer to help with the advertising.

It is important to contribute an item or items to the Resource Centre fundraising table. The money raised will contribute to the teaching programs and other activities of the Guild. We are also giving a percentage of the funds to the Afghan silk scarf weavers. The contact person for the fundraising table is Fatima Dias: (613) 437-4301, (fdwovenarticles@gmail.com).

The contact person for the Guild Display and Information Table is Ann Sunahara: (613) 728-9691 sunahara@magma.ca.

Our theme table coordinator is Francine Deguire (frandeguire@yahoo.com). Please contribute your items to reflect the theme "No Animal Fibres, Please!"

Lots of helpers are needed to man tables, to demonstrate and to promote the Guild. It is a fun weekend, a perfect time to socialize with your fellow Guild members. Set up time is between 12 and 4 on Friday. Allow at least ½ hour for clean up and layout of the hall.

It is shaping up to be a great show with products from weavers, spinners, felters and suppliers being sold.

Come out and enjoy!

Guild Promotion Booth

Ann Sunahara

Items wanted for the Guild promotion booth:

PHOTOS of Guild Activities -- for a slide show to promote the Guild at the Ex and Sale. -- Please bring yours to the October meeting or e-mail them to sunahara@magma.ca.

WORKSHOPSAMPLES: for a display of what we have made in past workshops -- a show of creativity! Please bring yours to the October meeting!

VOLUNTEERS: to help "man" (woman?) the booth -- Sign up to spend an hour at the Ex and Sale answering inquiries about the Guild. Contact Ann Sunahara at 613-728-9691 or sunahara@magma.ca

Co-op Booth Reminder

Tuula Talvila

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. If you are interested in contributing items and time to the Co-op Booth, please let me know now! Thanks. tuulat@gmail.com or 613-722-4808.

Ex and Sale Bookmarks

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Thank-you to Ann Sunahara for delivering 375 Ex and Sale post cards to CAO (Council for the Arts in Ottawa). These were to be included in the CAO newsletter mail out on Sept. 21. We are a member of CAO and these should reach artists and arts organizations right across the city.

Resource Centre News

Resource Centre Brochures

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Over the summer Cindy O'Gorman had the RC brochures updated and reprinted. She has put them in the pamphlet drawer in the RC. Thank-you Cindy.

Wednesday Weavers

Mary Morrison

Weavers meeting in the RC on Wednesdays: some weavers will be there on Oct. 10 and 17, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Resource Centre Rental to Coop 301

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The Resource Centre room will be used Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the afternoons from 12:30 to 4:00. Lucile, of the Coop 301 group, is paying us rent for the use of our room. The room is very seldom used in the afternoons. Note: The Wednesday weavers can still meet. We may still access the library room during those hours as long as we are quiet and not disruptive.

Workshops

Elizabeth Watt

Please get your completed registrations in as quickly as possible. Last minute sign-up attempts may result in not getting a spot, not because there isn't room, but because the instructor has not the time to put together materials for you, or because a workshop has been cancelled for lack of interest. An e-mail (elizabeth@wattfamily.ca) to let the registrar know you are interested is fine, but must be followed by a registration form and payment (mailed to the address on the form, or handed to the registrar at a meeting).

Heartwood House News

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

OC Transpo Unclaimed Items Sale - 2 volunteers needed

Mark Sat. Oct. 27 on your calendars. Great bargains! Two volunteers are need from the guild to assist with this sale. This is part of our commitment to Heartwood House. Volunteers work from 10:30 - 2:30. Shifts may be split between 2 volunteers. Sale Plan: setup 10:30 - 11:30, then 11:30 - 11:50 volunteers may shop for non-valuable (no jewelry, electronics or bikes) items. Sale from 12 - 1:40. Shut down begins at 1:40. All unsold items are placed in the Gallery. All unsold items will be available to anyone in Heartwood House for free from 8:30 - 11:00 on Monday Oct. 29th.

Heartwood House AGM

The HH Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wed. Sept. 26 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Bike Thieves - Warning

Unfortunately, some bike wheels and removable seats have been stolen. Heartwood House is looking into a "Bike Cage"

where bikes could be locked up for Heartwood House members who bicycle to the facility.

Everybody Wins - Computer recycling Program

Heartwood House computer recycling program. All proceeds go toward maintenance and upkeep of Heartwood House. Please support this program and keep these items out of our landfill. We all WIN. Already, some of the Everybody Wins funds raised will be used to lay gravel in the pothole areas in the parking area, behind the dumpster and to purchase a bike rack and create another bench for the fence along Rideau St., by the recycling containers.

Computers of any age can be recycled at Heartwood House for free, including:

- Towers with Hard Drives
- Desktops & Laptops
- CD/DVD ROM's
- Speakers
- Printers
- Keyboards
- Mice
- Modems & cables
- LCD Monitors

Note: a recycling fee of \$20 applies to old style traditional monitors. All other items Free.

Call Maureen at 613 241-5937 or www.heartwoodhouse.ca
Drop off at Heartwood House M-Th 8am to 7pm, F 8am to 5pm.

Deloitte volunteers - Thank-you

Twenty-three volunteers descended on Heartwood House on Sept 7. The volunteers cleaned the floors and windows in the guild Resource Centre. This was greatly appreciated. Thank-you to those hearty volunteers.

Gallery Show

Printmaking styles of Joan Crate, Marion Hall and Ted Johnston will be on display until Sept. 28

Dragon Boat Races

Heartwood House is submitting an application to the D.B.R to be considered as a charity for the 2008-09 season. Several groups have expressed an interest in joining in on this venture and some have volunteered to put together a dragon boat team. Any interest from guild members? Let Laurie know.

Marketplace

FOR SALE: 45 inch "Fanny" LeClerc counterbalanced floor loom.
Also included: weaving bench, shuttles, extra reeds, box of threads and manual. Good condition.
\$800 or best offer.
Chris Mark (613) 733-1744 or chrismark@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

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

Correspondence: Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners
Guild

Heartwood House, 153 Chapel Street
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Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ovwsg/>

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

Essential Guild Information

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. Heartwood House is also accessible by OC Transpo routes 2, 7, 14 and 18.

How to Access the Meeting Room and Resource Centre

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. Any current member of the Ottawa Guild may access the Resource Centre whenever they wish. You may borrow keys from any of the following key holders to access the Resource Centre during off hours (you are responsible for returning the keys to that member after use):

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|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 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 | Cindy O-Gorman | (613) 832-9316 |
| Judith Rygiel | (613) 825-4155 | Elizabeth Watt | (613) 692-6115 |
| Sue Quinn | (613) 837-1619 | Shirley Browsey | (613) 488-2898 |

1 other to go to Programs person (position vacant at present)

1 lending spare with the Librarians, which may be checked out for a month

Big Online room key - Ann Sunahara

Alternatively, during Heartwood House hours, the RC may be accessed by presenting your valid membership card at the front desk and someone will let you into the room.

Parking at Heartwood House during business hours on weekdays

This has become an increasing problem during business hours. The regular HH groups pay for parking spots, however visitors often take spaces, leaving them without parking that they have paid for. Solution: An EVERYBODY PAYS PLAN. Parking rates will be: 50 cents/hour (handicapped, no charge)

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| \$1.50/half day | \$30.00/half month |
| \$3.00/full day | \$50.00/month |

Five specific visitor parking spaces will be created along the hill facing the motel wall nearest the entrance to the parking lot (with signage). Once these spaces are filled, you must park elsewhere. (Free 3 hour parking on Beausoleil and free 1 hour parking on Chapel). Reception staff at the front desk will be asking if you have a car when you sign in and visitor parking must be paid then (include your licence plate number). It is important to remember to SIGN OUT when you leave Heartwood House so staff will know that your visitor space is now available again. This is only in effect during business hours on weekdays; evenings are not a problem. This new plan will take effect on Tuesday April 10th, 2007.

Library

The guild keeps an extensive library on site covering a wide variety of topics of interest to weavers and spinners. The library opens at 7:00 pm before meetings and anyone is welcome to browse. Members may borrow materials from the library.

Guild Equipment for Rent

Equipment is available for rental to Guild members. See our web site for rates and details.

Guild Web Site

The Guild's web site is <http://www.ovwsg.com>

Yahoo Group

An internet group has been set up on Yahoo for our guild members. For those of you not familiar with Yahoo groups, it provides us with a message board, chat room, space for our photos and files and a calendar. It's free to sign up. You have to join Yahoo and then subscribe to the group. Our messages, photos and files are viewable only by guild members. If you're a member of the guild, please join us: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ovwsg/join>