



Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild

March 2011 Newsletter

Message from your President

Mandy Heggveit

During the 1980's when I taught regularly in the OHS Master Weaving program at St. Lawrence College in Brockville I used to ask students to write a short text articulating why they wove and what weaving meant to them (had I taught in the spinning program I would have asked the same question: why do you spin?). I am sure that there are as many answers as there are weavers and spinners – or felters and basket makers for that matter. In the same vein I am now asking: why did you join the OVWSG and is it meeting your expectations? I suggest that within the next few months we dedicate a program to this topic that is so central to our organization's existence and future.

I am happy to report that the dates for the Bonnie Inouye workshops are confirmed. **The Big Overshot** workshop is scheduled for October 1 – 2 (a weekend) and **Opposites Attract** for October 5 – 8. You can find out details about the workshops from Bonnie's website at www.BonnieInouye.com. Since Bonnie Inouye's visit to Ottawa coincides with our October meeting we hope that she will be able to give a presentation that is of interest to all guild members. We are applying for a grant to make the two workshops more affordable for all and hope for the best. As soon as we have the grant result, which will determine the workshop fee, the registration form will be emailed to all guild members.

The 2011 – 2012 Guild Challenge is underway and entries must be submitted no later than February 6, 2012, the date of the Guild meeting. Details for the spinning and weaving challenges were outlined in the February Newsletter and I hope that you all will participate.

Lastly, as Elizabeth Watts noted at the last meeting, please let her know if you would like to teach a workshop – or workshops – and what dates you are available to do so. See you on March 7!

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Next Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2011

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

Program:

The program for the March meeting will be a discussion about finishing both spinning and weaving projects. The subject was discussed at last summer's Executive meeting where there was agreement that lots of members had asked for more information on finishing. The talk has not been structured, various knowledgeable people will give advice and then the floor will be open to questions. Please bring your problems and ask for tips – when should the woolen skein be washed, before or after spinning? Does all weaving have to be washed prior to use? What are good ways to end weaving beside a fringe? The more questions, the better the session will be and we will all learn.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 4th, 2011!

General Announcements

St. Distaff's Day

When: June 4, 2011 9 am – 4pm

Where: Almonte Agricultural Hall.

Cost: \$20 for the day, which includes lunch and workshops.

The theme this year is "Sheep Thrills", so bring something sheepish. There will be vendors there as well. We can arrange car pooling at the May guild meeting. This is a really fun, inexpensive day. Register early to get your first choice in workshop. More information and registration etc:

stdistaffsday@gmail.com

Resource Centre: Library

Please remember to bring your library material back for the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, contact the librarians (jsrmt@hotmail.com or 613-828-3256) and we will renew your material for one month.

The library will be open at 5pm to 7:15pm on the Monday of the meeting, if you need to arrange another time, again please contact the librarians. If the Class Teachers let us know which books you will need for your course we will have them ready for you too.

We continue looking for stray books and videos; please check places you didn't check last month. Books can be very devious in their ability to hide!! Try inside old purses or bags, under a pillow, at the back of a shelf, or in a book bag you haven't used in years!! I am sure the missing books and videos will want to return home if only they could get a bit of help.

Did you see we have a new metal box with DVD's on the table with the NEW BOOKS display? For

those of you that prefer a more tactile reading experience, I have finally received the last book form the *Interweave* sale! It is "Get Spun: the step by step guide to spinning art yarns" by Symeon North. (more about that in a moment). I hope you will come and make the new Media feel welcome by signing it out between 5pm and 7:15pm on **Monday March 7th 2011**. Remember to print your name clearly and the date the item will be due (the next month's meeting which will be April 2011). If you forget to bring it back next month we will happily accept the donation to the new book fund of \$1.50 per item per month late fee!

March New Book: "**Get Spun: the step by step guide to spinning art yarns**" by Symeon North This book covers not just methods of spinning but also has chapters on dying fiber, blending fiber with a drumcarder and of course some very unusual ways to make yarn! It may even be able to get some of the weavers thinking about an excellent yarn they may be able to use in there weaving!

I will look forward to seeing you at the March meeting as you come in to select your spring reading material,
Jan Scott



Membership

Membership Renewal Time

All memberships are due Apr.30, 2011 (except those who joined in 2011 already). Membership renewals will be accepted starting with the March 7 guild meeting. Please fill out the attached membership application form at the end of this Newsletter. Make all cheques payable to Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild (OVWSG is acceptable as well).

Membership Lists

Need to contact someone? Up to date membership lists can be found on the Yahoo group (on left side, click on -Files – Membership - Membership list). If you are not on the Yahoo group, you may request the most recent copy to be sent to you. Just e-mail me the request and indicate Word or WordPerfect.

membership@ovwsg.com

Guild Exhibition & Sale 2011

November 4, 5, 6, at the Glebe Community Centre

A successful meeting was held on February 13, and planning is underway for this year's Guild Ex and Sale. The focus of this year's event will be: Unique Threadwear: for your home, your family, your friends, and for you.

We want to highlight the quality, classic one of a kind work created by members. With the new display equipment the Guild now has, the grids and the mannequins, we hope to have a great centerpiece display for the show.

The application forms are included with this newsletter, and if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions please contact me. Sue Quinn

sooniequinn@yahoo.ca

Upcoming Events

Call for Crafters

The Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society, Ottawa Valley Chapter (CPAWS-OV) & Wabi Sabi are partnering for a unique project to raise awareness about the Ontario Wilderness for EARTH DAY 2011.

MARCH 2011

Do you knit, crochet, felt, sew, or weave? This is your opportunity to share your expertise while supporting wilderness conservation in the Ottawa Valley. You are invited to craft a 'creature' to be part of our Woodland Window Display!

- ◆ All creatures must be crafted out of fiber & must be a species found in ON
- ◆ A list of possible creatures is available on the CPAWS-OV website
- ◆ All creatures must dropped off at Wabi Sabi between March 1 - March 31, 2011

APRIL 2011

Stop by Wabi Sabi (1078 Wellington Street W) to view the woodland window display & join us on April 22 at the shop for an Earth Day celebration!

More Information

CPAWS | www.cpaws-ov-vo.org

Wabi Sabi | www.wabi-sabi.ca

Rose Haven Farm Store

Marjolein Dallinga of Bloomfelt is coming to Roase Haven Farm Store in Picton to teach 2 Advanced Wet Felting Workshops this July in Picton.

Currently I have one space in the 3-day class and 2 - 3 in the 2-day (max. 12). Details of the workshops are on my website: www.rosehavenfarm.net under Workshops. Check out Marjolein's work at www.bloomfelt.com.

In addition, it looks like we are going to have a Habu Textiles Trunk Show in late June, with Takako herself coming from New York. For anyone interested in seeing Habu yarns in use in

garments this will be a great excursion. We have not worked out all the details but I am sure there will be something for everyone. Further Takako is, I think, fairly familiar with the appropriate weaving uses of Habu yarns.

Linda Swaine, Rose Haven Farm Store
613-476-9092

The Ottawa Guild of Lacemakers

23rd Annual Ottawa Lace Day

Sunday, March 27th 2011

R.A. Center, Clark Room, 2451 Riverside Drive
Ottawa

Noon to 4 pm

\$3.00 Adults, Children under 12, Free

Exhibition of lace work

Exhibition of challenge: feathers

Special exhibition: tea cloths

Identification of heirloom or antique lace

Demonstration of techniques of bobbin lacemaking

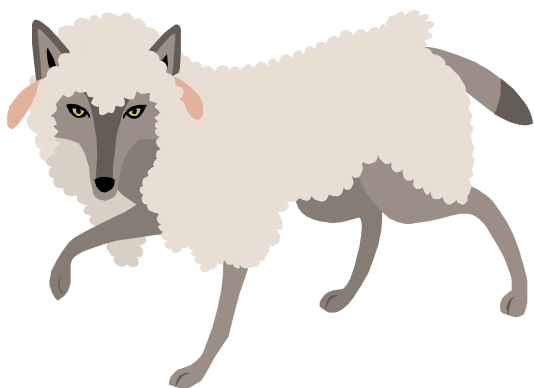
Opportunity to try the art of bobbin lacemaking
(for children and adults)

Merchandise available for sale for bobbin lace,
tatting, needle lace

For further information, contact G. Thibeault
g.thibeault@rogers.com

Chesterville Spin-in 2012

For those of you wanting to mark your calendars early. Next year's Spin-in will be Feb. 15, 2012.



Guild Meeting Minutes: Feb 7th, 2011

Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild

Monthly Meeting, January 10, 2011

Gallery, Heartwood House,

(Written and Recorded, by Marilyn Mulligan)

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 by Janet Kiff-MacAluso

Program

Introduction of Barbara Richmond a Miniaturist
Barbara has created furniture for a doll house, weaving miniature baskets and furniture. Created items to set a stage for architectural design usually 1" to 1'. We heard the explanation and description of materials used and the different articles created such as Afghans and baby blankets and sock monkeys using the tiny .6 and .8 mm needles and the type of thread used. Also works with fabric to create teddy bears and toys. Miniatures have been found in the pyramids.

Show and Tell

Heather Watt – Scarf created in class on ridged heddle loom.

Elizabeth Watt – samples created on rigid heddle loom – different treadling.

Jan Scott – new DVD's now in Library on several fibre art subjects.

Ann McElroy – Wet felt jester hats with tassels and pill box hat, skeins of hand spun yarn dyed very striking colours.

Amanda Carrigan – hand spun yarn multi-coloured, cotton bolls grown in their garden, a new lazy Kate case included.

Students with hand spun yarn from Elizabeth Watt's spinning class, gaining control.

Student with scarf from Elizabeth's rigid heddle class.

Introduction of Visitors

Break: 8:45 resume at 9: PM

Announcements:

Reminded of new Parking restrictions. Jean Sharp picked up the 4 manikins at the Rideau Centre. African Textile Exhibit at Carleton University. Mary Morrison has table loom to sell. Janet Kiff-MacAluso – Program next week – explanation on how to finish our items. Diane Atkinson is taking another guided tour to Bhutan, asked if anyone interested in traveling with her. Mandy attended a recent HH meeting discussing the revised constitution. Laurie H-C thanked Mandy for preparing the paper work for the grant. Aurora will send out e-mail to Challenge for spinner. Sue Quinn is the co-ordinator for the Ex and Sale Nov 4, 5, and 6. Mandy – we have accepted the request to host the 2013 OHS conference, possibly in the conference centre in Cornwall. Elizabeth Watts

needs to know dates and courses people are willing to teach March through to summer.

Adjourned 9:30

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

For Spinners

White Rideau Arcott Fleece, washed, \$0.04 per gram.

Texel Fleece, dyed brown and carded into batts, \$0.08 per gram

Contact: Marilyn Mulligan, merilyn@primus.ca



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 Web: <http://www.ovwsg.com>, General E-Mail: info@ovwsg.com
 Membership: membership@ovwsg.com

Membership Application / Renewal Form

ANNUAL FEE: Individual **\$40.00** Family (same address) **\$55.00**

The Membership period is from May 1 to April 30.

New Members who join from February-April, the fee remains the same as above. However, the membership expiry is extended to April 30, of the following year. (i.e. receive a few extra months)

Renewals are Payable at the April or May meeting or by mail. (Non-renewals by the June meeting, we will assume no intent to renew, with subsequent removal from membership list/newsletter etc.)

Please make **cheques payable to:** Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild (or OVWSG)

Note: If also paying for workshops, booth fees etc., please make **separate cheques** for each service.

Please return to the Membership Convenor at the address above.

Please Print Clearly:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: (____) _____

(Please differentiate "zeros from the letter "O", ones from small letter "I" & CAPITAL/small)

Are you a: New Member _____ Renewal membership _____ Returning member _____

In what year did you first join the Guild? _____ (after an absence)

What do you participate in (or learning): Spinning _____ Weaving _____ Dyeing _____ Knitting _____ Felting _____ Basketry _____

Other _____ Specify _____

Are you interested in learning more about:

Spinning _____ Weaving _____ Dyeing _____ Knitting _____ Felting _____ Basketry _____

Other _____ Specify _____

Are you willing to help in any of the following areas?

Programs _____ Newsletter _____ Library _____ Hostess _____ Executive _____

Community Demonstrations/Display _____ Membership _____ Annual Exhibition and Sale _____

Resource Centre/Studio _____ Workshops _____ Equipment _____ Tech. Equipment _____ Yarns _____

Workshop instructing (paid) _____ Monthly meeting program presenter _____

Do you have any ideas for Workshops, Meeting Programs or any additional Comments?

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____

2011 OVWSG EXHIBITION & SALE - VENDOR APPLICATION

Fri. Nov. 4 (4p-8p)
Sat. Nov. 5 (10a-5p)
Sun. Nov. 6 (10a-4p)

Glebe Community Centre
175 Third Avenue, Ottawa

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ WEBSITE: _____

Booth Size & 8' x 10' \$ 125.00
 Fees: 10' x 12' \$ 175.00

Tables: No. of complimentary 6' x 2' table(s) required: _____

Booth and Membership Fees are due **May 2, 2011** (post-dated cheques acceptable)

Make Cheques payable to: Ottawa Valley Weavers and Spinners (OVWSG is okay); can be combined with membership fee – see below.

- Note:**
- Returning booth holders will be charged a 10% late fee after May 2.
 - Refund Policy: one half by September 1st; no refund after September 1st
 - Participants' work **must be Canadian in origin** and is subject to jury by the Standards Committee
 - All booth participants undergo a selection process.

Payment Enclosed

Booth Fee:

8' x 10' (\$125) _____

10' x 12' (\$175) _____

Membership

(refer to application)

Individual (\$40) _____

Total _____

Commitment of Work to Promote Exhibition and Sale: All Participants agree to:

1. Mail out or e-mail promotional material to 15 or more clients
2. Distribute postcards or flyers in your city or rural area
3. Commit to an advertising assignment and/or work on Guild displays
4. Commit to a job at the event weekend (to be assigned)
5. Forward to Anne Jackson (anniesjackson@rogers.com) photos of your work & a biography (or bio update) to be posted **with your permission** on the Guild website, and used in publicity for the sale.
6. Provide a donation to the Fundraiser Table (min. \$50 value per booth)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mail form and cheque to: Francesca Overend, 87 Quinterra Court, Ottawa, K1V 1K9