



President's Message

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

My term as your President is fast coming to a close. It has been a wonderful experience and I will continue to work hard for the guild, in other capacities. Change is not always easy and moving our workshop classroom down the hall posed some challenges to all involved. Moe, HH Executive Director, has worked diligently with us to solve all problems as they arose. Some very creative solutions were found that is GREAT news for us. More on these in the newsletter. Read on, and see you at the AGM meeting on May 7.

Ann Sunahara has worked hard at revising and presenting our updated Constitution to the members. I congratulate her on a job well done. It is very important that you take the time to return your proxy vote form, if you are unable to attend the meeting in May. Remember that you must be a paid up member to vote.

New Constitution!

Ann Sunahara

By now you will have received the notice of a vote on May 5th on our new Constitution and By-laws. We need the approval of 2/3rds of our members. Please, come to the May meeting and vote or - if you may not be able to attend the May meeting -- send in the Proxy Appointment and your membership renewal in the included, stamped envelope. Not enough time to mail it? Fax it to 613-488-3516. Do it now and help bring the Guild into the 21st century.

Things to bring to the May meeting...

- ♦ membership renewal form and payment!
- ♦ workshop registration form and payment
- ♦ constitution voting form (& proxy form for a friend?)
- ♦ Committee year-end reports

Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 5th, at 7:30pm

Library & Resource Centre open at 5:00pm
Hostess: Melanie Overduin, Greeter: Jean.

AGM Committee Reports Reminder

Just a reminder that if you are a committee chair, you should bring your annual report on activities to the AGM May meeting, for presentation. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please forward your report to Laurie and she will see that it is presented for you.

Membership Renewal time

Reminder that memberships expire on Apr. 30. June 1st is the absolute deadline for renewals, after that it will be assumed that you do not wish to renew.

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Editor's Note

Tuula Talvila

This issue of the newsletter marks the end of my two-year term as editor. It's been a fun way to help out the guild. Thanks to all the members and executive who have kept the flow of newsletter contributions coming and who have offered up their kind compliments. I hope the new editor will have as enjoyable a time in the position as I have, with a supportive executive and active membership.

General Announcements

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Strategic Planning Meeting

This meeting was held on March 29th, with 12 members in attendance. Lots of brainstorming and lots of ideas. These ideas were presented to the guild Executive to use as a guide in planning, for the next 1 - 3 years. Many thanks to all of the participants for their hard work and a super thank-you goes out to Ann Sunahara who provided a wonderful lunch for everyone.

Donations

In future any donations of equipment to the guild will have to be approved by the RC Coordinator or her designated assistant. The reason for this is that we have accepted just about anything in the past, resulting in some inferior or in-need-of-repair equipment. We need good working equipment for our members to be able to use without any hassle. Though we appreciate people's generosity, we need to be practical as well.



*Sock machine:
Sheep to Sock
competition
April 26, Vernon*

Upcoming Guild Activities

Update: The OVWSG 60th Anniversary Guild Challenge

Shirley Browsky

Calling all Spinners, Dyers, Weavers, Feltmakers, Basketmakers, Quilters, Beaders, Knitters, etc.

The Entry Forms & Challenge Criteria will be sent out in the next couple of weeks via email to those who have expressed an interest in participating or forms can be picked up at the May & June Meetings. 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, or if you are interested and haven't signed up yet, please contact Shirley Browsky, sbrowsky@sympatico.ca Make up a team and let Shirley know. We almost have 12 teams!

CHALLENGE IDEA - IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE BIG : How about a spinner spinning silk, the weaver weaving a 12" square, a lacemaker, knitter or crocheter(?) doing a lace edging - voila a collaboration of 3 different media to make a hanky for the Bride.

Summer Weaving Project?

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Coverlets on the 100" Loom. Have you drooled over the wonderful coverlets Jack Lane has revealed at Show & Tell? Well, this may be your opportunity to have your very own creation.

Jack has offered to be an adviser for a coverlet project on the 100" Loom. Since the workshop classroom will soon be available to us at all times of the day and most of the regular workshops will be over for the summertime. It has been suggested that we could set up the 100" loom for a summer project. This loom requires 2 people to operate, so pairs of weavers would work on a coverlet. In the past, an extra item (in this case a coverlet) was woven off to donate to the guild, in lieu of loom rental costs.

Requirements: Participants would have to agree on a threading pattern and warp material & colour. All participants would share the warp material costs and then provide their own weft material. The

project would have to be completed by the end of the summer, so that the loom could be dismantled again, in preparation for the fall workshop sessions.

Note: A ruling was made a while ago that this loom is not to be set up until the warp is completed and ready to be installed on the loom.

If you are interested in joining this project, please submit your name to Laurie and (provided we have enough participants), a planning meeting can be arranged.

November Guild Meeting

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Just a heads-up that the November guild meeting will not be held at Heartwood House. Instead it will be held on the Friday night (Oct. 31) of the Exhibition and Sale, at the Glebe Community Centre. This will also be an excellent opportunity for members to preview the show and meet the participants. Stay tuned for more on what this special arrangement will offer you.

The reasoning for this change is that the regular meeting night falls immediately after the show. With many members exhausted from a whole weekend show, it made for low attendance or very tired participants. Your Ex. And Sale committee is making exciting plans for all, including parking arrangements with the school near the Glebe Community Centre. These hard-working members deserve lots of praise for making your Ex. and Sale experience better each year.

Gallery Show & Bistro Night 2009

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Next May 2009, the guild is holding a show in the Heartwood House Gallery for its 60th Anniversary. The Guild challenge (see previous page), which is underway now, will provide the basis for this show. There is still room for more teams, so contact Shirley Browsky if you would like to sign up for the challenge.

Along with the Gallery show in 2009, the guild will be hosting a Friday Bistro night in the HH gallery in May 2009. This is a fund-raiser for HH and an opportunity for the guild to promote and showcase what we do. Our gallery show will be on display, so it is perfect timing.

Exhibition & Sale

Update

Nancy Ingram

Planning for the 2008 Exhibition and Sale is moving ahead. As reported last month we now have 23 paid-up booth holders. Any of the booth participants who wish to attend the monthly Guild meetings are more than welcome. If you really want to become involved, we would love to have you to do a program or give a workshop -- something to think about!

We are working ahead on promotional material. Bookmarks will be ready by mid-May and will be available for pick up at that time or mailed out to you. I have been working on the "Job-Jar"; many of you have heard from me about your jobs to help promote and organize the event. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Contribute to the Guild Display!

Ann Sunahara

Your Guild needs your work to display at **More than Cloth -- Plus que du tissu** -- our Exhibition and Sale in November. We need something you have made -- either alone or in collaboration -- that shows the public what we do. We need your work in September so Ann Sunahara and her committee can set up a first class display. Let Ann know what you have for the display and whether you would help with the set up: 613-728-9691 or sunahara@magma.ca.

Resource Centre News

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Resource Centre executive decision

As you now know, the workshop classroom is now located down the hall from the library. Though there are still some deficiencies to be completed, the space is coming together nicely.

One of the creative solutions regarding the new RC classroom was that Moe suggested that the ESL (English as a Second Language) may be able to relocate to another space in HH, thus allowing the Guild to have complete access to the classroom. This sharing of space with ESL has been an asset to us in the past in helping with rental costs. Your executive, after deliberation over costs, space and ease of use (regarding the new classroom) voted to accept Moe's suggestion. Therefore, in early May,

Heartwood House will construct a new class area for ESL, and they will then move to their own space. This will allow the guild free movement of weaving equipment, without impeding another group's use of the room.

Changes to Resource Centre equipment storage

Across from the new classroom are 2 closets, which now house small equipment such as table looms, small warping mills etc. The little hallway in front of the library door will soon have bifold doors installed, which will isolate the hallway for guild use, from the rest of the room.

Heartwood House is creating a storage room for guild equipment, just around the corner from the new RC workshop classroom. This will house items/small equipment that are only used once or twice a year. This will free up more library and classroom space, making for improved ease of use. Both the closets and new storage room are being made available to us free of charge by HH.

In preparation for this new storage room I spent a weekend sorting through the library "stuff". I had a huge pile of boxes and equipment which were moved temporarily to the HH Dungeon area. All this will be moved into the new storage room as soon as it is completed (by end of May). P.S. An inventory list was prepared at the same time, thus tackling 2 jobs at once. Sorting of equipment continues, as we tackle the little hallway outside the library next.

RC Coordinator move

It was moved and passed at the last Executive meeting that the Resource Centre Coordinator position should be moved from "Committee" level to the "Executive Committee" level. The increasing responsibilities warranted the move.

Library News

Guild library and new cabinets

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

As a result of the above clean-out....the library looks like a library now! There is plenty of room for members to walk around, checking out all the books etc. The librarians in particular are very pleased with the space that was reclaimed for them.

The new library cabinets arrived and everyone at the last meeting "oohed" and "awed" over the new

arrangement. The OHS In-Depth Studies of the Master Weaver and Master Spinner Certificate program were finally unpacked from their boxes and carefully placed in their new cabinets as well. I must say the library is most impressive to see now.



OHS In-Depth Studies housed in new secure cabinets

Book loans & inventory

Jan Scott

Remember to return your books or call (613-828-3256) or email (jsrmt@hotmail.com) to let us know you will need to have them renewed. When you take books out please Neatly Print your name on the card and the date the book is due back (the next monthly meeting) and the present year (ie; June 2008, Jan Scott).

Members can take out books over the summer but need to bring a cheque book to make a deposit cheque of \$10.00 per book or magazine (you get the cheque back when you return the book at the September meeting). Non-members can not take out books or magazines, so remember to renew your membership!

We will be doing the book inventory next month and would like to have all books accounted for. We have had a number of missing books so please take a quick look around to see if anything looks like it should be part of the collection. Some of the books have been missing for years so if you are excavating an old piece of furniture and find a stray book please bring it back! It can be anonymously dropped off to the front desk at Heartwood House, or brought to the meeting. We are interested more in the return of lost books rather than the fine.

The Library will continue to open before the meeting

at 5pm until just before the start of the meeting at 7:30pm. Please try to drop off returning books before the meeting so we can record them and allow other members a chance to take them out. If members would like to access the library outside of the pre-meeting hours please contact me and we will set up a time to meet. Please give me some notice; I have to work around my scheduled patients. If instructors want to have books out for their class to look at let me know and I will pull what you have selected and have it ready for you.

So come and see the beautiful new cabinets which will allow you to see and access the collection with greater ease!

Guild Courses & Workshops

Upcoming Spring workshops

Sat. May 3 - **Wheel Spinning**
 Sat. May 10 - **Fibre Preparation**
 Sat. May 17 - **Gaining Control** (spinning)

For more detailed information, descriptions, fees and times etc., for all the above courses see www.ovwsg.com or pick up a workshop brochure & registration form at the meeting. For additional information please contact the Workshops Coordinator, Elizabeth Watt, at 613-692-6115 or elizabeth@wattfamily.ca.



Layered felted vessels made at a recent workshop given by Ann McElroy

Beginning Weaving Course: Anyone interested in taking this four-lesson course during May and June, please contact the instructor named below. The classes are usually spaced at two-week intervals, on Sundays, from 10 am to 4 pm. The schedule is yet to be determined, depending upon registration. Mary Morrison morrmy@sympatico.ca

Next season's workshops

Elizabeth Watt

I will be putting the Fall Winter/Workshop Brochure together in early June to be published and on the web by July. This edition will run from September 2008 to end of February 2009. Anyone wishing to teach a class needs to get the following information to me no later than June 7:

Class title, number of hours, a brief description, skill level, max number of students, approximate materials fee if any, and any preferences you have as to scheduling (e.g. Sat or Sun or other day, dates to choose or avoid, start time of class). I will send out a draft of the dates to all the instructors to double check, but it is difficult to re-jig once I sort everything out, so the more information you give me about scheduling the better. Please send the complete information even if you have offered that class in the past. Instructors are paid \$25 per hour including a 1 hour lunch break. send to: 613-692-6115 or elizabeth@wattfamily.ca.

Demonstrations

Cindy O'Gorman

Summer Demonstrations

Thank you to those who have already volunteered for the following events. If anyone else is interested in attending any of the following, please let me know, Cindy O'Gorman, OVWSG Demonstrations Coordinator for further details at cgo244@yahoo.ca or phone (613) 832-9316.

Saturday, June 7, 2008 - Dickinson's Day (Watson's Mill, Manotick)
 Sunday, June 8, 2008 - Goulbourn Museum (Stittsville)
 Aug. , 2008 - Pinhey's Point Museum (Kanata North)

For more demonstration opportunities/events see the next section...



Be careful where you direct your tail....our spinners will spin anything! Mary Bowrin demonstrating spinning at the recent Shakespeare's birthday Renaissance Fair at the NAC, April 27

Demonstrations, Demonstrations, Demonstrations!

We are getting very well known in the community, through our website, the Ex & Sale and our public demonstrations. This means we are getting more and more requests for our services to demonstrate our skills and sometimes even sell our creations. If you are interested in any of the following events, please contact me, Cindy O'Gorman, OVWSG Demonstrations Coordinator for further details at cgo244@yahoo.ca or phone (613) 832-9316. Come with a friend, it is sure to be a great time.

Back to Back Wool Competition:

This event involves spinning raw fleece, without carding, to 2 ply yarn which is knitted into a universal pattern sweater. It is taking place on Saturday May 10 at Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Carleton Place starting at 9:00. Kay James from the West Carleton Fibre Guild is organizing it and there is one team now and we are looking for

another to keep us company and cheer us on. We have the timer, runners, and the blade shorn fleece for two or three teams. If you would like to come and just spin or knit, that would be helpful. We use 3.25 and 4.00 straight needles in a very simple pattern of a boat neck and long sleeved sweater. We have some members who would prefer to only spin but happy to give other knitters a rest. The Wool Growers is advertising this and it is another opportunity to showcase what we can do for fun. Believe me, it is all fun!!!!

20th Anniversary of the Symmes Inn Museum in Aylmer for June 8th 2008:

Danielle Potvin, president of a traditional rug making guild in Gatineau is looking for artisans to demonstrate their (old) trades in period costumes on that day between 10:00 to 16:00. They are hoping to get some funding from the city but in the meantime, it would be on a volunteer basis, although artisans could sell their work on site during the event. Comments from Danielle, "I know your association is serious and produces high quality products. It would be an honour to have you at the June 8 event".

Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum in Vernon:

They have requested one spinner and one weaver for Pioneer Days July 26, 2008. This museum is South of Ottawa on the 31 quite close.

Sheep to Shawl at Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Saturday 9th August:

Starting time at 10.00 a.m. They have increased the time limit by half an hour and hope that teams will find it easier to be finished on time for the judge and the many interested members of the public to see the end results at 2.30 p.m. Overall size of the shawl remains the same but for those who would like to use table looms, the square inch requirement is 1440. Length must be a minimum of 72". We again hope to get donated fleeces so hopefully there will be a choice of colour. We hope you all view this event as a relaxed and enjoyable way of demonstrating the art and craft involved and that teams will be looking forward to joining in. Again billeting can be arranged for those travelling some distance. Please try to have entries in by 30th June 2008.

Poltimore Fair, August 9, 10, 2008:

Connie Mallon is on the Poltimore Fair Board and was looking at our website. Would the OVWSG be interested in coming to their Fair this fall. There is no cost to having a booth. They are located about an hour north of Ottawa on Highway 307 in the Village of Poltimore, Quebec.

Heartwood House News

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

The Guild and the Heartwood House Community

We are very fortunate to be a part of the Heartwood House Community. Our relationship is more like a cooperative family. We are not just renting space in the building. It is far from a regular landlord/tenant arrangement. We work together for the good of all HH members and groups. We have shared space with other groups such as ESL and several other occasions groups have rented our room on an afternoon that we were not using it. We have used other groups' space for some of our events and we have shared equipment from other groups as well. We participate in Heartwood activities like the Christmas party and gallery shows. We assist HH in fund-raising events such as the OC Transpo unclaimed items sale and the Everybody Wins computer recycling program. Why? Because we all benefit! We are privileged to be a part of this wonderful community.

What do we get by being a Heartwooder member group?

- central location on a bus route with a bus stop right outside the door
- security
- wheel chair accessibility
- elevator
- reception desk which provides our members access to our room during the day and security
- free, secure mail box
- parking lot
- Gallery for meetings and shows plus other groups rooms to expand into, if necessary, such as the little PWC kitchen and Aphasia room
- Washroom facilities, clean and stocked
- recycling, garbage pickup and facility cleaning and maintenance
- door lock buzzer system with security camera at the side door
- free phone service as we use the HH Fax line as ours
- shared equipment between groups, such as projectors, flip charts, dollies, tables and chairs
- renovations and maintenance generally covered by HH, we have had to pay for very little
- access to shared programs such as the Big Online program, which we would never have been able to afford on our own. By teaming up with the other HH groups we made this program affordable for all of us
- the HH volunteers are always willing to help us out with manpower etc.

And most of all: Maureen (Moe) who is the Executive Director of HH. She is willing to help with ANY problems and works hard to problem solve with us. She has bent over backwards to help us lately and is a fantastic asset to our guild. She is as big a guild supporter as any of us.

The spirit of cooperativeness is what our guild is all about. We have found ourselves a similar community where we fit in nicely. Let's all celebrate the community that we belong to.

HH PARKING - Daytime (to 5 pm)

Heartwood House and Beth Shalom Synagogue have been dealing with a lot of unauthorized use of their parking facilities and therefore HH has had to initiate parking regulations and ticketing. Parking lot changes to take effect on May 1st. As of this date all unauthorized vehicles parked on HH or BS property will be ticketed and towed. Therefore, during the day we must use the designated Visitors parking, located along the fence at the Beth Shalom entrance or in the gravelled area by the dumpster. More gravel will be installed once it dries out a bit more and Visitor parking signs will be erected soon as well.

>From MOE (HH Exec. Director): "Please make certain that all visitors park along the fence or in the parking area behind the dumpster. Visitors must register their vehicles in the journal (red binder) at the front desk. John (in charge of parking) will use our daily visitor registry to check cars in the lot. Visitors will be ticketed if their vehicles are not registered in our journal."

The paved parking lot is for HH groups who have paid a monthly parking fee. They will now have parking passes in their car windows.

Suggestion: Put a note on your dash that says "Heartwood Visitor - Guild" just to be safe. In case you forget to sign the visitor parking log.

HH PARKING Evening (after 5 pm)

We are allowed to use the paved parking area after 5 pm. By then, a lot of the daytime HH users are leaving for the day. Suggestion: Again, just to be safe, put a note on your dash, as mentioned above.

OC Transpo Unclaimed items sale

Saturday May 3rd. 12-2:00 pm. Doors of HH open at noon. This is a great opportunity to snatch up some fantastic bargains. Umbrellas, books, jewellery, clothing, sports equip. etc. You would be surprised what great bargains can be found. Our guild has 3

volunteers helping out with the sale this year.

Again this year a generous supporter of Heartwood House is offering NEW hockey jerseys (Sens and Leafs), at the sale at great prices, with the proceeds going to Heartwood House.

Other Upcoming Events

Northern Fibres - April 12 - July 5

Northern Fibres/Fibres Boréales is a group exhibition in tapestry and textile exploring the theme of northern light. Artists include Denise Coker, Francoise Chartrand, Nathalie Gagnon, Hope MacLean, Joanne Ewing, Thoma Ewen, and Phyllis Wedding. Held at the Bibliothèque Chelsea Library, Chelsea QC. For full details including hours please visit: <http://www.moonrain.ca/events.html>.

Westport Studio Tour - May 17-19

A possible source of inspiration and a spring road trip: "The annual Westport Dandelion Gardens Studio Tour is May 17, 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This year we have added not only new guest artists but also new studios to our tour. Our unique artwork includes magical photographic art, elegant flowing sculptures, traditional rughooking, innovative collages and constructions, folk art wood-carvings, gorgeous comfortable clothing, funky primitive dolls, rustic birdhouses, stained glass, garden sculptures, hand weaving, pottery, hand-made artisanal soaps, cast stone garden art, gorgeous throws made out of vintage fabrics, paintings and much more. Come meet our artists and visit our studios located on the lakes, in the woods and in the village. Maps and brochures are available at numerous local business for this free, self-guided tour. For more information call Loretta Moore at 613-273-8347 or visit our website at: http://artatwork.ca/westport_studiotours/index.html

WASOON 2008 - May 23-25, 2008

The Weavers and Spinners of Ontario North will hold their semi-annual conference in North Bay this year. The theme is "Inspiration 2008: The Path to Creativity". Full details available at the OHS website: <http://www.ohs.on.ca/WASOON2008.htm>.

Straw Bonnet Making Workshop - May 24-25

Workshop given by new guild member Ruth Mills. Learn how to make your own authentically constructed and decorated straw bonnet using

patterns and techniques that are found in period manuals, fashion magazines and on historic bonnets from the early 19th century. You will learn the basic techniques of how to make and trim a sewn straw bonnet. Small class size (6 minimum and 10 maximum), May 24-25th, 10:00am-5:00pm in Fort Wellington, Prescott ON. For registration details and more information please visit: <http://www.ruthmills.com/shows.htm#May>.

Burlington Guild Show - June 1

Burlington Handweavers and Spinners Guild, 50th anniversary, 2008 Juried Show "In the Garden". Sunday, June 1, 2008, at 3:30. Reception and Show Rotary Shoreline Room at the Burlington Arts Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington, ON
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY:
Preceding the opening at 12:30 p.m. there will be a luncheon followed by a talk by William Hodge at the Burlington Arts Centre. For tickets to the luncheon and talk please phone Eleanor Roberts at 905-637-1788.

Art on Abbeyhill - June 7, 10am-4pm

This juried art and artisan show and sale will be held at Glen Cairn United Church in Kanata (140 Abbey Hill Drive). Guild members interested in taking part in this show and sale should contact John Toft at 613-836-3782 (phone and fax), or by email at anne.toft@sympatico.ca. Application forms are due by March 28th.

St. Distaff's Day - June 21, Almonte

Theme is "It's a Wrap". Sponsored by the Richmond and Mississippi Guilds, at the Almonte Agricultural Hall. For more information please contact Betty Laakso (registrar, laakso@ripnet.com) or Louise Rosch (president of the Richmond Guild, ilrosch@gmail.com). Registration forms are available on the OVWSG website at: <http://www.ovwsg.com/ovwsg/StDistaffRegistration2008.pdf>. It would be a good idea if we could arrange some car pooling for this event. There will set up a sign up sheet at the May meeting for car pooling opportunities.

Fibre Unleashed: Pushing the limits

Next year's Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Conference will be held at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston, ON, May 1-3, 2009.

Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes – April 2008

Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild
Monthly Guild Meeting
Monday, April 7th, 2008, Gallery, Heartwood House

(Written & Recorded by Marilyn Mulligan)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

- introduction of the executive members
- introduction of guests

BUSINESS MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuula Talvila greeted members at the door .

Francine Deguire was the hostess for the evening.

Next month Melanie Overduin has agreed to be hostess and greeter.

-H.H. has stressed the parking restrictions, we can use the side parking until after 7PM then we can use the synagogue parking lot.

-O-C Transpo Sale will be held May 3. Need 2 volunteers from us for 2 hours

-Next Executive meeting will be held April 15, 2008

-Membership Dues are required now

SHOW & TELL

-Shirley Browsky showed two separate samples of weaving both in an overshot pattern

-Jan Scott showed us her method of using tension when drying yarn. She used an S hook to hook the skein over the shower rod and another S hook on the bottom to attach a weight, such as a bottle of water.

-Judith Rygiel presented a Paisley Shawl, Red wool woven, made pre-1880, found in an antique shop.

-Jack showed us another completed coverlet, the pattern was by Dorothy Burnham " Garden Pattern" 4 shaft woven in brown with blue background.

-Ann Sunahara showed a gift her husband has made to the Guild: a spreadsheet program which allows a user to enter the final width of a piece being woven, to have the program calculate the width of stripes in the proportions of a Fibonacci series for the total width.

EXHIBITION & SALE

Nancy Ingram gave us her report; the theme is "MORE THAN CLOTH"

CONSTITUTION

Ann Sunahara advised us that our constitution has not been updated since 1979 and that was for the weavers and changed once to include both weavers and spinners.

We want to update the constitution and modernise it to include other artists ie: felting and dyeing.

We have too many executive officers, we want to reduce the number to 5 (at present half of the executive must be present for quorum [7])

At the May meeting we can amend the constitution and once we have passed these changes it must be presented to Industry Canada for acceptance. The advice will be sent to us and we must send this back to Ann.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ann Middleton is in charge of this and is presently in Paris France . We need a President, a 2nd Vice-President, Ex and Sale Co-ordinator for 2009, Membership, and Newsletter Editor.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Cindy O'Gorman reported on upcoming events :

-Osgoode museum in Vernon Sheep to Sock April 26,2008

-Shakespeare's birthday April 27,2008

-Back to Back - May 10,2008 Sheep to Sweater

-Gouldbourn Museum -June 8, 2008 held in conjunction with Ottawa's Doors Open

Dickinson's day - first weekend in June.
Pinhey's Point - early July
CarlingView Manor- Demonstration on Spinning
Agriculture Museum - long weekend in May

RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT

Last 3-4 weeks a lot of changes have taken place, lots of problems and possible solutions have cropped up on a daily basis .

- Library is being sorted out, the closet space, storage has been made available to us, no charge to us for the extra space
- we can use the Sewing room for weekends and evenings.
- the cabinets have now been set up, the in-depth studies are all in cabinet
- Mary Morrison, Jan Scott and Laurie Harkin-Chiasson helped to clean up clutter
- a phone (cordless) is now in our resource centre
- our rent has gone down \$30.00 / month

BREAK 8:45

PROGRAM

Ann Sunahara presented a documentary on a Story of People of the Kutch Desert Region of India "Through the Eye of the Needle"

- the elaborate embroidery patterns and intricate stitching are all collectors and museum quality
- this embroidery is a communication among different tribes of the desert and through the progress of KMVS organised workers with the introduction of co-operatives, the workers can now sell there wares at better prices and are becoming well known.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

We were all invited downstairs to the resource centre to see the library and the yarn for sale.

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More than Cloth -- Plus que du tissu

28th Exhibition and Sale

Glebe Community Centre 175 Third Avenue,
Ottawa

Friday, October 31st
(4 to 8)

Saturday, November 1st
(10-5)

Sunday, November 2nd
(10-4)

Admission free.

28e Exposition et Vente

Centre communautaire de Glebe, 175, Rue Third,
Ottawa

vendredi le 31 Octobre,
(16h – 20h)

samedi le 1er Novembre
(10h – 17h)

dimanche le 2 Novembre
(10h – 16h)

entrée libre

Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild -- www.OVWSG.com

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Marketplace

NO ITEMS CURRENTLY LISTED 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.

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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.

May Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Beg. weaving course (part 4/4) 10-4:00 RC ----- Renaissance Fair NAC	28	29	30 2008-2009 Membership renewals due	1 May	2	3 Wheel Spinning workshop 10:30-3:30, RC ----- OC Transpo sale
4	5 7:30pm Guild Annual General Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 Fibre Prep. Workshop 9:30-5 RC ----- Back to Back competition
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Gaining Control spinning workshop 10:30-4:00, RC
18 Westport Studio Tour (May 17-19)	19	20	21	22	23 WASOON Conference, North Bay	24 WASOON Straw Bonnet workshop, Prescott
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Please note that details about events and courses can be found in the newsletter, workshop brochure, or on the website.

June Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Burlington Guild show	2 7:30pm Monthly Guild meeting (last one until Sept.)	3	4	5	6 course descriptions due for new brochure (June 7) ----->	7 Art on Abbeyhill, Kanata ----- Demo at Dickinson Day, Manotick
8 Demo at Goulbourn Museum, Stittsville	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 St. Distaff Day, Almonte
22 29	23 30	24	25	26	27	28