



## President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

This month finds me working diligently on the next grant submission to the City of Ottawa for Operating funding. With the City's budget under the gun these days, we cannot be guaranteed that we will be successful, but we must be optimistic. The Strategic Planning Meeting that we were hoping to have in the fall now has a tentative date scheduled [see page 2 for details]. The future direction of the guild will be on the agenda. This is your opportunity to have your say in what the guild does for the next couple of years. ***This is important input needed for the Guild to provide what you (the members) really want.***

## February Meeting

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm**

Library & Resource Centre open at 5:00pm

Greeter & Hostess needed! [see page 2]

### **Pre-Meeting Drum Carding Session - 6:30pm**

Postponed from December and January, this will be an informal session on drum carding with Gordon Moat. Learn what drum carding is, how it is done, hopefully with time for hands-on. Bring your interest and curiosity, and any questions or problems.

### **Meeting Program: How Old Fibres Meet Today's Fibres**

This feature is based on Francine Deguire's history research related to the fascinating textures and fibres displayed at our last Exhibition & Sale "No Animal Fibre Please".

She will convey us through the natural, man-made, and synthetic fibres' journeys to reveal some of their uniqueness.

Please note that a convenient time will be set aside for anyone who would like to share her/his own personal experience with ONE of the related subjects' items. Please, bring IT with you.

## The OVWSG 60th Anniversary Challenge

### **Calling all Spinners, Dyers, Weavers, Feltmakers, Basketmakers**

Join us in celebrating our 60th Anniversary by entering our new challenge. Win cash prizes, get to know your fellow textile artists in a whole new way, and strut our stuff to the public. Think of exciting ways to use felting, knitting, weaving, spinning, dyeing together to create an exciting, over-the-edge product.

Watch for more news on this in upcoming newsletters. But for now, meet your fellow OVWSG members and see if you can collaborate on this exciting challenge. **For information, contact Shirley Browsey, [sbrowsky@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbrowsky@sympatico.ca).**

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# Upcoming Guild Activities

## Special Days:

### **Fun Sunday - Sun. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 3pm**

Drop in anytime, try out some equipment or bring along a project to work on. This is a good opportunity for new members to get acquainted with what the Resource Centre has to offer and to meet and socialize with other guild members. Use the side door (facing Rideau St.). Buzz 1002 on the intercom system and someone in the Guild room will buzz you into the building.

### **Clinic Day - Sat. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30-4:00**

Bring your questions, challenges, etc. to a drop-in session with a variety of experienced weavers, spinners and dyers.

Do you have specific things you want to learn... Want to learn to chain ply? Calculate materials for a project? Make your own yarn for that pattern?

Or do you have problems you need help with.... Why is this wheel not working? Why is my dye not setting properly?

Anything goes, no question too small. Come and join us for a day of learning and socialising.

Drop in anytime between 10:30 am and 4:00 pm. Registration is not required; cost is a donation to the Guild's Resource Centre.

## Meetings:

### **Exhibition & Sale Preliminary Planning Meeting - was held Sat. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>**

It is time once again to turn our attention to the annual Exhibition and Sale. An organizing team has been established and a planning meeting was scheduled for 26 January. Nancy Ingram will report on the decisions made at the planning meeting at the February Guild meeting and in the March newsletter.

### **Guild Executive Meeting - Mon. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

A meeting of the Guild Executive and Committee members will be held on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Resource Centre.

### **Strategic Planning Meeting - Sun. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (tentative), 10:30 to 4:00 pm**

This important planning meeting will be held in the Resource Centre (or perhaps we could book the Gallery?). Having it on a Sunday means that the parking lot is available to us.

This meeting will be to plan out the direction the guild will take for the next couple of years. We will also examine what is working, what isn't working, and what do the members really want from their guild. Most importantly we need to discuss the viability of the Resource Centre...Can or should it continue? Also the Workshops program. Attendance at workshops has not met projected targets...Can or should it continue?

**This could be the most important meeting for the Guild's future. Plan to attend to help make a difference and have your say.**

## Getting Involved in the Guild

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

### **Hostesses & Greeters - Feb. & March**

Hostesses & Greeters are needed for both the February and March meetings. Hostess purchases some juices and snacks (reimbursed by Treasurer) and sets them up at a table for the meeting. Greeter stands at the side door between 7 and 7:30 on meeting nights to admit/welcome members and direct new members to the Gallery and/or Resource Centre.

Laurie has done hostess duty for the meeting in October, November, December, and January because no one volunteered. Let's give her a break please. Please let her know if you can take on this role for the February meeting ([lauriehc@magma.ca](mailto:lauriehc@magma.ca)). Sign up at the February meeting for March positions. Thank-you!

### **Resource Centre Looms**

Sue Quinn and Mary Morrison will be in the Resource Centre on the afternoons (12:30 to 4:00 pm) of Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. They would welcome anyone willing to help come and refurbish and move looms. (contact Mary Morrison at [morrmary@sympatico.ca](mailto:morrmary@sympatico.ca))

# General Announcements

## 2008 Exhibition & Sale Booths

Nancy Ingram has sent out close to 60 e-mails to potential booth participants for this year's Exhibition and Sale, seeking expressions of interest. If you would like to receive an application form please e-mail Nancy at Ingram@Rideau.net. We have approximately 21 booths to sell and the interest has been high. She encourages everyone interested to apply early.

## Guild Courses & Workshops... *Sign up now!*

The impressive new workshop brochure is now available! You can download a copy from the Guild's website at <http://www.ovwsg.com/ovwsg/Winter2008Workshops.pdf>, or pick one up at the February meeting. This season's brochure outlines a diverse and exciting array of workshops and courses for the upcoming months. All workshops still have space available - contact Elizabeth Watt ASAP to sign up: elizabeth@wattfamily.ca or 613 692-6115.

All the details are in the brochure, along with a registration form, but to whet your appetite, here's a listing of what's on offer:

### **Spinning...**

- Introduction to Spinning
- Wheel Spinning
- Gaining Control
- Fibre Preparation

### **Weaving...**

- Beginning Weaving
- Post-Beginning Weaving
- Inkle Weaving
- Overshot - Outside the Block

### **Other Fibre-Related Courses...**

- Basic Acid Dyeing
- Felt Vessel
- Pine Needle Basket

### **And maybe Tapestry for Beginners?**

Anyone interested in a Tapestry Course for beginners please let Mary Morrison know and it can be arranged ([morrmy@sympatico.ca](mailto:morrmy@sympatico.ca)).

# Other Upcoming Events

## Chesterville Spin-in - Wed., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

SPIN-IN in Chesterville at the Nelson Laprade Community Centre - Theme is I FELT LIKE IT (see flyer included on page 5 of newsletter). Bring a felted item for the display table. Lots of door prizes. Bring a lunch or there are restaurants in town.

Directions: go south of bridge in centre of town. The public school is then on your left and the Centre is tucked in behind the school, in the park area. Use the school driveway to access it. A few people have expressed an interest in getting a car pool together to go to this event. This could be organized at the regular meeting on Feb. 4 or post your request to car pool (either driver or passenger) on the Guild's Yahoo site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ovwsg/>).

## Invitation from Ottawa Quilters

The Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild invite fellow quilters to our general meeting on 3 March to hear Laurie Swim and 7 April to hear Susan Purney Mark. The meetings are at St. Anthony's Hall, 523 St. Anthony Street at 7:30. Thank you, Pat Amundrud.

## March Break Fashion Camp

Ages 12-19 March 10-14<sup>th</sup>, at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte (we are members) [www.mvc.on.ca](http://www.mvc.on.ca) or 613 259-2421.

## Sheep to Sock - change of date

*From Pat Trudel*

The date for the Sheep to Sock event at the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum has been changed because of a conflict with a new exhibit opening. The curator would like the event to be April 26 instead of May 10. We would need two people to card, two people to spin and two people to operate the sock machines. I would think that this event would take most of the day and would be on a volunteer basis only. I will ask the board of directors to give a generous donation to the guild.

## Wool & Fiber Fest - Jefferson County, New York

Held on Father's Day weekend, featuring workshops, sheep and alpaca displays, shearing demos, vendors, local guilds, etc.

# Marketplace

Currently no items advertised for sale.

## Advertising rates:

Members: \$12 for first 25 words or less, + \$0.23 for each additional word.

Non-members: \$15 for 25 words or less, + \$0.28 for each additional word.

Business Card size: \$18/issue or \$150/year; ¼ or ½ page: \$30 or \$32/issue.

Commercial: \$15 for 20 words, +\$0.45/additional word, Full page: \$79/issue.

To place an advertisement, phone or email Tuula Talvila at 613-722-4808, [tuulat@gmail.com](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.

## Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes – Dec. 2007

**Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild  
Monthly Guild Meeting  
Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Gallery,  
Heartwood House**

(Written & Recorded by Merilyn Mulligan)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

-Laurie H-C thanked everyone who phoned Re: the cancellation of the meeting the week before.

-The meeting began with the introduction of the Executive

-Elizabeth Watt asked for workshop suggestions. What do we want in the line of courses?

- suggestions: Kumihimo (Japanese braiding)  
beginning needle felting  
clinic - bring your problems (3<sup>rd</sup>  
weekend in Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>)

### SHOW & TELL

-Jan knitting sweater with raglan sleeves for her cat

-Cindy O'Gorman knit a scarf with different sizes and different colours of yarn left over from different projects and workshops.

-Hope MacLean mittens made from dog hair

### BUSINESS MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion: Ann McElroy moved to accept Merrilyn

Mulligan in the position of Secretary.

Seconded by Elizabeth Watt

Motion PASSED

-a letter was read, written by the wife of a blind man who taught himself finger weaving and is looking for the proper yarns.

-letter was read, someone is looking for a table loom.

-GCTC sign up sheets are available for their performances.

-Sue Quinn has booked the Glebe Community Centre for the Ex & Sale in years 2008 and 2009

-We gave the Afghan Silk Weavers \$ 200.00 and we received a letter from the Afghan Ambassador's Wife

-We received an operating grant from the City of Ottawa. We asked for \$ 980.00 and have received the cheque (to be used for shelving). For next year we are eligible for up to 3 years, but we were advised by the City to apply for just one year.

-we have a slide projector and needed a lamp, we now have that lamp

-Heartwood House - Mo is putting in 80 hrs a week, they proposed-asking for suggestions on how to pay for another employee. We have a buffer because we have already received a grant for a rent increase, but we may also have to increase our membership fees.

-we have two invitations for Dec 23 to the Cdn Museum of Civilisation Christmas party of the CAO

-Co-op 301, they had not been using our room and not paying rent by the month, they are only using it occasionally and paying by the hour.

-Cleanliness of the room -Resource Centre - we have agreed to pay for sharing of clean up.

-Pat Trudel and Cindy O'Gorman prepared a school program for Elmwood school, demonstrated for 2 classes, taught spinning with a drop spindle, it was well received and they were sent a feedback sheet so they can improve their teaching methods.

-We have purchased a Hostess cart of drawers on wheels with a flat top which will hold a variety of utensils, juice and towels.

-2009 has been designated as the international year of natural fibres

-Jan 7 will be the date for our regular meeting.-pre-meeting drum carding with Gordon (Feb will be the snow date)

-Jan 26- 1. P.M. in resource centre Ex and Sale Meeting

-Feb 20- Chesterville Spin in "I Felt Like It"

-Feb ?? - Strategic Planning meeting in Gallery

-June 14 - St Distaff Day in Almonte

### DESSERT POT LUCK

-20 min. until 9. P.M.

### CHINESE AUCTION

-started at 9.05 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

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

Meetings & Resource Centre:

Heartwood House, 153 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ont.

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**Spin Out  
for a  
Spin-In**



## **The Chesterville & District Historical Society**

invites you to celebrate Heritage Week at its

### **9th Annual Spin-In**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2008 from 10:00am to 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 2008 – Because I Felt Like It**

Spinning generates a lot of yarn. What can we do with it? Some weavers and knitters have discovered that it is perfect for creating useful felted garments. Others use fleece and roving to needlefelt decorative items. You are invited to bring for display any felted object that you have created and share the story of your experience with other artisans.

**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 613-984-2880  
email: [margotdixon@sympatico.ca](mailto:margotdixon@sympatico.ca) subject heading: Spin In

<b>February Events Calendar</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Post-beginner weaving (part 1/3) 11-4:00 RC	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Post-beginner weaving course (part 2/3) 11:00-4:00, RC	<b>4 7:30pm Guild meeting: Drum carding, old fibres &amp; new</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Intro to Spinning workshop 10:30-3:30, RC
<b>10</b> Fun Sunday 10am-3pm Resource Centre	<b>11</b> Guild Exec & Committee meeting 7-9pm Resource Centre	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Post-beginner weaving course (part 3/3) 11:00-4:00 RC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10-3pm Chesterville Spin-In	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Clinic Day 10:30-4:00
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>March 1</b>

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

<b>March Events Calendar</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> Beginning Weaving course (part 1/4) 10-4:00 RC	<b>3 7:30pm Guild meeting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Wheel Spinning workshop 10:30-3:30, RC
<b>9</b> Strategic Planning Meeting 10:30-4:00 HH Gallery	<b>10</b> March Break Fashion Camp, Almonte	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Beginning Weaving course (part 2/4) 10-4:00 RC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b> Basic Acid Dyeing workshop 9:30-5:00, RC	<b>31</b>					