



Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinners' Guild

June 2013 Newsletter

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Next Meeting:

Monday June 3rd, 2013
at 7.30pm
Heartwood House,
153 Chapel St.

Program:

Annual General Meeting
Extended Show & Tell

Our next meeting:

Monday, September 9th,
2013 at 7.30pm

President's Message

Aurora Richard

Our last year at Chapel and Rideau, across from the Shawarma Palace and not far from the ByTowne Cinema, is coming to an end. We were expecting to be in the new building by now, but after all the postponements, it looks like it really will be happening in July. So say goodbye to our old meeting room in June, and prepare to see our new Studio at the September meeting (at 404 McArthur Avenue).

The Guild has continued to grow. It seemed there were new members every month. I would like to welcome all the new members; I hope that you will stay with the Guild for a long time. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me.

The OHS Conference and the planning for the move have made this year more eventful than most. The Conference is over now, and if you missed the May meeting, you may not have heard that it was a big success. There was a lot of preparation involved, many deadlines to meet, and many people helping out. Laurie was Chair of the conference, so we owe her many thanks for all her hard work. Angela McInnis played a big role in the planning of the Conference. Many others devoted much time and effort to the Conference, and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who contributed. And also to congratulate Ride Hannah, whose Green Man won a prize for Best Personal Item.

This was my first OHS Conference, and I found it very informative (and chock-full of activity). I took a two-day weaving workshop (East Meets West with Kay Faulkner) and learned a West Timor technique. I hope a lot of you will be able to attend the next conference in two years' time.

Please come to the Annual General Meeting in June. I hope there will be volunteers for all the vacant positions (which are listed in this newsletter). To the volunteers who will be stepping down, please know that your contributions to the Guild have been very much appreciated. To the new volunteers who are coming on board, welcome!

At the June meeting, we should have more time for Show and Tell than usual, so please bring your gems that you would like to share with the Guild.

During the summer, there will be demonstrations for which volunteers will be needed. If you are interested in helping out, please inform the Demo Coordinator (Samantha Van Noy) or the Demo Assistant (Bernadette Quade).

This will be the last newsletter until September, so have a great summer.

Aurora Richard
aurora.richard@gmail.com

OVWSG Elections

Mandy Heggteit

As you know, an important part of the Guild's upcoming Annual General meeting is the election of officers and coordinators. As Past President it is my responsibility to encourage the membership to either nominate another Guild member or themselves for one of the positions that have become vacant and need to be filled.

To this end I contacted a large number of the membership (for logistical reason primarily those that live in Ottawa and Gatineau) and am happy to report that the response was very positive. What is particularly encouraging is that so many of those who offered to contribute to the Guild's activities by letting their names stand are new and newer members.

At this point the following positions are still vacant:

- Newsletter Editor
- Monthly Programs Coordinator (Weaving)
- Monthly Programs Coordinator (Spinning)
- Spinning Equipment Rental Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator, and
- Publicity and Public Relations Coordinator

The positions of the Newsletter Editor and the Publicity and Public Relations Officer are ideal for Guild members who live out of town and

are unable to attend every meeting but still want to contribute to the Guild. Thanks to today's technology their tasks can be performed from their computers.

The responsibilities of the two Program Coordinators are to find three monthly programs relating to spinning and related fiber crafts, three programs that relate to weaving and related topics and one program that is of general interest. The September meeting and The Annual General Meeting do not include a program and in December the Rosepath Auction and social is a longstanding tradition. In addition, there are now two Assistants to help.

The Spinning Equipment Rental Coordinator manages the rental of wheels, carders, etc. according to well established procedures.

Lastly, the Fundraising Coordinator's responsibilities include the coordination of the yearly raffle, one of the more seasonal tasks and of other activities such as the making of Christmas cards and ornament for sale during the Exhibition and Sale..

If you have experience in and enjoy the responsibilities of one the above positions please let me know and I can provide you with additional information. You can reach me at heggteit@rogers.com and 613-722-5039.

Mandy Heggteit
Past President

Resource Centre – Library

To take books out over the summer you will need to be a member in good standing and have a deposit check.

Each item taken out of the library will require a deposit of \$10.00. The check will be returned in September when you return the library material you took out. Please do come early since the library will be open at 5pm on the Monday of the meeting and take out lots of books (usually the limit is 4 books) so the moving of the books will be a little lighter.

The books taken out this meeting are due back September 2013 so come early and have the best selection for your summer reading!

We will be looking for help to pack the books June 22. I will send out a reminder closer to the date. We will let you know what the date will be for the unpacking party in the new space. Thank you all for your impending help!

The Librarians

jsrmt@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Wilf Gilchrist and Linda Redekop

(Family membership)

Heidi Petersen

Natalie Shumovsky

Michelle Sileci
Dianne Cruttenden

New Mailing Address

The end of July, we will
have a new mailing
address:

**OVWSG
Heartwood House
404 McArthur Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
K1K 1G8**

Membership Renewals

Memberships expired on April 30 (except those who joined in 2013)

We are just over the half way mark in membership renewals.

However, there are still 55 members who have not renewed yet, as of this writing. Thank-you to everyone who has paid up promptly, this year.

There will be some very important voting (including constitutional changes) to be done at the AGM meeting on June 3. You must be paid up, in order to have a vote.

YOU CAN NOW RENEW ONLINE THROUGH OUR SECURE PAYMENT SYSTEM: Go to www.ovwsg.com then the Membership Tab and then click on Join (Note: Firefox has been fussy, so if you have a problem entering your information, just try another browser)

Regular Membership \$40.00 Family Membership (at the same address) \$55.00

Make cheques payable to OVWSG or Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

Mail to (our address changes the end of July):

OVWSG

153 Chapel St.

Ottawa, ON K1K 1H5 Attention: Membership

If you do not intend to renew, please let membership@ovwsg.com know, so I don't have to pester you with reminders, please.

**Award Winning
Ottawa Guild Member**

At the OHS conference,
one of the shows was
“Guild Displays”.

Conference attendees
voted for

1. The best guild display
2. Best individual item in the show.

Results:

Huronian Guild – Best guild
display

Ride Hanna – Best
individual item in the show
(member of our guild)

Congratulations Ride!

Ride was awarded a cash
prize for his felted piece.
It was shown at the May
guild meeting.

OHS Conference

Larvie Harkin-Chiasson

Thank-you to all!

It has been a little over 2 years in the planning and I wish to congratulate the Ottawa guild for a job well done. It was a fantastic conference and I have heard lots of positive feedback from the participants about the conference, the venue and the food. It was a wild, stressful ride at times, but we proved we are a determined, enthusiast group, who were ready to tackle every stumbling block along the way. I wish to particularly thank my Co-chair Margot Dixon, for all her support and hard work.

Our Ottawa guild planning committee members:

Aurora Richard – President and Hostess

Angela McInnis – Workshops & Keynote speakers

Ann Sunahara – Secretary

Mandy Heggteit – President when planning started, Schedules & Support

Kelly MacGregor – Photographer & Support

Ann McElroy- Vendors

Behind the scenes we also had:

Jan Scott – advertising “send” list researcher

Jean Sharp – e-mailing of advertising

Mary-Anne Dalkowski – Logos and graphics

Many thanks also go to the other guilds in Eastern Ontario who supported us by taking on a particular committee:

Registration – West Carleton guild (Roberta Murrant & Hope Finestone)

Juried show and Venue – Twistle guild (Claudette Voet, Kathy Pelaschuk, Diane Moody)

Guild displays - Kingston guild (Susi Reinink, Bridget Lewis)

Fashion show - Belleville guild (Esther Grav, Colleen Thomson, Mary Haggerty)

Table centres and favours - Carmen Forward guild (Margot Dixon)

Name tags- Richmond guild (Mary Bowrin, Becky Scott)

Volunteers – Cornwall (Bev Lickers)

Our sponsors – Upper Canada Village, City of Cornwall and Cornwall and the Counties Tourism

Our Venue – NavCentre in Cornwall

Thank-you so much everyone. HUGE APPLAUSE TO ALL!

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson, OHS 2013 Conference Chair (now an Ex-conference chair and coordinator!)

New e-mail address
Please use
studio@ovwsg.com
to contact the studio manager.

The old address of
studiomanager@ ovwsg.....
was problematic, as many
computers
were automatically putting a
space between studio and
manager,
thus causing a problem. The
new shortened address should
make
life easier.

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: Melanie Overduin melanie_overduin45@hotmail.com

SUMMER WORKSHOP AT CANAAN MOHAIR SHIRLEY BROWSKY

DYEING 101

July 20 & August 10: 10am-5pm

Spinners, weavers & knitters; maximum 6.

Introducing spinners, weavers and knitters to the world of colour. As a yarn producer, I dyed over 500 pounds a year and will teach the basics of colour and dyeing to the novice or the dabbler. We'll cover safety precautions; sources, fibre dye take-up; calculations & record-keeping for repeatable colours. A dyed colour wheel will be the first project in two colour families - printers and artist primaries. \$75

Contact sbrowsky@sympatico.ca

Visit www.shirleybrowskyfibredesigner.com

FOR SALE:

Leclerc Loom, Model Dorothy 15"

(still in production). Purchased years ago but never assembled – factory condition, original box.

Contact Fran, 613-798-8052 or

flacey@sympatico.ca.

3 books for sale

Few scratches on front covers, but otherwise as new condition. Never used. Asking \$10 each

Gaelen Gordon 819-827-3962



Rose Haven Farm Store Felting Workshops

Nuno Scarf Workshop - Barbara Poole, Bfelt.com

Monday, June 17, 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Maximum 10,

Cost: \$140.00 plus HST including lunch and all materials

Location: Salvation Army Hall, Elizabeth St., Picton

Many of you will remember Barbara Poole from 2012.

Now she is back with another one-day class in nuno felt-making to create scarves. Very savvy in the art of nuno felt-making, this is also a great class for beginners and those who want to delve into the beautiful art of nuno. You will complete a project in the class.

Fascinator Felt Hat Workshop - Barbara Poole, Bfelt.com

Tuesday, June 18, 10 a.m. - 5: p.m. Maximum 10.

Cost: \$140 plus HST including lunch and all materials

Location: Rose Haven Farm Store, Picton

Have fun creating a wet felt fascinator hat, wild and funky. Hat making is 3 dimensional so you will be learning how to use forms and work in 3-D. This class is suitable for both beginners and those with experience. You will complete a hat in the class.

4-day Nuno Felted Jacket Workshop - Barbara Poole, Bfelt.com

Wednesday, June 19 - Saturday June 22, 10 - 5, possibly earlier. Maximum of 8 - 10.

Cost: \$575.00 including 2 lunches and all materials.

Location: Salvation Army Hall, Elizabeth St., Picton

In this 4-day workshop you will be taken through all the stages to create a nuno felted jacket. Many of you saw Barbara's jacket last year and were intrigued. On day 1 you will be shown how to dye the chiffon silk base, while in day 2 you will get to work out how to make a pattern suitable for a felt jacket that reflects you. By day 3, you will be into the felting process with we hope additional time on Day 4 to do further embellishment to make the garment truly unique. This is the second class that we have offered that integrates the design process and pattern making, so we hope this will intrigue a number of you. This jacket is very light and wearable both inside and out!

Rose Haven Farm Store, Picton, ON, 613-476-9092

www.rosehavenfarm.net

So you know your yarns, and you know your fleeces, but you really want the hands-on experience? [Come out to the Alpaca Barrio and help shear for a day.](#) The alpacas are full with fibre this time of year and they love the day at the spa. What's more, you'll be rewarded in fibre. contact Sheila for more information and scheduling: sheila@alpacobarrio.com or 613.488.2777

FOR SALE:

Clement Spool Rack

Holds 40 spools. Solid wood.

Would cost approx. \$400 new.

Asking \$120 or best offer.

E mail Francesca at foverend@rogers.com



ISOBEL BISBY AND MARGO SILVER
INVITE YOU TO A

Runaway Garden Party

Exquisite Gardens, Wine and Delicious Antipasti,
Live Music, and Amazing Silent Auction

Sunday June 9, 2013 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
143, 145, and 147 Crichton Street
Shared Gardens in New Edinburgh

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at
Heartwood House or Books on Beechwood.

Guests are invited to bring an item for silent auction worth \$20+. This is the first in a series of **Runaway Garden Parties** hosted by Friends of Heartwood and our member groups. We are **raising funds to complete the renovation of our new home** at 404 McArthur Avenue in Overbrook by the end of the summer... \$350,000 worth!

Items already donated include beautiful handmade quilts, fabulous 3 day cottage weekend, Otesha bike maintenance 101 session, handknit sweater and more!

For more information contact Isobel at ibisby@gmail.com

Heartwood Renovation Fundraiser
www.heartwoodhouse.ca

Charitable # 879671618 RR 0001

Guild Meeting Minutes: May 6th, 2013

New Members

Wilf Gilchrist and Linda Redekop have a Leclerc 4-harness loom and want to learn how to use it

Treasurer Report - Kathleen

- year-end report is almost finalized and will be ready for the June 3 meeting
- it's been a successful, busy year

Revenue	\$37, 657.69
Expenses	\$35,551.55
Surplus	\$2,106.14

Bank account	\$33,863.56
Raffle A/C	\$150.37
GICs	\$10,000.00

1) Membership fees \$5,235.00

2) Workshop generated revenue	\$9,445.00
Instructors' fees	\$9,287.50
Profit	\$157.50

3) City of Ottawa grant	2012 - 2013	\$15,300.00
	2012 - 2014	\$15,606.00

4) Raffle \$2,331.00 down from \$2,854.00

Major Expenses

1) Rent	\$11,523.75
4H Membership	\$1,200.00
Total	\$12,723.75

2) Insurance \$906.12

3) Moving budget of \$20,000 is unused at this time.

Comments

- classes have been excellent for generating revenue
- members were encouraged to continue taking courses which aids guild eligibility for grants from the City of Ottawa
- need raffle sales to help generate revenue

Show and Sale - Ann

- advised members that she is putting together promotional material for the show and sale
- will have bookmarks ready for next month
- members can put items on the community table but must donate 10% of profits to the guild and must work at the table

Operations - Mandy

- has been contacting members to ask if they'd be interested in filling positions and asks that members reply whether or not they want a position
- there are still some positions to fill

Guild Move - Ann Sunahara

- moving date for Heartwood House will be on July 26th, but the guild moving date will hopefully be phased
- the library will be packed on July 22nd so that the studio can be used up until the moving date
- everything else will be moved after July 26th
- comments that Guild membership with Heartwood House is well worth the cost

- 3 members helped with the OC Transpo Sale which raised over \$5000

- the 45-inch loom is not being sold since only one offer (\$150) was received and it was decided to wait until after the move for a more reasonable one

Workshops - Elizabeth

- workshops are still running and there is room in all of them
- any new by request workshops will be put on hold until the fall

OHS Conference - Laurie

- reported that she survived the conference which was fantastic!
- guilds from all over Ontario contributed to the fashion show
- catering was done by celebrity chef Michael Smith - food was excellent
- the best individual piece in the show was voted Green Man by member Richard Hanna

There are some glitches with paying for membership fees by Paypal and she will announce when it is working.

WASOON will take place in Sault Ste Marie in 2014, registration information will be given in the fall edition of Fibre Focus.

Did You Know? - Cindy O'Gorman

"Did You Know?" is a new segment to let members know about recent guild acquisitions.

New equipment for spinners:

- 1) two sets of fine hand carders from Ottawa Valley Fibre Arts
- 2) cotton cards from Gemini Fibres
- 3) two sets of mini-combs from Gemini Fibres
- 4) one pair of stationary, 2-pitch, super mini-combs from Alvin Ramer

Library - Jan

- Robin and Roberta Woods are moving to Toronto
- replacements were made for two lost books
- volunteers are needed for the library packing day on June 22
- members are getting better at filling out library loan cards but are reminded that their names, telephone numbers and the due dates are required

Aurora

- advises that the web site has been updated so please check it out

BREAK

Programmed Speaker - Claudette Hart of Gourds & Fibre, Merrickville, ON

- Claudette is a fibre artist who started weaving a couple of years ago
- uses dried gourds for the bases and weaving for the top sections of her pieces
- gourds are embellished with painting, wood burning, shells, metal, etc.
- talked about making musical instruments with gourds

Show and Tell

Anne Middleton showed a skein of 80% alpaca and 20% Polworth that she dyed and spun in a slubby style that she noted was not always easy for more experienced spinners because they tend to eliminate unevenness.

Bernadette Quade showed members a sample of ingeo corn fibre from Farmable Fibres.

Jean Sharp showed a felted rug she had made at a felted rug class with Carolyn and Tanya Webber at the OHS Seminar in Cornwall.

Kathleen Schwass showed her first attempt at overshot weaving using a pattern named Wandering Vine.

Judy Goforth showed her granddaughter's first spun and plied skein of yarn. She also showed some lace weight yarn that she had prepared with combed Shetland fleece which she'd also dyed.

Eleanor Murnaghan showed a sweater knit from Cascade 220 and also a sweater she's knitting for her daughter with Noro yarn.

Mandy Heggteit showed a shawl she'd woven from silk with a 16 harness loom.

Elizabeth Watt explained Swing Knitting with a shawl she is knitting using this technique using her own fractal dyed yarn.

Marry Morrison showed her bound weaving sample named Colours of Autumn from the Weavers Unlimited show in Belleville, ON

Jan showed a sports car cat box intended to keep one's pet cat occupied while one is crafting

Hanna Jacobs showed a Lopi sweater she'd made for her move to Iceland to study for 11 months. She noted that it was her first colourwork project and first time steeking.