



Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild

October 2010 Newsletter

Message from your President

Mandy Heggteit

October is the month when the guild moves into gear to get ready for and promote the annual exhibition & sale at the Glebe Community Centre. This event is the guild's most important and effective means to provide the Ottawa public with a good look at the high quality of our member's work as well as the variety and effectiveness of our programs. At the same time, members participating in various activities related to the ex & sale – be it in the co-op booth, giving spinning and weaving demonstrations, selling raffle tickets and our one of a kind hand-made cards - have great fun. I therefore encourage everyone to not only come to the show but to actively support this important event by helping out; one or two hours of your time sometime during the weekend of November 5 – 7 will reward you with a most enjoyable experience.

The executive committee decided over the summer to proceed with the purchase of display equipment to make it possible for the guild to exhibit members' work in a professional way at events like the ex & sale or at exhibitions such as the one we had at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in 2009. The new display equipment will be used for the first time at this year's ex & sale.

As Debra Percival mentions in her report, the Resource Centre (RC) is up and running. Several of us are weaving regularly in the RC and a spinning group meets for a lunch-time get-together every Wednesday. If you are unable to come to the RC during the day and would like to have access to this facility in the evening we can arrange to get you a key. I remember that while I was still gainfully

employed I was often frustrated to have to miss out on the guild's day-time activities. If you have ideas of how the RC could be of greater use to members in the evenings, please let us know and we will work with you to come up with a creative solution.

At the September meeting I mentioned that we will soon be embarking on a second guild challenge and offered several ideas for both spinners and weavers. Since then these ideas have crystallized into a more focused format and I will present a proposal at the October meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on October 4th.

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Next Meeting: Monday, Oct 4th.

Come and join us for the next Guild Meeting on Monday, October 4th at 7:30pm at Heartwood House at 153 Chapel Street in Ottawa.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 8th!

General Announcements

Award Winning OVWSG Member

Judith Rygiel was this year's recipient of the Canada Council's Jean Charmers Fund for the Crafts. This is a Canada wide competition to promote research into Canadian craft history. This award will allow her to finish her research into Acadian handweaving in 19th century Maritime communities.

OVWSG Raffle

There are many, many tickets left to be sold. This Raffle represents a major fund-raiser for the Guild in order to purchase equipment for the studio, order new books, provide interesting programs, etc. This is a way in which YOU can help your Guild without taking on a 'job'.

Please contact Shirley Browsky at sbrowsky@sympatico.ca to arrange for your books of tickets. If every member commits to selling 2 books (thats \$24 per book) we will have a successful raffle.

The Grand Prize is one of the last of Jack Lane's coverlets. The Raffle Poster can be downloaded & printed here http://www.ovwsg.com/exhibitionandsale/2010_affle.pdf

Please support the Guild that has been around for over 60 years and is keeping the fibre arts in Ottawa alive and vibrant.

Those who have sold their books over the summer, please bring in your stubs and money at the October meeting.

Card Making

There will be two more card making evenings at the Resource Centre on Thursday, Oct. 7th and Tuesday, Oct. 19th from 7:00pm-9:00 pm.

Resource Centre – Studio

The Resource Centre has some Amazing Workshops happening in October. Check the OVWSG website at <http://www.ovwsg.com/classes/index.html> and sign up for a class in our wonderful Resource Centre space. On Wednesdays in the studio there is a Spindle Spinning Lunch Club for fun. So bring your lunch on Wednesdays and prime your Spindle Spinning Skills with some friends. Mandy, Sue and Mary will be in the studio to help out with any weaving questions on Thursdays, so come and join them and have some fun with your friends. For an up to date what is happening in the Resource Centre go to our OVWSG website for the calendar listings of what is happening in the studio. The calendar was created to help folks working on projects not to conflict with workshops and meetings in the Resource Centre.

The Calendar can be found at <http://www.ovwsg.com/resourceCentre/index.html> on the Resource page of the OVWSG website and at http://www.debrajamespercival.com/page/resource_centre_
*Special note – Equipment Rentals will be open for business at monthly meetings between 6pm and 7pm. This is for incoming and out going equipment. Please email Debra at debrajamespercival@yahoo.com for requests in advance so that you are not disappointed. New Rental Rules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Resource Centre.
Happy Fall Everyone!

Resource Centre Yarns

A number of guidelines were set up to deal with donations of yarns the Guild receive from time to time, namely:

- Depending on who is present, please give any yarn donations to Aurora, Francesca, Mary or Sue. Do not simply leave yarns in the RC. We reserve the right to refuse some yarns. Specifically, we will no longer accept most man-made yarns since there is very little demand for them.
 - Donated yarns are available for sale to Guild members. If yarns are not sold within a reasonable length of time, they will be disposed of. The only yarns currently not for sale are small amounts of wool and other colored yarns which are reserved for use in certain workshops.
- Any proceeds from yarn sales go into the donation box in the RC, with the money to be used in refurbishing equipment and other RC requirements.
- Anyone planning to weave a project on a loom in the RC may use Guild yarns free of charge, provided they undertake to weave a second item as a donation to the guild. See any one of us mentioned above before starting such a project.

We have two yarn sample books in the RC, both being Canadian companies. Brassard is one; they are very good at mail-ordering, and they carry a wide variety of cotton, linen, silk, tencel, bamboo, mohair and man-made yarns, etc. The second sample book is from Briggs and Little, for wools.

Upcoming Events

Ottawa Independent Writers Book Fair

The Ottawa Independent Writers, a 160-member umbrella group for Ottawa area authors, publishers, editors, illustrators and others involved in writing and publishing books. They are holding their annual book fair and are broadening the appeal by inviting artisans to take part. There is room for 10 to 15 artisans who would be interested in renting tables or taking part in a networking workshop.

The event's new name is The Ottawa Authors & Artisans Fair and will take place at Dominican University College, at 96 Empress Ave. near Somerset and Bronson. The dates are Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Full details, including information about renting tables, can be found by visiting www.oiw.ca or contacting Randy Ray, OIW publicity director (613) 731-3873



Guild Meeting Minutes – Sept 13th

Monthly Meeting, September 13, 2010

Gallery, Heartwood House,

(Written and Recorded, by Marilyn Mulligan)

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 by Mandy Heggteit

Announcements:

During Show and Tell the items will not be passed around the room while the next person is speaking, they will now be placed on the table and everyone has been set up in the resource centre and on a link on OVWSG site. Wednesday's and Thursday's the resource centre will be open to socialize. Wednesday Mary Morrison and Sue Quinn will be available to mentor weavers and spinners. Thursday will be available for a spindle spinning club. Elizabeth Watt - will be buying rigid heddle looms which will be in Middleton – Fundraising table and Christmas Cards. Elizabeth Watt – Co-op table, Jan Scott - Demo Team. 2 more co-ordinators are needed – to organize the set up and dismantling of the display. The Vendors have asked for a survey crew to speak to clients as they come in to complete a short survey and then they will be given a ballot for the door prizes.

8:45 Break

9:00 Resume

Demonstrations:

Jan Scott – Need for Spencerville Christmas craft sale, Dec, 4 and 5. Need for Seniors Residents in Centretown, November 22, 2:30 to 4:00

Show and Tell:

Ann Middleton- Hand spun Alpaca and Knitted Vest. Debra Turnbull samples of yarn coloured at dye pot party using natural dyes. Jan Scott – Tiny loom and wheel, mitts, spun dog hair, Christine Turnbull, 2 shawls coloured with natural dyes, Andrea Carrigan, Samples of natural dyes, sample

can inspect them at the break. Please bring the survey in to the next meeting. There are still raffle tickets to be sold. Janet Kiff-MacAluso announced the list of programs for the following year, selling, pricing and marketing; Tamari Balls; Chinese Auction, Health tips for weavers and spinners; Basket weaving, Finishing work; Louisiana's Cajun Textiles; AGM with textiles videos; double weaving, buttons. Debra Percival announced the calendar for class

available to rent, more wheels will be purchased, some for rental some for the spinning classes only. Workshops must be signed up at least two weeks prior to the class. Debra Turnbull – Judy Kavangh is the vendor rep, Laurie H-C is handling the Guild Table, A

fleeces, Karen Hendrikson- jacket- hand dyed silk. Robin Woods – Peruvian wool scarf. Sue Quinn- Magazine House and Home has an article on weaving. Mandy Heggteit – red yarn created for the poker game completed a woven jacket. Adjourned 9:45



Marketplace

Members can now advertise for free!

The Marketplace portion of the OVWSG Newsletter is used to promote and assist its members. Current members of the OVWSG can advertise at no charge. Some restrictions may apply as to space availability and file restrictions. Contact: Melanie Overduin: melanie_overduin45@hotmail.com

Loom for sale

12-h Leclerc Nilus floor loom
1 sectional warp beam
plus additional 2nd warp beam
Available immediately - \$2,000 or best offer
For additional information
contact Marianne Heggveit
heggveit@rogers.com or 613-722-5039



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Fall Colours Studio Tour in Westport Oct 9-11

On Common Ground Studio Tour

in South Mountain Oct 16-17

OVWSG Fiber Show Glebe Community Center Nov 5-7

*Contact Loretta Blucher-Moore for a list of upcoming classes and shows
or for an appointment at 613-273-8347 or hookedonthelake@kingston.net*