

PENELOPE'S NEWS



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The newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild

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The Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild (OVWSG) is a non-profit, incorporated organization, whose mandate is "to encourage its membership to achieve a high aesthetic standard and technical expertise and to promote and foster the knowledge of, interest in, and appreciation for historic and contemporary weaving, spinning, and their related fibre arts."

President's Message

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Meeting Info

This month's meeting:
Monday December 7th at
7.30pm

Program:

Rosepath Auction & Equipment
Auction

Next meeting:

Monday January 4th at 7.30pm

The feedback I have received indicates that the OVWSG 2015 Annual Exhibition and Sale was a fantastic success. Taking on the Coordinator role for the first time this year, many thanks are due to Carole Stuart. Carole had many helpers, including her husband. There were also other partners, family and friends who pitched in for the event. Congratulations to all for a successful event and a superb exhibition of your guild's work.

Following the Exhibition and Sale a fellow member who is currently experiencing a serious family health crisis shared with me that she never thought she'd be so very grateful for a guild. I am aware that her fellow members have stepped up to offer her their support and friendship. I am also aware of at least one other member who experiences health issues and routinely calls on her fellow members for a variety of support. Congratulations! What a wonderful community we have here!

On a different note, the seasonal changes have been slow this year. I am not complaining. However, without a doubt winter will arrive. As we move into winter – albeit slowly – there is a tendency for time devoted to craft to increase. As we hunker down next to the wood stove, indoors, whether weaving, dyeing, spinning, felting, etc. – more stuff comes from fluff!

Enjoy the season and whatever it brings to you. It might be more time to play at your craft, or take a workshop and learn something new. Perhaps you will enjoy the out of doors activities that come with winter. Whatever your activity, enjoy it!

As we move definitively into winter, the seasonal celebrations will be upon us. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Kelly

General Announcements

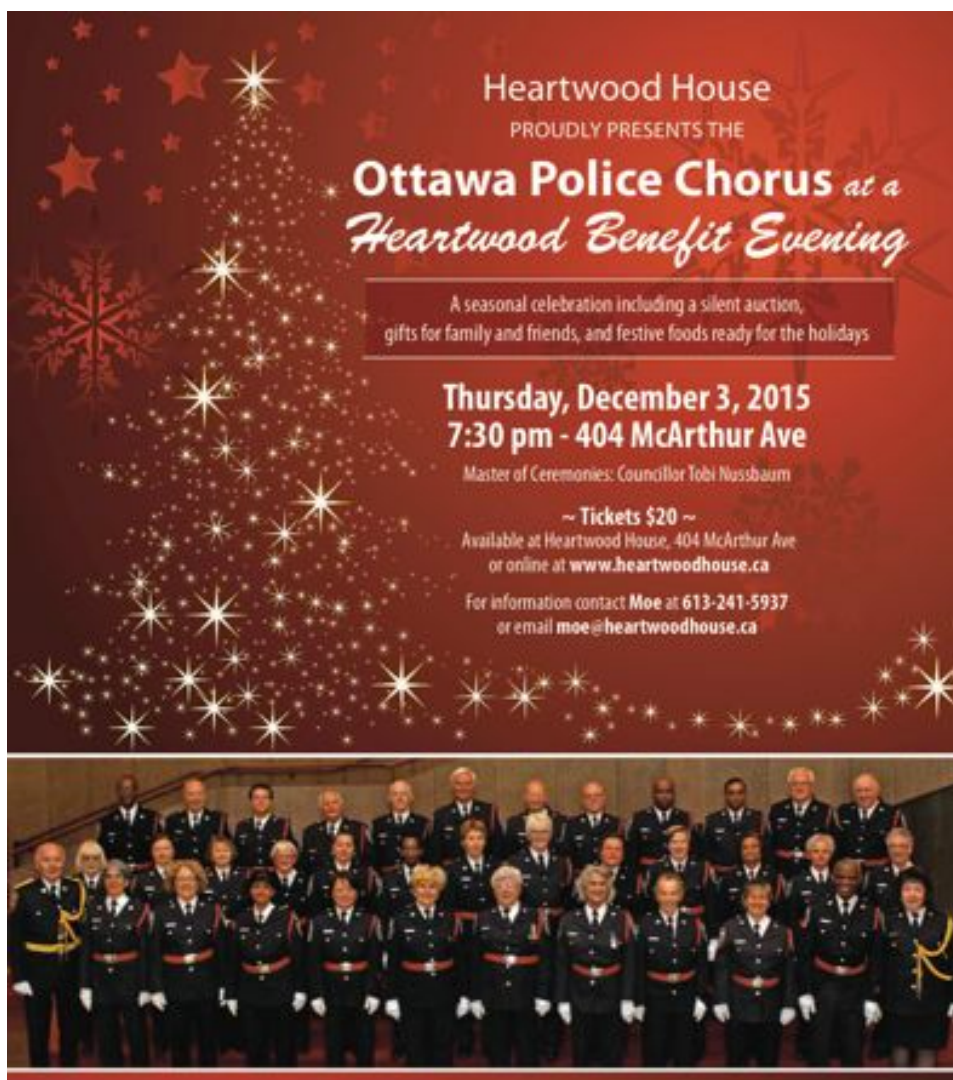
Volunteers needed: Heartwood House Fundraiser and Bake Sale -- December 3rd

On the evening of Thursday, **December 3rd, 2015**, Heartwood House -- where we have our Studio and Classroom -- is holding a **Concert, Fundraiser and Bake Sale**. The concert starts at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20.

The Ottawa Police Choir will sing, a silent auction will offer interesting items (Restaurant vouchers, VIA rail gift vouchers, event tickets, movie tickets, quality Christmas decorations, exotic candles ...) and the **OVWSG will coordinate a bake sale of goodies provided by all 19 charities housed in Heartwood House**. The proceeds will go to the upkeep and improvement of HH.

Heartwood House is a charity that has pioneered housing other small charities and non-profit organizations at 30% below market rates. Because of their efforts, the Guild and 18 other charities and non-profits enjoy clean, pleasant, climate-controlled facilities at very reasonable rates. Every dollar HH raises means a better HH.

So on December 3rd, 2015, the Guild will need several volunteers to serve and sell the goodies (while enjoying the concert) or, if baking is your joy, the Guild needs baked goods delivered to the Studio on the afternoon of December 3rd. **If you can bake or volunteer** please send an email to Ann Sunahara at sunahara.ann@gmail.com. (Leftovers of our members' baked goods will be frozen for consumption at our holiday meeting on Monday, December 7th.)




Heartwood House
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE
Ottawa Police Chorus at a
Heartwood Benefit Evening

A seasonal celebration including a silent auction,
gifts for family and friends, and festive foods ready for the holidays

Thursday, December 3, 2015
7:30 pm - 404 McArthur Ave
Master of Ceremonies: Councillor Tobin Nussbaum

~ Tickets \$20 ~
Available at Heartwood House, 404 McArthur Ave
or online at www.heartwoodhouse.ca
For information contact Moe at 613-241-5937
or email moe@heartwoodhouse.ca



Ottawa Police and Heartwood House working to
improve community wellbeing, safety and security

Weavers Wanted and Welcome

The 100-inch Loom Group is weaving more blankets! If you are a weaver with at least some experience and want to try two-person weaving, please email Ann Sunahara at sunahara.ann@gmail.com to receive the sign-up calendar.

December Meeting Information

Rosepath Action

This is a reminder that, as every year, the Guild's December meeting on December 7th, 7:30 PM includes the very popular Rosepath Auction. This auction provides every member with an opportunity to let go of yarn and other fibre stash, spinning and weaving tools and gadgets, books of any kind, still useful household items, etc. The Rosepath auction is an important fundraiser for the Guild and contributes to keeping workshop fees at a reasonable level.

Equipment Auction

After the success of the last auction where we raised lots of money for the guild and had lots of fun, we've decided to hold another one at the December meeting. I've been resting my voice and I hope you all have been warming up your bidding hands. The bids are sure to come fast and furious on some of the items up for grabs! Don't forget, I'll auction anything you bring me, and all the money goes to the Guild.

A partial list of what will be auctioned off:

Beautiful antique walking wheel
Woven fur coat
Giant (6') Warping mill
36" Mira loom
Antique Skein Winder
Handmade Inkle Loom
22" Harris Table loom

Looking forward to seeing you all there,

Andrea Dixon
Donations Coordinator

We need more table looms!

Due to the increased demand for weaving classes, the guild is looking for more 4-shaft Dorothy looms. If you or anyone you know has a Dorothy that is not being used, or even if you see an ad on Kijiji for a reasonably priced Dorothy, please contact the studio manager.

Announcements from guild coordinators

Studio

As we head into a busy networking and workshop season, we would like to remind guild members that the studio is a shared community space. Please make an effort to tidy up after yourself before you depart. Trash and recycling are picked up by Heartwood House staff on weekdays at 3 pm from the hall outside the studio door. Please do not leave food waste under the sink as it may not be picked up for several days and doing so invites odours and pests to take up residence. It would be appreciated if each person washes whatever dishes they might use. Any tools are to be put away - the cabinet doors are labelled to help you with this. The floor should be swept. The rule of thumb is that all users should endeavour to leave the space cleaner than when they arrived. Likewise, this applies to anyone using the classroom. Make your guild spaces a pleasure for all to use!

The sign-in log is located on the clipboard next to the printer. We have noticed that not everyone is signing in when they use the studio. Tracking our use of the studio is important in obtaining funding, so it would really help if everyone makes a point of taking a few moments to write their name in the log. Thanks!

As we head into the winter months, guild members should bring along a pair of shoes for indoor wear and remove their boots before entering the studio, classroom, or the meeting room. Thanks for your consideration.

Sandra Jager and Brenda Mills
Studio Co-Managers

Library

Since we have lots of new members, let's have a quick review of the Guild library.

Where is it? In the studio space at 400 McArthur Ave. The books, DVDs and reference are in the shorter cabinets on one wall and the magazines are on the other wall.

When is it open? On the Monday of the meeting, I open the library at 5pm and we shut down the library at 7:15pm so that the Librarians get to enjoy the meeting too.

Who can use the library? Any member in good standing (no overdue library material) may take out up to 4 items, i.e. 1 book, 2 magazines and a DVD. If you are not a member you can browse the collection but cannot take anything out.

How do I sign out library materials? Look inside the back of books and magazines and inside the boxes of DVDs and you will find a pocket containing a library card. You have to know the month and year of the next meeting (this month is hard because the correct answer will be Jan 2016 or 01/16 will work too). Next you need to print your own name and phone number. If you forget this we may not be able to help you! Now hand the card to the librarian in charge of books going out. They will give you a slip of paper to put in the pocket with our contact information and a reminder of the date due.

What should I do if I can't attend the next meeting to return my items? The due date slip in the pocket at the back of the book has our email address so you can contact us. We can renew your item for a month or if it has been requested by another member we can arrange to have it returned.

How do I return items I took out last month? There will be a sign on the table with the New Acquisitions display that says book Returns. One of the Librarians (usually Terry) will ask for your name and they will record your items. If you have overdue items the “new book acquisition fund” (library fine) is \$1.50 per item per month. So remember to let us know if you can’t make a meeting!! If you are dropping off items in the book return box which is located on the low white shelves by the double doors, please email the librarians so we know it’s there. If you see something in the box, please leave it there, as someone has just returned it. It will be available at the next meeting after having been recorded as returned.

Why should I come in early to view the library? Because we have a phenomenal collection and I think we may have more books, DVD’s and Magazines than the Burlington Guild (my library friendly rival!!). If you come early it is not as busy and you will have more time to select your last minute mass inspirational reading or viewing!!

Remember if you have any questions you can ask any of the Librarians for help.

If you take out one of the new items please do a little write up for the guild newsletter. Did you like it? Was it helpful? What was it about? (Really briefly). Let the rest of the guild know if it’s something they might enjoy too.

We hope to see you between 5pm and 7:15pm the Monday of the meeting!

All for now Jan and the librarians: Ann, Alison, Terry and Lynda (yes I think that does sound like a rock band!)

Workshops

WOW. As of this writing on Nov 13 I am still plodding through the responses to over 40 workshop registrations received at the Ex and Sale! Thanks to all for their patience. There just isn’t a good way to automate the process so I have to respond individually to each one with either a PayPal invoice or a confirmation email with the address for sending cheques, which takes time. Judy has updated the form so at least now you will get an automated response to let you know the form was submitted.

The new catalogue has been a HUGE hit. It has 43 workshops and 53 total sessions scheduled. Judy has been working at putting them up on the website. By the time you read this they should all be there, but note that you can also download the beautiful catalogue that Jan produced to peruse at your leisure.

Workshops for 2015 are all full as of this writing. January has many titles to choose from and all have space as of today. See the website for full details:

Beginning Weaving (Shirley) Saturdays starting Jan 9
Colour Theory 1 (Mandy) Jan 10 & 17
Rigid Heddle 2 Heddles Double Your Fun (Elizabeth) Jan 10 & 17
Learn to Spin on a Spindle Wheel (Gord) Jan 16
Intro to Inkle (Jan) Jan 23
Just Beyond Beginning Weaving (Mandy) Sundays starting Jan 24
Intro to Spinning Part 1 - on a Spindle (Elizabeth) Jan 30
Pine Needle Basket (Laurie) Jan 31

Nuno Scarf (Ann) Feb 6
Egg Basket (Laurie) Feb 7

Those should get you started. Use the form on the website to register and please be patient with me as I work through the responses.

Tom Knisely is coming in June to give a 2-day workshop on **Japanese Rural Cloth - Sakiori and Zanishi**. The originally scheduled session filled very quickly but we are working on having Tom come earlier or stay later so we can have another session. Please continue to register, noting in the comments that you are aware you are waitlisted. I will work hard to accommodate everyone who wants to join in the fun - such as asking if people can move from the weekend dates to a weekday and making sure we have the physical space and equipment to make it happen. Note that Rigid Heddles are welcome if you are familiar with weaving with two heddles for a closer sett.

Elizabeth
workshops@ovwsg.com

Ex and Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered and came to visit. I enjoyed having the opportunity to organize this event this year. Stay tuned to the newsletter in the New Year for information about next year's event.

Carole Stuart, OVWSG Ex and Sale Coordinator

Welcome New Members!

Andrea Hammel
Kirsten Gutri
Pamela Thielmann
Kimberly Webster
Lourdes Rojas
Lynn Simmons
Kathryn Drysdale
Catherine Barrette
Jamine Ackert + Remmy + Karina
Celine Cleroux
Debra Alves
Cathy Louise Koenjer
Laura-Lee MacDonald
Margaret Loney
Jane Sly
Laurence Simonin
Pat MacDonald
Anke Fritzche
Louise Travill
Christine Walter

Events

The Chesterville & District Heritage Society

invites you to celebrate Heritage Week at its

17th Annual Spin-In

Wednesday, February 17th, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Held in the Nelson Laprade Centre, 9 William Street (in the Park), Chesterville

(William St. Is on the east side of Main St. S; south side of St. Mary's school)

'Anything Lace' is our theme

Again this year...*Stash Busting!*

Bring good, clean stash you wish to give away or exchange for other stash on our new stash buster table.

Vendors will be attending.

Door Prizes will be won.

Bring your lunch or enjoy a meal at one of the village restaurants.

For information contact:

Nancy MacMillan 613-448-1411

email: nancy.macmillan021@sympatico.ca Subject: Spin In

Reviews

Preview of two new books in our OVWSG Library: **Couture Sewing Techniques** by Claire B. Shaeffer, and **Pillows** by Katrin Cargill (Home Living Workbooks), by Debbie Graham.

From September to October I had the pleasure of previewing these two books. As a beginning sewing student from Eco-Equitable and a beginner spinner, I found these books inspirational. The books give you a sense of history, clear diagrams, good sewing techniques and an "I can" attitude to complete even simple projects with confidence and pride.

I am very grateful to the OVWSG for giving me this opportunity to preview these two books.

Photos from the September meeting program

Susan Berlin spoke about Fibre Roads and promoting the local fibre industry.



Show & Tell



Clockwise from top left: Julie and Kathleen's workshop samplers; Andrea's dye workshop samples, Liane's drum carded batts; Liane's covered hangers; Mariann's felted paintings; Bernadette's scarf; ibid.



Left to right, top to bottom: Jan's demo loom warp; George's wool felted rug; Elizabeth's hat made from yarn spun by Caroline; Patti's natural dye experiments; Lynda's hat; Ann's felted collar; Judy's tools made from her late ash tree; Judy's shawl from her single-ply yarn.

Marketplace

The Marketplace portion of the 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 Natalie at marketplace@ovwsg.com or newsletter@ovwsg.com

For sale from Rideau Arcott mix flock of sheep:

Well-skirted fleece, unwashed: \$5 per pound;

Roving: \$20 for 500 gm.

New: Freezer lamb for sale, half or whole, \$7.99 per pound. A half averages 27 pounds and fills a 'milk crate'.

Email KellyMMacGregor@gmail.com.

Yarn for sale: 70% llama/30% merino, 3 ply, \$3 per ounce (see photo 1).
Raw llama fibre, various colours and quality (see photo 2).

Please contact for more information.
Email: rosaliafarm@gmail.com or Phone

613-324-1722
(Wendy)



For Sale:

Fancy kitty drum carder with brush attachment and a Judy Kavanagh doffer \$450

Crazy monkey electric skein winder 1 1/2 yard triple winder \$500

Samantha Van Noy
trailheadyarns@gmail.com

For Sale: Large Leclerc warping mill, similar to the one in the classroom upstairs at HH. Asking price \$50.

Mary Morrison
mormry@rogers.com
613 830-9992

Atelier Focus Fibre

Claire Guérette, Fibre Artist
Spinning-Weaving-Felt

Ashford dealer, 10% off for members of the guild

Order by phone or e-mail only
jardindelaine@live.ca,
creationclaireguerette.blogspot.com
819-643-4106 or 819-639-4106

Pantone Spring Colour Report

PANTONE has issued its Colour Report for Spring 2016: A Transporting and Transformative Canvas. Unisex colours transcend cultural and gender norms. Vivid brights give way to excitement and optimism, though quiet stability prevails in this season's palette.

Top 10 colours:
Rose Quartz, Peach Echo, Serenity, Snorkel Blue, Buttercup, Limpet Shell, Lilac Gray, Fiesta, Iced Coffee, Green Flash

You can view the complete report at this link: <http://www.pantone.com/downloads/support/F/CR/PANTONE-Fashion-Color-Report-Spring-2016.pdf>

About PANTONE: it is the world-renowned authority on colour. PANTONE Name is known worldwide as the standard language for accurate colour communication, from designer to manufacturer to retailer to customer, across a variety of industries.

November 2015 Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting 2 November 2015

Chair: Kelly MacGregor

- Chair welcomed all old and new members and any guests in attendance. **(55 members in attendance.)**
- Executive was introduced.

Announcements:

- Ann McElroy requested any pieces to be juried for Ex and Sale to be given to her this evening.
- Discussion about start of meeting time. Some are leaving early and missing the Show and Tell. It was suggested to have no break and go straight through with refreshments and visits before at 7 and perhaps after meeting as well. Still some discussion needed. (Yoga goes until 6:30 pm in meeting room.)
- At December Meeting will have the Rosepath Auction to help members de-stash unused things and perhaps pick up useful items. There will also be an auction of donated equipment with Andrea Dixon. Members were asked to bring items for the Rosepath Auction & be willing to bid.
- Volunteers were solicited for Rosepath auction and Kathleen Schwass, Ruth Cooper and Carmen Berthelette.
- Elizabeth Watt mentioned that the workshop schedule for this year will be ready for Friday at the Ex and Sale. Members who would like to register early can register then.
- Carlene asked to have more tickets sold for raffle.
- Kathleen Schwass will accept items for the co-op / community table tonight for the Ex and Sale. They will be taken over Friday to the Glebe Community Centre for the sale.
- Carole Stewart mentioned there was a French interview already done with Julie Zdunich and one to be done this Wednesday in English at the studio with Sarah Freemark from CTV Morning Live.
- Simone Poullilian, who had lived in Mongolia as a biologist, brought baby camel fibre to sell. He is hoping to set up a fibre co-operative for it, under the company "Can Dalay Baikhal".

PROGRAM:

Susan Berlin, who helped start "*Fibre Roads*," talked about the beginnings of it. About three years ago, they were finding that many local yarns shops had closed, yet there were many fibre farms in the area with processed fibres. *Fibre Roads* was started to promote the local fibre industry. There are nine members and it is growing. Fibre Shed in California is a great example of a really huge network.

Susan brought along some of the fibres from the network, such as very soft Grade 1 baby alpaca, from Serendipity Farms. (It is sent to Wellington Fibres to process.) She also had kid mohair from Vankleek Hill, that had the waxy coating pre-washed out and a Romney sheep cross fibre.

- Break for Refreshments and Visiting -

Show & Tell:

NAME	ITEM
Julie Zdunich & Kathleen Schwass	Weaving samplers from Norma Smayda's "Bertha Hayes" workshop.
Jan Scott	Demo Loom warp.
George Jager	Felted wool rug from Rhinebeck workshop.
Andrea Dixon	Dyeing samples from class.
Elizabeth Watt	Hat from Carolyn to match knitted sweater.
Patti Hennesey	Dyed samples from plants (marigolds and copper pennies, etc.)
Linda Perrier	Handmade blue hat from workshop skills.
Ann McElroy	Scarf and Swedish locks.
Judy Kavanagh	Singles merino shawl and spindle from cut ash tree from yard.
Liane Thiry-Smith	Batts, knitting for Syrian refugees in Germany, Nylotex-braided hangers.
Bernadette Quade	Knitted scarf. Grey & blue Jacob's fleece. Brown, burgundy, green colours.
Mariann Hegedlis	Needle felted framed pictures of swans, unicorn, Santa.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 7th, at 7:30 pm.

PLEASE BRING CHRISTMAS TREATS TO GIVE MERILYN A BREAK!!!