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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 Guild Members;

Happy New Year to you all!! We have started 2018 with a rousing success. The guild's first Spin-In, *Wheels on Fire* at the heritage Moore Farm, brought out over 70 people. As well as enthusiastic spinners, knitters, and sash weavers from both sides of the river, there were vendors, door prizes, coffee and donuts. This event was the brainchild of a member, Denise Furukawa, and like other activities and shows in the past, the executive will support as many beneficial events as our membership are willing to plan and coordinate. Running an organization as big as ours, with over 200 members, requires substantial and regular behind-the-scene commitment. When members step up to put together events like above, it brings new ideas and vitality into our guild and relieves the executive of additional responsibilities. So, when you think about some possibilities for another guild event or activity, why not see how you can get it started?

More fundraising ideas are in the process of getting organized, with a high priority on guild social mixing, along with them. Come on out to the next meeting and hear all about them!

Keep those fibres moving!

Ruth Cooper

Meeting Info

This month's meeting:

Monday, February 5th, at
7.30pm

***Program: Peruvian travel &
textile report***

Next meeting:

Monday, March 5th, at 7.30pm

General announcements

February Meeting Program

Louise Laberge's travel report with slides and textiles had to be cancelled in January due to inclement weather. Thankfully, Louise agreed to present her report at the February meeting.

Member Passing

Anne Middleton passed away quietly on the morning of Sat., Jan. 27th. She is finally at peace and had her family and friends nearby. We will all miss a most valued member of our guild.

Display Wall in the Resource Centre

The wall display of items in the Resource Center has now been up for two months, and it is time to change it. The theme was wool, and we had several scarves and shawls on view, showing a variety of approaches and techniques.

For our next display, we will feature items using a weave structure as the common theme. The weave structure in question is overshoot and the new display will be on view for the next two months.

So please bring one or two items you have woven using overshoot to our next Guild meeting where I will be collecting them.

I look forward to receiving your contributions.

Francesca Overend

Fibre of Our Being Exhibit Pieces

Several members' art pieces have not made it back to their owners. Please check the bags in which you received your pieces to make sure they are all yours. There have been instances where other members' pieces were found within a person's pieces. If you find any that are not your own, please drop them off at the studio.

Welcome New Members!

Minako Uchino
Celine McCorkell
Miriam Zdunich
Carole Leroux
Angela Thain

Returning after an absence:
Cynthia Lafortune
Andrea Gordon-Val

Events

We are going to have a FIBRE POKER RUN Fundraiser!

What is a POKER RUN?

A one day event where you can drive around to various fibre places of interest (farms, studios, suppliers), for 2 purposes, the first being to pick up a single playing card, to add to a poker hand (card stock). One playing card is picked up at each place, stapled to your main poker hand card and initialed to make it valid. At the end of the day, all the cards will be evaluated and prizes allotted. We will set an ending time for when your cards have to be turned in at the base (Heartwood House). This is the only poker game where you can have 5 of a kind! Obviously, you must visit 5 places to make up a poker hand. You can carry multiple cards for friends and family too. Tip: Bring multiple cards for yourself, to increase your odds.

The second purpose is that host places may offer items for sale and or visit, see the animals, studio or retail space. For example, you may go to a farm and see the animals, buy a fleece, jar of homemade preserves and get your poker card. For extra fun, gather a whole carload of participants, plan a lunch stop, and who knows what hilarity will happen between stops. For those who don't drive, we can hook you up with someone else going on the poker run.

Cost: \$5.00 per hand, plus your gas and time of course.

What we need right now:

We need HOST PLACES to visit, all over Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley. We hope it will be a nice late spring day, to make a lovely drive for all the participants. Do you have an interesting place for the poker run? You may offer items for sale, or offer a special to poker run participants etc. Let your

imagination run. Ideally, we should have more than 5 places, inside and outside of Ottawa, so people can pick and choose whom they want to visit and plan their route. Maps of how to get to each place will be distributed ahead of time, with what you will be offering visitors. No cost to the host places and an excellent way for you to advertise for free.

If you are interested in offering your place on the Poker run, please let me know. We haven't set a date yet. However, we will try to coordinate a date that works for most participants. We will offer volunteers who can man a poker table, while you man your tours and sales.

We also need some volunteers to be at poker tables, people to solicit some great prizes and other volunteers to be at the final destination to sort the poker hands into winning order.

Please let me (Laurie H-C) know ASAP, HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS, so I can start the main planning of this event. membership@ovwsg.com

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

Library

Your Librarians are Jan, Ann, Alison, Lynda and Terry.

Please drop in Early and peruse not only the new books but some of the old ones too.

The Guild library renumbering is ongoing and progressing very well. Now that we have worked on the main part of the library a bit of fine-tuning is now possible. After that we will be working on the reference section, which will be expanded. We have put temporary labels up so you can more easily find items during the great migration.

On the Monday of the meeting the library will be open from 9am to 7:15pm. At 7:15, 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 working on the library on other days I will post to our Facebook page. You are always welcome to join me. (I may have candy!)

If you are unable to make the meeting please contact the librarians to renew your items for a month or arrange to drop them off if another member has requested them.

If you forget to renew them, the **library fine is \$1.50 per item per month.**

Only members in good standing may take out items from the library. So make sure your membership is up to date and you have no overdue library items. Members may take out up to 4 items and those doing their master spinners' and master weavers' home work should chat with the librarians.

The Guild Library has a large selection of magazines in the white cabinets. There are also some Magazines on DVDs you might want to peruse too. We have DVD's on spinning, weaving and other exciting topics that may be of interest. In the 6 brown cabinets is our collection of books and reference material.

Since many members were unable to attend the January meeting due to the unpleasant weather you did not get to see the new DVDs I was able to acquire from Interweave Press before Christmas. I also picked up a couple more items, which hopefully you will also enjoy! To allay your curiosity here is the list:

DVD Beginning Spinning on a Wheel with Kate Larson Video Download

DVD Creative Weaving Six Fringe Finishing Techniques for Weavers Video Download

DVD How to Spin Art Yarns - Esther Rodgers Video Download

DVD Spin Your Stash Video Download -

DVD Double Your Fun Doubleweave on a Rigid Heddle Loom Video Download

DVD Finishing Up with Kate Larson How to Wash, Block, Dry & Finish Handspun Yarns Video Download

DVD Get More Spun Spinning for Sale Video Download

DVD Natural Shibori: Arashi Video Download

DVD Weaving with Rags: Making Rag Rugs and More, Video Download

DVD Learn to Weave: Making Good Cloth on a Multi-shaft Loom - Tom Knisely Video Download
DVD Twice as Nice: Weaving with Two Heddles on a Rigid-Heddle Loom Video Download
DVD Spinning Woolen Yarn - Amy Tyler
DVD Spinning Worsted Yarn - Amy Tyler
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DVD Supported Spindle Spinning Video Download
DVD The Interweave Guide to Managing, Measuring, and Making the Most of Your Yarn Video Download
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Pottery Barn Workspaces, simple ideas for creative project rooms and home offices
Innovative Weaving A guide for study groups
DVD Cloth Doll Making Patti Medaris Culea
Baskets and Basket Making

To take items out of the library:

In the back of every library acquisition is a pocket with a library card. There should also be 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’s month and year** so Feb. 2018 or 02/18

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 filled out 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 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 look forward to seeing you Monday Feb 5th.

Your Librarians, Jan, Ann, Alison, Lynda and Terry.

745IRW	
Author	Irwin, Bobin
Title	Weaving Iridescence colour play for the hand weaver 17-2813
Date Due	Issued to:
Feb, 2018	Miaka Scott-Martin 613-----

Workshops



Pine Needle Basket Workshop

There is still space in this workshop!

Sat. Feb. 17, 10 – 4 pm in the studio

This is an oval, fragrant basket, using coil structured, basketry technique. I bring all the materials and tools that you will need. Materials include a generous supply of 9"-11" pine needles, a wooden base to start your basket, (which you can decorate or paint later), needle, spacer, detailed handbook and artificial sinew to bind your basket together.

Register online (workshop number 1814) or contact workshops@ovwsg.com

Birch Bark Ornaments workshop anyone?
Stars and Hearts, in time for Valentine's Day.

Workshop is February 4th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sign up now through the Guild's website, in the basketry workshops section.

Hélène Cadieux



External Workshops

Felting Workshop with Janet Tulloch at OSAO

Join me on Saturday March 3rd at the Ottawa School of Art Orleans Campus for a full day of felting (9:30-4:30). You will learn to make either a vase of your own design without using a balloon or come home with a chic beret in colours of your choice. For registration information, please contact:

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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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Fluffy things for sale at *Kinnaird Farm*:

“Birch” roving from a half Blue Faced Leicester; “Charcoal” a 50/50 blend of brown-grey wool with brown-black alpaca; “Champagne” a 50/50 blend of white wool with fawn alpaca; washed brown-black alpaca; washed wool; and sheepskin rugs.

Find Kinnaird Farm on FB. Contact Kelly MacGregor of Kinnaird Farm at any time by email: KinnairdFarm@gmail.com or telephone 613.659.4267.

Hello, We are looking for someone who would like to custom weave a rug for our kitchen. The dimensions are 12' x 2'6". The rug we have was woven by a lady in the Gatineau and is now worn and needs to be replaced. Thank you!

Douglas & Natalia Clayton

228 Clarence Street
Ottawa Tel. [613-789-1078](tel:613-789-1078)

Show and Tell



Left to right, top to bottom: Jan's felted polar bear, Carole's shawl, Marianne's woven bags, Julie Anne's 2 woven scarves made from painted warps, Patti's painted warps.

January Meeting Minutes

OVWSG GENERAL MEETING Jan 8th Minutes

Chair and President: Ruth Cooper

Welcome and Happy New Years! Welcome and instructions from four new members. (About 24 people in attendance.)

Business and Announcements:

Review of Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy.

Announcement of vacant positions on the board and within the Guild (Vice chair, President, Equipment manager, Nominations committee)

Spin-In at Moore Farm is on **January 20th** in Gatineau, QC, from 10-4pm. Participants can bring anything to spin or any other fibre-related activity. Cost is only \$5. (La Ferme Moore, 670 Alexandre-Taché Blvd, Gatineau, QC)

Program:

Due to weather concerns, Louise Laberge was unable to present her recent Trip to Peru, with an eye for Textiles.

Instead, there were two discussions that ensued, 1) Videotaping Meetings for Facebook and 2) Fundraising Ideas.

While discussing videotaping meetings and posting them on Facebook. Ruth reviewed the lawsuit concerns based on recent news case in Ottawa, and concerns some members have about their privacy. Julie Anne suggested putting a check on the membership forms or using one on the Show and Tell sign-up sheet. We discussed a few of the pros and cons of options. Guild will continue discussion with members.

Fundraising – Ruth discussed some new ideas with the goal of raising money for to replace the 100” floor loom and perhaps some new spinning equipment. There has been new carding equipment and carders purchased fairly recently, but the 100” loom is quite old and for many years was shipped from guild to guild in Ontario and has much wear and tear and is becoming increasingly more popular and repairs are not working as well anymore. Option to purchase new or used perhaps, but used come with their problems, as we have already. Raffle will not occur next year.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Incorporating a charity along with fundraising.
- Bringing a business along with us as part of fundraising. Printing new OWSWG mugs and having David's Tea help us.
- Selling bags for knitting that we could sell at places like Wabi Sabi
- Laurie suggested a poker run; a player gets five playing cards for visiting different fibre sites (like a farm, mill, etc.) Laurie says she would organize it.
- Gord- suggested having 50/50 draws at our meetings.

- Another member suggested wine and cheese events, with hand-made felted, knitted or woven wine bags.
- Joan H. suggested mini-workshops with kids where they get to take home a small sample of work at the end. One member has access to a space near Greenbank and Hunt Club that we could potentially use.

Reminder that WASSOON (Weavers and Spinners Of Ontario North) Conference is coming up this May 11-12, 2018 in Timmins. Entitled “*Windows of Creativity*”.

Show and Tell

Julie Anne Zdunich	Painted Warp Silk Scarves
Patti Hennesey	Painted Warps for Scarves
Carole Leroux	Small Shawl, one of her first weaving projects.
Mariann Hegedus	Small woven bag made with European circular peg loom and felted miniature figures.
Jan Scott	Story of felted polar bear, lily pad and frog as gifts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 5th, 2018. 7:30 pm.