

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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Dear fellow guild members;

I want to thank everyone who helped to fill vacant spots for help with the Ex and Sale, and for those who also volunteered for the OC Transpo Lost and Found Sale, that occurred the same weekend as our Ex and Sale this year. It is always a busy time of year and the help is appreciated.

The executive and people involved with the Ex and Sale decided this year to extend the raffle sale one more month until December this year. The draw for the three prizes will be at 8 pm at the December general Meeting. Please encourage people to purchase these raffle tickets or purchase them for yourself or as gifts. First prize is a beautiful handwoven mini-overshot patterned **coverlet** for a double or queen bed; second is a soft, shadow-weave handwoven aquamarine and blue **silk scarf** and third is a **basket of handmade items** including alpaca cria fleece, hand-felted little birds, hand-dyed scarf, hand spun and knit hat and handspun wool yarn. The tickets sell for \$2 each, \$5 for 3 or a full booklet of 10 for \$17. (Prize pictures are included below.) Please encourage these sales, as they help bring in instructors and lower our guild workshop fees. We all know that encouragement of our fibre skills through workshops, networking, monthly programs, school outreach, and demos at fairs and markets are all an important part of who we are.

Fibre on!!

Ruth Cooper

Meeting Info

This month's meeting:

Monday, November 6th, at
7.30pm

Program: Instructors' Fair

Next meeting:

Monday, December 4th, at
7.30pm



Raffle prizes:
handwoven coverlet,
handwoven silk scarf,
basket of handmade
items.

General announcements

November Meeting Program

The 2018 workshop schedule will be published on November 4 – 5 during the Exhibition & Sale. To provide you with additional information on the workshops, the program of the November meeting (November 6th, 7:30) will feature an **Instructors' Fair**. This event will give you an opportunity to obtain much more in-depth information on the workshops you are interested in taking next year directly from the instructors. We hope that you will join us at the meeting.

Carl Stewart and Mandy Heggveit
Program Coordinators

December meeting snacks

At December's general meeting, we ask the guild members to provide snacks for the break. Merilyn Mulligan quietly and generously provides snacks for our meetings all year and this is one time we can give her a break and provide on her behalf. The December meeting takes place on Monday, December 4th.

Membership List

If you are an active/paid up, member, you may request a copy of the most recent membership list at any time by contacting membership@ovwsg.com with your request.

Welcome New Members!

Lorraine Cormier
Stephanie O'Donnell-Price
Gemma Calgie
Christine Erdos O'Malley (Family)
Sean O'Malley (Family)
Christine Leger
Diane Wistaff
Cheryl Aratoon
Lorraine Weston (Family)

Retuning after an absence:
Jacey Scott

Code of Behaviour

At recent executive meetings, the group talked about having a Code of Behaviour added to our Policy and Procedures. It is something that many larger groups have now and our guild is indeed getting larger! After examining several different standard ones from various groups, we came up with four statements that have added to our Policy & Procedures section. They are as follows:

The OVWSG is committed to

- providing an environment for members that is free from harassment and discrimination at all executive and general meetings, events and activities;
- fostering the goodwill and trust necessary to protect the rights of all individuals within the guild;
- neither tolerating nor condoning behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of individuals or the integrity of relationships, and;
- promoting mutual respect, understanding and co-operation as the basis of interaction among all members.

Resource Centre Display

Thank you to everyone who contributed dish towels for the display at the Resource Center (studio). The towels provoked interest from visitors and members alike, as well as inspiration on colour and weave structure.

For November into January and in keeping with the season, we would like to display wooly scarves and mitts .

Please bring your contributions to the November meeting. Please ensure your item has a label with your name on it. I look forward to a great selection.

Francesca

Announcements from guild coordinators

Exhibition and Sale

Guild Members!

Please come to the Exhibition and Sale and lend a hand to make it the best ever! We still need hands to help with unloading on Friday (5pm onwards), the Guild info table: selling raffle tickets, promoting workshops, greeting visitors, answering questions, hanging out with friends, making new friends, and having a great time!

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Sharp at gambissara@yahoo.ca

See you there!

Workshops

As I write this Jan is hard at work laying out the new catalogue of workshops for 2018. It's bigger and better than ever with many new titles, and many new instructors, but still lots of old favourites. The first chance to see the offerings and sign up will be Saturday morning at 10am at the Ex and Sale. Come sign up early to avoid disappointment! The rest of 2017 will likely also fill at the Ex and Sale, so I recommend registering this week if you were considering a 2017 workshop in November or December. Most of the remaining workshops for 2017 have at least some spots, and I keep a wait list if they are out of space. If there is enough overflow on a class we will try to fit it in "By Request".

Elizabeth Watt
OVWSG Workshops Registrar

Library

Library November 2017

If you can't make it to the meeting, please contact the librarians. We will renew your books (for 1 month) or ask you to drop them off if they have been requested by another guild member.

Fines are \$1.50 per item per month.

Only members in good standing may take out items from the library, so check that you are up to date on your membership.

We are still very busy with the overhaul of the library. It is coming along well. Once done we will send out a new Author, Title, and Subject list and have the website list updated.

On the Monday of the meeting the library will be open from 9am to 7:15pm, at which time we will pack up the library so we too can attend the meeting. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page; if I am in the studio working on the library on other days, I will post. You are always welcome to join me.

All for now Jan and the Librarians

P.S. if you would like to help with the library come and see us!

Marketplace

The Marketplace portion of the newsletter is used to promote and assist its members. Some restrictions may apply as to space availability and file restrictions.

Contact Natalie at marketplace@ovwsg.com or newsletter@ovwsg.com

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I am currently searching for someone to spin my dogs coat shed into yarn for me. I was hoping you may be able to find a contact in the Ottawa or preferably Gatineau area who I may elicit such services from.

I have recently learned how it is very popular in the Northern Europe area and our big Leonberger mix has enough hair to allow us to create a warm winter coat for our much smaller and delicate Bugg (Boston Terrier/Pug mix).

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Cheers Dale dale.kerr@sympatico.ca

Shop a local farm! At **Kinnaird Farm**, we have:

FLEECE - a few fleeces remain. Well-skirted by your spinning friends. If you would like a half fleece, we can do that.

ROVING - half Blue Faced Leicester; or, a 50-50 alpaca-wool blend.

SHEEPSKIN RUGS - homegrown, one-of-a-kind. Makes a beautiful gift for Christmas or wedding; or just for you to cuddle with!

LAMB - sold out. Thanks to all who placed their orders!

Contact Kelly MacGregor
at KinnairdFarm@gmail.com or
call [613.659.4267](tel:613.659.4267).



60" Leclerc Jack Loom for Sale, 4 shafts, 6 treadles with one 10 dpi 60" reed - all in good condition. \$150.00. Contact Catherine, OVWSG Donations Coordinator at donations@ovwsg.ca



I am downsizing and no longer need 5 looms so I am selling a 4 harness 36 in Schacht jack floor loom built with oak.

Similar new looms made with cherry or maples are selling at Gemini Fibres for between \$4500 and more than \$5000 depending on different features.

I am selling this one for \$800.

It is in perfect working order with a few marks on the wood and includes lease sticks and a reed.

contact Ellen Good

[613-479-2659](tel:613-479-2659)

eslgood@rocketmail.com



New member Janet Tulloch is offering a felting workshop at the Ottawa School of Art, Orleans campus Saturday, November 4, 2017. Participants will be making a cozy one-piece cowl and will have the opportunity to try out North Ronaldsay rovings in natural colours. For further inquiries, please contact Janet at [613-862-0742](tel:613-862-0742) / ancumstudio@gmail.com or the Ottawa School of Art, Orleans Campus to register.

Orleans Campus

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October Program

Ellen Good gave us a slideshow historical overview of spinning in the early days of Upper Canada, and shared her experience as Spinning actor/interpreter at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg, ON.



Show and Tell



Left to right, top to bottom: Katie's tea towels, Gordon's donated walnuts, Judy's self-spun nettle fibre yarn, Carlene's Icelandic sweater, hat and towel.



Left to right, top to bottom: Linda's natural-dyed yarn x2, Linda's dish towel, Linda's shadow weave shawl, Laura-Lee's handspun shawl, Ann's rolags, Jan's needle-felted octopus and wave, Elizabeth's scarf, Jean's sheep-to-shawl team's result.

Wakefield Demo



October Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting 2 October 2017

Chair of Meeting: Ruth Cooper

- Ruth welcomed members, new members, and guests. (54 members in attendance +2 new), and introduced the executive.
- Bad weather announcements: messages for meetings cancelled due to weather are sent out on Facebook, email, CBC radio.
- Raffle tickets are ready to sell and purchase now! Help sell tickets to fundraise for the guild. Money raised helps to reduce our costs for workshops and events. Ruth has created a prize sheet to distribute.
- Exhibition and Sale posters are ready to distribute for our November 4-5 event. We have jpegs for digital distribution too.

Business:

- **Workshops:** check the website. You can search the calendar to see what's scheduled now.
 - October workshops still have some space.
- **Library:** The great book migration is well underway and looking good.
- **Annual Exhibition & Sale):** Coordinator: Jean Sharp: Nov 4-5, 2017 Glebe Community Ctr.
 - 3 booths left to book. All of the booths must be filled for the guild to have a successful event. You're welcome to share a booth!
 - Call for volunteers: a sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - There are more bookmarks that need to be spread around. Leave them everywhere you go.
 - Exhibition: Fibre of Our Being canvases.
 - Raffle tickets: support the guild fundraiser by selling tickets.

Announcements:

- **Denise Furukawa:** Spin-In update: aiming for Sat. January 20th, 2018 10am. The location that is being scouted is The Moore Farm – La Ferme More in Gatineau QC. Denise showed some images from the website. The details will be posted online. This is an accessible location and has parking on site. The event will be open to many people, hoping for 70-80. There is a food vendor on-site with a good variety. Flyer to come.
- **WASOON:** May 11-13 2018 in Timmins, ON.

Program: Ellen Good

Carl Stewart introduced Ellen who gave us a slideshow historical overview of spinning in the early days of Upper Canada, and shared her experience as Spinning actor/interpreter at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg, ON.

*Mandy: For those interested in the historic aspects of weaving; there is an annual conference in Clayton NY in May, at the Thousand Islands Art Centre.

- **Snacks at break:** these are provided as a gift to the guild; there's a donation box for the supply of the drinks and the cups.

Break-----

Show and Tell

Katie Campbell	Tea towels
Gordon Moat	Walnuts for dyeing
Judy Kavanagh	Handspun nettle yarn
Carlene Paquette	Icelandic fleece, sweater etc.
Linda Perrier	Natural Dyeing & shawl, shadow weave & towels
Laura-Lee MacDonald	Handspun shawl
Ann McElroy	Rolags
Elizabeth Watt	Scarf Rigid heddle, linsey woolsey
Jean Sharp	Shawl from Lambsdown Sheep to Shawl
Jan Scott	Octopus felting progress

Thanks to all. Meeting adjourned 9:05pm.

Next meeting takes place Monday Nov 6, 2017, 7:30pm.