

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,

We are approaching our most popular meeting of the year, the December meeting with the Rosepath Auction and live auction. There are exciting items up for live auction this year, including:

- A 60" Nilus Leclerc loom
- A 36" Mira Leclerc loom
- A traditional old Quebec wheel up, with tilt tension
- A spool rack for warping or using double shed for different types of yarns at one time.
- Large and small tapestry looms with pegs.
- Two inkle looms

Other items are a Spears Wooden Weaving Loom (great for a child), a handmade small table loom, coloured wool pencil roving, cardboard flat looms, etc.

We have some donated magazines that we will be selling for a bargain. Vav at \$2.00 each; Handwoven at \$1.00 each; and others at two for \$1.00!

For new members, the famous Rosepath auction is run where members purchase envelopes of numbers at \$3.00 an envelope (50 of the same number in each envelope). There are donated items with plastic margarine/yogurt tubs beside them, where you can put as many of your numbered tickets as you want in the tubs and hope that your number will be drawn!

At 8 pm, we will have the Raffle draw for the 1st prize coverlet, 2nd prize silk scarf and 3rd prize of basket of fibre goodies. Please make sure that your ticket stubs and money have been returned before the meeting begins!

It's a fun night and the proceeds go to help our guild offer programs and repair or purchase more equipment. Please bring goodies

Meeting Info

This month's meeting:

Monday, December 4th, at
7.30pm

Program: Rosepath Auction,
Equipment Auction

Next meeting:

Monday, January 8th, at
7.30pm

(cheeses, fruit, or cookies/squares) for our break so that everyone can enjoy a little nibble and chat.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 4th!

The best of the season to you all!

Ruth Cooper

General announcements

December Meeting Program

At our December meeting (December 4th) we will hold again our ever so popular yearly Rosepath Auction, one of the Guild's most important fundraisers and great all around fun. Everyone is encouraged (but not required) to contribute items they no longer want but that someone else might be able to use. This includes just about anything from fibre and yarns, to tools, equipment, books (including novels), household items, gifts, etc. Please bring your treasures to the December meeting by 7:15pm.

How it works: At \$3.00 each, members may buy one or more envelopes of 50 tickets bearing the same number as the envelope. These are all yours to place in whichever margarine container is located near the item you wish to bid on. After all the tickets are distributed, a designated person will draw a number from the container. The person who has the envelope number that matches the number drawn wins the item.

Please do not move the margarine container.

There will also be a general auction of items that were donated to the Guild such as various tools, books, magazines etc.

Fibre of Our Being Exhibit Wrap-up

Art Show Pieces for Pick-up

With the Ex and Sale completed all our exhibit opportunities are done and the remaining art pieces are available for pick-up. Thank you so much for lending your work to us for so long. Please drop by the foyer at Heartwood House before the December meeting to get your piece. If you are unable to collect your piece before the meeting it will also be possible to get your work from the studio during Monday networking sessions.

Art Show Book

There are still a few copies available of the art show book. Copies are \$20 each and will also be available in the foyer of Heartwood House before the meeting. Please bring cash or a cheque made out to Carlene Paquette. If you want a copy and will not be at the meeting please contact Carlene (carlene@paquettefamily.ca) to make alternate arrangements.

Welcome New Members!

Janet Tulloch
Sue Shipley
Barbara Sigrid Campbell
Victoria Solan
Lynn Primeau
Marie-Claude Legacy
Denise Vierich
Sam Edens
Michel Rheault
Lucie Quirouette
Carol Soutar
Annie Plourde Lapointe
Minako Uchino

Returning after an absence:
Jenny Croft

Honourary Membership granted to:
Mary Bowrin

Events

Wheels on Fire / Les Rouets en Feu

Spin-in at La Ferme Moore!

Please join us at la Ferme Moore in Gatineau, Quebec (Hull sector) for a day of spinning or any other fibre-filled activity. The date is Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The entry fee is only \$5 per person and there will be door prizes and local vendors.

Food and beverages are available at the farm's cafe or at nearby restaurants.

There is an elevator for people with mobility issues. Parking is free.

La Ferme Moore is easily to get to from Ottawa:

MAP LINK: <https://goo.gl/maps/mMkV7NhfcM92>

We'll be sending more information about this event in mid-December. Hope to see you at the spin-in!

The Richard and Elizabeth Ashford Textile Award

From Richard and Elizabeth Ashford:

Richard and I are pleased to establish an annual award to encourage and support textile artists and help them enjoy artistic freedom. We hope our award will contribute to the development of the fibre arts or the education of future spinners, weavers, felters, knitters and dyers.

Valued at NZ\$5,000 the award can be used to purchase any Ashford equipment, fibre or yarns.

We are looking for creative projects that have vision and are viable. This could be a garment, process, or an educational or philanthropic project. The award is open to everyone: individuals, guilds/groups, aid agencies, non-government agencies...

Your application must be received by March 1st each year.

For details, criteria and application forms go to <http://www.ashford.co.nz/Award>

Upcoming Basketry Workshops

Wool Drying Basket Workshop (2 days)

Sun. Jan. 14 AND Sat. Jan. 27, 2018, 10:00 am to 4:00pm in the Studio. See <http://www.ovwsg.com>, Workshops/Basketry Workshops tab for more details.

This is a large basket with wooden feet to lift it off the ground, handles and an open weave bottom, to facilitate airflow. This has been a popular workshop in the past.

PLEASE BOOK NOW, if you are interested. Since this is a January workshop, I (instructor) need to order materials earlier than normal. With Christmas/holidays etc. I cannot risk my supplier(s) being on vacation, when I place an order, around the holidays. I will need to order in December at the latest.

Pine Needle Basket Workshop

Sat. Feb. 17, 2018 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Studio. See <http://www.ovwsg.com>, Workshops/Basketry Workshops tab for more details.

You will make an oval pine needle basket with a wood centre, using traditional stitching of core material (long pine needles). All materials are provided.

PLEASE BOOK NOW, if you are interested. Since this is a February workshop, I (instructor) need to order materials earlier than normal. My pine needle supplier often takes vacation at this time of year, so I will need to order in December at the latest, to ensure that I have all the materials for your workshop.

Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

19th Annual Chesterville Spin-In

Saturday February 3, 2018 9a.m.-4p.m.

Requesting a \$5.00 donation at the door at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 167 Queen St. W.
Chesterville, ON K0C-1H0 613-448-1997

Now on Facebook @ChestervilleSpinIn

Show & Tell Theme: Rare Breeds items made with Shropshire, Dorset, Lincoln & Romney breeds

Even more vendors in attendance this year, to support your woolly addiction.

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

Non-alcoholic beverages supplied by the Legion.

Bring a lunch or you can visit several venues in town.

For additional queries please contact: Nancy MacMillan 613-448-1411

Email: nancy.macmillan021@sympatico.ca Subject: Spin-In

Announcements from Coordinators

Membership

Members in good standing may request a copy of the latest membership list at membership@ovwsg.com. Please use the list only for guild business, to respect the privacy of our members.

Workshops

The new catalogue debuted at the Ex and Sale and was featured at the last meeting. There is still space in every 2018 workshop. Jan and Judy have put a great deal of effort into the catalogue and website for which I am eternally grateful. The catalogue is available in hard copy in the Studio. The flyer, with titles and dates at a glance is available for download on the workshops page. Please look through the offerings, there are many new ones and several new instructors. As always, register using the form on the website.

There are also still spaces in a few of the remaining 2017 workshops - Intro to Rigid Heddle Loom Sat Dec 2 and Nuno Felted Scarf on Sat Dec 9. See website for details and to register.

Elizabeth Watt
Workshops Registrar

Library

What: the guild library is a phenomenal resource that we are very lucky to have. We have books, magazines, DVDs on Fiber arts topics such as weaving, spinning, felting, dyeing, basketry, and things to do with the yarn you have spun. Our first purchase as a guild was a subscription to Loom Music, which is now one of our oldest magazines. We not only have items to inspire you but also how-to and history topics.

Where: the library is located in our studio space in Heartwood house 400 McArthur Ave, Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8. We are on the front side of the building (facing the Dairy Queen); you can see the large great wheel in the window. If you are coming early, please use the front entrance and sign in. If you have not been to a meeting before, the desk staff can point you past the elevator and down the hall to the library.

When: I am aiming to have the library open by 9am the Monday of the meeting. We will close it at 7:15pm so that the librarians may also attend the meeting. I will post on our Facebook page when I am in and have the library ready for you! Please try to come in early to drop off, peruse the library, and pick up your pre-Christmas reading.

Who: Only members in good standing (paid up membership and no overdue material) may check out library material from one meeting to the next. If you cannot make the next meeting, contact the librarians and if no one has requested the item you have we can renew it for one month. If you forget, the overdue fine is \$1.50 per item per month. You can take out up to 4 items a month.

Why: we will have a number of new DVDs and books to welcome to the collection! Please come in early and make them feel welcome in their new home. Below I will list a few to whet your appetite and inspire you to arrive really early (Dairy Queen and the Indian Restaurant would both make good straight from work dinner options).

How: in the back of every library acquisition is a pocket with a card and eventually a reminder slip with the return date stamped on it. To take out a book look for the sign that says BOOKS GOING OUT there should be a librarian there to help you. The date due= the next meeting month and year so Dec. 2017 or 12/17. The Name= Your FIRST and last name so Miaka Scott-Martin and your phone number 613 _____. The cards are filed under your first name so please print clearly so you don't end up under an unexpected letter. Give your completed card to the librarian and she will file it for you.

To Return a book, look for the BOOKS COMING IN sign -- Terry is usually helping there. Tell the Librarian your first name and they will pull your cards so your items can be returned to circulation. You can contact the Librarians at library@ovwsg.com.

We will look forward to seeing you Monday Dec 4th.
Jan and the Librarians

New books at our library:

The Fibre of Our Being: Works of the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild Exhibit May 9-28, 2017
700.09PAQ

Fiber: Sculpture 1960 to Present 700.09POR

Linen Wool Cotton - Mano, Akiko 646.6MAN

The Art of Basketry 748.3LON

Baskets and Basket Making 748.54SAN
500 Baskets a celebration of the basket makers' Art 748.KIE

New digital videos available at our library:

Learn to Weave: Making Good Cloth on a Multi-shaft Loom Video Download
Weaving with Rags: Making Rag Rugs and More, Video Download
Natural Shibori: Arashi Video Download
Double Your Fun: Doubleweave on a Rigid Heddle Loom Video Download
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The Interweave Guide to Managing, Measuring, and Making the Most of Your Yarn Video Download
Creative Weaving: Six Fringe Finishing Techniques for Weavers Video Download
Next Steps in Weaving eBook (replacement for the book lost in fire)

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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Kinnaird Farm product available:

New roving, just in time for the Holiday Season. *Charcoal* is a 50-50 combination of wool and alpaca. The wool is from my two special-purchase *spinning ewes*. Both are black aging into grey. The alpaca is from a handsome black coloured beast. Combined, there is a lovely softness to this fibre, at 100g for \$17.

Consider a sheepskin rug as a fine Christmas gift. Or, maybe just for you! Prices vary depending on the size and quality of the rug.

Champagne roving, 50-50 wool-alpaca, in a soft fawn hue, at 100g for \$15.

Fleece: There are 3 fleeces left.

Lamb: There has been a cancellation due to insufficient freezer space. Do you need a side of lamb for your freezer?

Wool batts; wool stuffed sleep pillows; wool stuffed decorative pillows; wool stuffed duvets.

Contact KinnairdFarm@gmail.com or KellyMMacGregor@gmail.com;

For Sale: 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 at
[613-479-2659](tel:613-479-2659) eslgood@rocketmail.com



Farm Turkeys available! \$3.50/lbs. We have weights between 19.3 and 25lbs

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We also have Turkey sausage. \$15.00 a package 4 large sausages. We have Blueberry Maple, Cranberry Maple, Greek and Mild Italian.

I can deliver to the regular guild meeting or social evenings.

Contact Ann McElroy at 613-282-1686, or shepherdessann@gmail.com, or you can send me a private message on Facebook.

Wanted: 3 more people for a By-Request Workshop: Drafting for Weavers, the 4th theory class offered by Judith Rygiel. Contact Carmen at carmospace@hotmail.com

Wanted: I have recently acquired an old Louet S10 that only came with one bobbin. I am wondering if there is a guild member who would be interested in selling me an extra bobbin or two they don't need.

Marcelle
tremmar@gmail.com

November Program

This month's program was an Instructor's Fair. Instructors set up tables with samples of the work that will be made in their classes. It was a good opportunity to see what's on offer and ask questions.



Show and Tell



Left to right, top to bottom: Marianne's peg looms; Terry's drop spindle and inkle weaving; Linda's hand-painted scarf; Jan's handwoven shawl and in-progress septopod.

November Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting 6 November 2017

Chair of Meeting: Ruth Cooper

- Ruth welcomed members, new members, and guests. (64 members in attendance +6 new +2 guests), and introduced the executive. Thanks were expressed to all the committees and volunteers for their contributions.
- Thank you for the Ex and Sale organizer, Jean Sharp.

Business:

- **Workshops:** check the website. You can search the calendar to see what's scheduled now. The 2018 workshops are being added now.
- **Library:** The great book migration is well underway.
- **Raffle:** Tickets **must** be turned in ahead of December's Meeting. Email Ruth by president@ovwsg.com to make arrangements to get them in before Dec 4.

Announcements:

- **Spin-In at Moore Farm/Ferme Moore in Gatineau:** aiming for Sat. January 20th, 2018 10am. The details will be posted online. This is an accessible location and has parking on site. Flyer to come.

- **Code of Behaviour in OVWSG Policy and Procedures:**

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 behavior 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.

- **December 4 General Meeting is Rosepath Auction:** Bring items that you no longer use, in good condition or can be repaired.
 - Members are asked to bring **food goodies** in order to give Marilyn Mulligan a break, who quietly and generously provides goodies for us every month. Please provide an ingredients list for home made goodies.

- **Honorary Membership: Mary Bowren**
- **Magazines, yarns and some equipment for sale at side table at break.**
- **Lost- Fleece flicker at last meeting- if anyone has found it, contact Lee-Ann Scott.**

Program: Instructors Fair

Instructors man booths around the room and provide an overview of their courses. Workshop registration forms must be completed either manually or online. Payment can be made via cheque or PayPal. PayPal invoices usually come out a day or two after registration.

- **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

Linda Perrier	Colour pooling scarf
Terry Nelson	Drop spindle and Inkle weaving
Jan Scott	Ongoing septopod
Marianna Hegedus	Peg doll looms

Thanks to all. Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.

Next meeting takes place Monday Dec 4, 2017, 7:30pm.