



Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild

December 2012 Newsletter



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Next Meeting:

Monday Dec 3th, 2012
at 7.30pm
Heartwood House
53 Chapel Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Program:

The Rosepath Auction is set for the December meeting. Please bring items to be put into the auction, such as excess stash, craft things you no longer need, articles you have made, books and magazines etc. Then join in the fun of buying bidding tickets for a couple of loonies and see what you can win and go home with!

Our next meeting:

Monday, Jan. 7th, 2013
at 7.30pm

President's Message

Aurora Richard

The 2012 Exhibition and Sale is over and it was another big success. I would like to thank all the members who exhibited, and I would especially like to thank all the members who volunteered their time and energies to make it the success that it was.

Louise Moulin has stepped down as treasurer, owing to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery. Kathleen Schwass has graciously agreed to be our new treasurer and has quickly come up to speed and is doing a great job. Thank you, Louise, for the work you did as treasurer, and many thanks to Kathleen for the great work you have done to date and will continue to do in the future.

We have a new procedure for show and tell at the monthly meetings. From now on, there will be a show-and-tell sign-up sheet. Please print your name clearly, at the beginning of the meeting, if you have brought something for show and tell. And please continue to bring your awe-inspiring creations to share with the Guild!

For the December meeting, you are welcome to bring your favorite Christmas or Holiday baking that you would like to share with the other members. (Please bring a list of ingredients for those members with allergies.) There will be a show and tell. Please bring your unwanted treasures for the annual Rosepath auction, which will raise funds for the Guild. Bring your toonies for the Heartwood building-renovation fundraiser. Don't forget to bring items for the pop-up sale, as described in the email from Elizabeth Williams.

There will be no newsletter in January, because of the Holiday Season. Our January meeting will take place on Monday, January 7. Don't forget to attend, even though you will not have received a newsletter.

Ann Sunahara is continuing work on the planning of our new studio. Please consider whether you can assist if she asks for volunteers. If you have any ideas that you wish you could see implemented in the new studio, please do not hesitate to email them to Ann. The more effort and good planning we put into the new studio, the better it will be.

Since this is the last newsletter before the New Year, it is time for some resolutions. Here are some resolutions for the Guild:

- To have as many members as possible attend the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Biennial Conference ("Fibre Optics") in May. Please register soon.
- To have new weaving and spinning challenges, with participation from many Guild members.
- To successfully plan and set up our new studio.
- To plan and execute the 2013 Exhibition and Sale.

Please help the Guild to fulfill these resolutions. Let me know if you have other resolutions for the Guild.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday. May all your wishes come true! Enjoy every family moment, and don't worry about all the extra calories--they don't count at all!

Many hugs to you all!
Aurora



**Ontario
Handweavers and Spinners
(OHS) Conference
May 1 to 5, 2013**
Held at the NavCentre in
Cornwall, ON
Hosted by the Ottawa Valley
Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

Full Information and Registration
package now available:

http://www.ohs.on.ca/files/9913/4986/9595/Conference_Registration.pdf

Note: Register by Jan. 20, 2013,
for the "early-bird" rates and to
get your first
choice of workshops.

Checkout: 2 keynote speakers,
entries to the juried show,
fashion show and guild
shows. Vendor booths are
available. OVWSG is hosting a
"Meet and Greet" on the Friday
evening.

Resource Centre

Planning for the Move

The Move Committee met on November 11th to begin planning. The size and shape of the 636 square foot (37.5 x 17 feet) Studio and our 103 sq foot Storage area (8.1 x 12.8 feet) has been finalized. We have begun discussing: the Principles that will guide us, the Inventory, the Budget, the Kitchen, the Library, How to contain the clutter, the Storage area layout,

Housing the OHS Studies, Housing the Weaving and Spinning Equipment. We have been asked to instruct the designer as soon as possible on the details she needs for the construction drawings that the City needs for the building permit. So please examine the plan at the meeting and, if you have any ideas or preferences or want to help on the Committee,

please email them to me, Ann Sunahara studio manager@ovwsg.com, or tell them to one of the Committee members: Aurora Richard, Marianne Heggteit, Kathleen Schwass, Elizabeth Watt, Jan Scott, Ruth Cooper, Cindy O'Gorman, Shirley Browsky, Francesca Overend, Mary Morrison and Pascale Archembault.

TELL THE STUDIO MANAGER IF YOU WANT EQUIPMENT

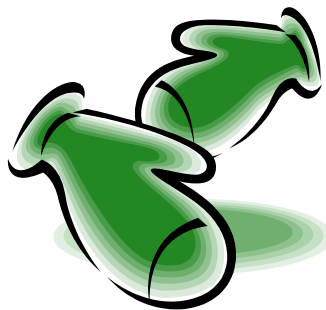
I regularly receive emails at studiomanager@ovwsg.com from people with looms or other equipment that they want to dispose of or sell. If you send me an email specifying what you are looking for, I might be able to match you with a donor or seller. Ann Sunahara studiomanager@ovwsg.com

WANTED: HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS.

They need to be **warm** and preferably new, but they don't have to match.

Please bring your surplus hats, gloves, scarves and socks the December 3rd meeting.

We will get them to the homeless through the "Out-of-the-Cold" program supported by four local churches.



Workshops

Learn Japanese braiding – KUMIHIMO (koo mee hee mo)

“Introduction to Kumihimo” Workshop:
Learn to braid wonderfully patterned cords, laces, trim, jewelry and much more.

You will make 5 braids. We will cover square braid, flat braid, spiral braid etc., terminology, history, reading patterns, preparing warps and bobbins, finishing and end uses.

All braiding will be done using a Marudai (Japanese braiding stand) and Tama (weighted bobbins).

All equipment is supplied for the day and some will be available for purchase at the end of the workshop.

Sunday Jan. 27 - 10 am to 4 pm, in the guild's Weaving Studio
\$50 members, \$60 non-members.

Materials fee: \$10 payable to the instructor (Laurie Harkin-Chiasson) on the day of the workshop.

Note: There will be an Intermediate level workshop on braiding beaded jewelry offered later by Mary-Anne Dalkowski. The above introduction course will be a prerequisite to her workshop.

Laurie also offers an Intermediate level Kumihimo workshop (on demand) covering more advanced technique (see description in the workshops flyer under “Weaving- on demand workshops”).

Contact Elizabeth Watt

workshops@ovwsg.com to register, or get a printable registration form at www.ovwsg.com/classes/index.html



Heartwood House

OC Transpo Sale

The spring sale was a record result with \$6,042.56 raised at the sale. Much of that success was the result of strong media interest and a good selection of electronics for auction and quality stuff for sale.

I'm really pleased to report that we raised **\$5,030.00** at this sale despite having less quality electronics for auction and less variety and quality of items for sale!

The valuables room is always a crazy place and I want to thank the intrepid volunteer team that dare to work in that space at each sale! A special thanks to Dennis, board member with ALSO who cleans and checks the ipods for us. He has found a program to clean iphones so expect them to be for sale at the next auction.

Better Together is our motto and the Unclaimed Items Sale is an example of the wonderful things that happen when we work together. Many thanks to all who volunteered.

Next sale is Saturday May 4, 2013 at our new home.

Take care, Moe

A Holiday Gift Idea – Help get Heartwood off the Ground

Heartwood House has been providing affordable housing to many small charities and non-profits in Ottawa since 2001. Our building at the corner of Rideau and Chapel has been sold and through much hard work, we have been successful in buying our own building, a former Giant Tiger on McArthur Ave., Ottawa.

Anyone who has renovated an old home will sympathize with the challenges facing HEARTWOOD. With a fundraising goal of \$400,000 this is no mere fixer-upper. Just about everything needs work: heating, air conditioning, plumbing, walls, floors, doors, windows, fixtures, paint...the list goes on. But once complete, Heartwood will house up to 20 not-for-profits and serve the hundreds of people and causes they support for many years to come.

This **holiday season** we invite you, to “**think local**” and “**buy**” a square foot of the HEARTWOOD renovations for just \$25 as part of your holiday gift

giving! Of course, you are not limited to just one square foot. \$100 will renovate four square feet, \$500 will renovate 20 square feet and so on!

A Heartwood volunteer has designed a delightful seasonal **gift certificate** for you to send to family or friends, which acknowledges and honours your contribution. It is easy to donate through CANADAHELPS on the HEARTWOOD website

www.heartwoodhouse.ca where you can also download and print the gift certificate. You can also donate and pick up your gift certificate directly from HEARTWOOD on weekdays between 9:00am and 3:00pm from Mark Caulfield in the ALSO member group space. We accept cash, cheques, and credit cards.

We provide tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more, and donations over \$5,000 will receive special recognition. This campaign will continue throughout the year so keep us in mind for any occasion! Any questions please email Isobel Bisby at ibisby@gmail.com.



Help Heartwood get off the ground...
Charitable Giving this Holiday Season

THINK LOCAL...
THINK RECYCLE

"Pop-Up"

Stocking Stuffer Sales

Everything costs a T00NIE

WHEN AND WHERE

Tuesday December 4th at Heartwood House,
153 Chapel Street from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday December 7th at The Scone Witch,
35 Beechwood Avenue from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Monday December 10th at The Scone Witch,
388 Albert from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday December 12th at City Hall,
110 Laurier West from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Friends of Heartwood donate new, next to new, antique "stuff" - jewelry, scarves, Christmas ornaments –

Shoppers donate a T00NIE and select a gift.



www.heartwoodhouse.ca

Marketplace

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.

For Non-Members:
\$15.00 for the first 25 letters.
\$0.28 for each additional word.
\$2.00 per image

CONTACT:
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Visit us Online:
www.OVWSG.com

Social Media

If you have questions about our social media groups, please contact the following:

Yahoo
Rebecca Cairns

Facebook
Judy Kavanagh

Ravelry
Stephanie Apps

Twitter
Jean Sharp

Upcoming Events

Anything But Plain

January 10 to 31, 2013
John M Parrott Art Gallery
Belleville, ON
The exhibition is presented by Weavers Unlimited, a group which has spent many years exploring complex weave structures. For this exhibition it was decided to limit ourselves to plain weave, and to explore the many possibilities this weave can offer. As an overall purpose we wanted to raise the profile of hand weaving and show the versatility and adaptability of plain weave. Our knowledge of and experience with more complex weave structures, use of materials, and design informs our interpretation of this technique. Because each weaver in the group has a unique area of expertise and esthetic vision the individual pieces in this exhibition are very diverse. Several OVWSG members are members of Weavers Unlimited, and we hope many of you will find it possible to visit the Belleville Show at some point in January.

For Sale
Tri-Loom for sale. \$100.
Contact Marsha
613-692-0009, or
zimmerman.m@sympatico.ca

Request for a weaving instructor
to come to my home, Booth & Somerset West area;
Leclerc 4-Harness Jack-type 45"loom
Kate 613 237 9812

Chesterville Spin In Date Change

Circumstances beyond our control have changed the date for 2013's Chesterville Spin In, from Wednesday to Thursday. FYI, I have now re-secured Wednesdays through 2020; so we will return to the classic *second* Wednesday of February, after 2013.

I will be sending out a mass email to all Guild's, when I have a confirmation/decline email for 2013's date of *Thursday* February 14, from my current list of vendors.

Cheers, Nancy MacMillian

Film Premiere

Almonte Filmmakers Robert and Sharon Newton announce the premiere of their new film *Almonte's Interwoven Past* in the historic Old Town Hall on Saturday, December 8, 2012. Doors open at 6:30pm and the film will start at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door (cash only please). DVDs and Blu-rays of the film will be available for purchase (cash only). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum. There will be displays by several local museums and collectors. Call 613-256-2483 or visit www.AlmonteHeritageOnFilm.com

OHS Conference Guild Displays

Call for Entries OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Cornwall 2013

A challenge to all Guilds to create handcrafted optical illusions in fibre
Prizes

\$75.00 for Best Guild Display
\$25.00 for Best Individual Piece

Awarded by Popular Vote
No entry fee

Please send notice of intention to enter by
April 1, 2013 to fibreoptics@ovwsg.com

Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild, Minutes of General Membership
5 November, 7:30 p.m. Heartwood House

Chair: Aurora Richard, President	Present: General Membership
ITEM	DETAILS
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aurora welcomed all and asked if there were any new members or visitors. ▪ Members were reminded to please complete the sign-up sheet at the beginning of each meeting for Show and Tell. This new system is helpful for recording the names of presenters for the Newsletter and to ensure that sufficient time is scheduled for all members with Show and Tell items.
1.1 The Move	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ann Sunahara provided us with an update on The Move which will now likely occur in late spring ▪ There are 2 spaces in our new location to be organized. A new committee is being struck to organize and set up our new space. This committee will be meeting on Sunday November 11th in the afternoon. If interested, even if you cannot attend all meetings, please let Ann know. ▪ Heartwood House, our landlord, is officially changing its name to "Heartwood".
1.2 Heartwood Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Heartwood Liaison, Elizabeth Williams, brought forward information regarding the Christmas Craft Sale at Heartwood. We participated last year, using leftover items from the Exhibition and Sale. ▪ Elizabeth asked if anyone was interested in participating and there was one person. Elizabeth suggested that due to the upcoming move we could be better prepared to attend next year instead. There were no objections to this suggestion, therefore, Elizabeth stated she would explain to Heartwood that there is limited interest and we will miss this year.
1.3 Exhibition & Sale THANK YOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Louise Laberge, Volunteer Coordinator for the Exhibition and Sale held this past weekend, extended a heartfelt THANK YOU to the numerous volunteers that contributed to: the guild information table, demonstrations of spinning and weaving; and, set-up and take-down. ▪ During this evening, photographs taken by Jan Scott over the weekend are playing through on the screen at the front of the room.
1.4 Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elizabeth Watt reviewed the workshop schedule, highlighting some upcoming workshops ▪ Jan Scott did an amazing job on the catalogue of workshops ▪ The "by request" feature was briefly explained and involves you getting together a few friends and letting Elizabeth know you are interested in a topic. Elizabeth will then try to organize an instructor and a suitable time. See the Newsletter and the catalogue for finer details on this exciting new feature. ▪ Classes are filling up quickly, so register as soon as you are able.
1.5 Program Co-ordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Janet Kiff-MacAluso, Program Co-ordinator, explained the program for December. We will be having our annual auction, this year called "Rosepath Auction", in which you bring your thorns and leave with roses. ▪ Bring in unwanted stash, chutney, books, whatever.... Items will be set-up around the room. Buyers can purchase tickets and distribute at the desired

	items. Then a draw will take place and the ticket holder drawn receives the item.
1.6 OHS Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The OHS Conference Chair, OVWSG's own Laurie Harkin-Chiasson, provided an update on the conference. ▪ The OVWSG is the primary host of the conference May 2 – 5, 2013, at the Nav Conference Centre in Cornwall. ▪ Registration forms are in the latest edition of Fibre Focus or on the OHS website ▪ The two keynote speakers cover weaving and spinning & felting. See the Newsletter, Fibre Focus or the OHS website for details. ▪ On the Friday evening of the conference, we are hosting a Meet and Greet the Instructors event. ▪ There will be a vendor market, a juried show, guild display, etc.
1.7 Show & Tell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aurora Richard: sampler from the recent Beginning Weaver workshop; showed a recent purchase from the NYS Sheep & Wool Festival, two Golding spindles with lazy kate unit. ▪ Marc Lord: hat from recent Felted Hat workshop; knitted shawl and hat ▪ Pascale Archambault: handspun bulky yarn project ▪ Ilze Mitčenko: old Latvian belt made of traditional linen and wool, backstrap weaving ▪ Gord Moat: hemp fibre from Southern Ontario ready for spinning ▪ Julie Anne Zdunich and Melanie Lukach: scissor pockets made at the recent Inkle Weaving course ▪ Nancy Gauthier: man's silk scarf, hand-dyed, handwoven, optical illusion ▪ Jan Scott: fine gauge copper discovered at Cohen and Cohen, architectural salvage store, on Bentley off of Merrivale
1.8 Voter's Choice Award	At the Exhibition and Sale this past weekend, items made for the Spinning Challenge were on display and guests were invited to vote on their favourite article. This evening the votes were tallied and the Voter's Choice Award goes to Amanda Carrigan for the beautiful lace shawl. Raw alpaca was the prize. The four items submitted were each quite stunning and the vote was very close!
Program: The Great Wheel with Gordon Moat	Gord shared with the group many of the unique features and history of the Great Wheel. There were many stories of Gord's encounters with these historical wheels. Gord will be presenting on the Great Wheel at the OHS Conference in May 2013.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting adjourned just after 9:30p.m. ▪ REMINDERS for December's meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please bring items for the Rosepath Auction ○ Bring some Christmas goodies for sharing at our Refreshment Break. Please be sure to list ingredients for those with allergies.

Minutes of General Membership
1 Oct, 7:30 p.m. Heartwood House

Chair: Aurora Richard, President	Present: General Membership
ITEM	DETAILS
2. Welcome	The President asked new members to introduce themselves. Kate Sullivan and Charlotte Weber responded. The President announced that Zita Blakey, Ilze Mitcenko, Pascale Archambault, Marc Lord, Danielle Coulombe and Marie Merone had joined at the September meeting and Marie Rokosh and Donna Troop had joined by mail.
2.1 Newsletter	Melanie Overduin has jazzed up the format of the Newsletter by the addition of an orange border and highlight area (think Halloween!).
2.2 Exhibition & Sale	<p>Flyer: Judy Kavanaugh showed the flyer/poster that had been printed for Simply Unique Home. She reported that 50 were available. Ann Sunahara noted the printing had been free of charge to compensate for the error made with the bookmarks.</p> <p>Vendors: Aurora Richard said that the binder for Vendors would be available in the Guild Studio.</p> <p>Volunteers: Ann Middleton said that there was still a requirement for volunteers and circulated a sign up sheet.</p> <p>Spinning Challenge: Amanda asked that anyone wishing to participate in the contact her.</p> <p>Raffle: Janet Kiff-Macaluso would be selling books of Raffle Tickets during the break</p>
2.3 The Move	Ann Sunahara reported that the purchase of 400 MacArthur for Heartwood House had closed on September 14th. She noted that the building required extensive renovation in terms of the heating/cooling systems, hydro, interior walls, etc. She hoped that the Guild would be located in space previously occupied by a Sari shop with north and south lighting. Meetings would be held in the proposed Unitarian Church Meeting Room. Mandy Heggteit noted that both Heartwood House and the Guild would be applying to a range of sources for financial support. Unfortunately the deadline for application to the City of Ottawa Facilities Improvement Plan was last week.
2.4 Workshops	Aurora provided details on the workshops offered in October: Oct 13 Introduction to Spinning on a Wheel. Elizabeth Watt. Oct 20 Wet-felted Hat. Ann McElroy. Oct 23 Beginners' Weaving. Shirley Browksi. Oct 27 Inkle Weaving. Jan Scott
2.5 Ottawa Magazine	Ann Sunahara reported that the Guild had received favourable mention in the October edition of Ottawa Magazine. The article Get Unplugged summarised an interview with Elizabeth Watt, who noted that spinning and weaving are no longer "essential anymore" but that they are "relaxing, social, problem-solving".

2.6 Textile Tour of Toronto	<p>Ann Sunahara suggested that members check out the website www.TXTilecity. It features many textile-associated locations in Toronto, including Romni Wools and the Textile Museum.</p> <p>Nancy Gauthier reported a website with information on the fall colours for 2012. Those interested could email her for details.</p>
2.7 Show & Tell	<p>Aurora Richard circulated a sign-up sheet for those who wished to participate. They were also asked to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Kate Sullivan – first solo spinning; Genevieve Noël – Beginning Weaving; Julie Anne Zdunich; Gordon Moat – sample dyes from black walnut; Bernadette Quade – dress with metal filigree from Value Village, Alison James – three fancy scarves, two woven on rigid heddle loom; Ann McElroy – felt cat cage; and Ruth Cooper – samples from weaving course taken in Seattle.</p>
Refreshment Break	<p>Elwood Quinn had apples and pasteurised apple juice for sale.</p>
Presentation – Rare Breeds Canada Pam Heath – Head Office Manager Elwood Quinn – Livestock Committee Chair	<p>Pam Heath and Elwood Quinn gave a fascinating illustrated talk on rare breeds of sheep. The extensive discussion following the talk ranged over losses by predation, breeding problems and the attempts by CFIA to combat scrapie. Pam and Elwood had fleeces, woollen products and other items for sale.</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m. ▪ Minutes taken by Robin A. Woods

*Happy Holidays
&
Best Wishes for the
New Year!*