

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."*

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

Spring has definitely sprung and revealed the flowers that the squirrels have kindly left for us! Thank you squirrels!

We are reaching the end of our current year and soon it will be time to fill the vacant positions that keep our Guild working so well. At the June meeting we will have elections for Vice Chair, Spinning Coordinator, Treasurer and Programs. We have received some real interest but not for all positions. If you are interested, please send Brenda Bekkers an email and she can give you some details on the various positions.

We have now officially moved to the new classroom, and it is a great space! Larger than our old classroom and better lighting. It is at the end of the second-floor hallway on the northside of the building. The same key can be used for the door. The room with the 100' loom will soon get a new wall and the renovations will be complete. A huge thank you to Mo and the Heartwood staff for giving us this opportunity to expand.

I am happy to announce that Ruth Cooper's name was picked in Heartwood House's Volunteer Appreciation event, and she received several children's books from ALSO. The Guild donated a shawl and that was won by an ALSO staff member. Was there a fix...nah!

May's monthly meeting program guest will be Dianne Totten, a world-renowned weaver specializing in crimped cloth. She will be giving a two-day workshop in the new classroom and there are still spots open. Check the Guild website for details.

See you soon at the May meeting. Stay safe!

Meeting Info

This month's hybrid meeting:
Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:15 pm

Program: Diane Totten

March Executive Meeting: May 15, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

The next meeting: Monday, June 5, 2023. (Annual General Meeting & Fibre Challenge)

Sale and Exhibition

The planning for the Sale and Exhibition is underway again. The sale will take place at the Glebe Community Centre on Nov 4 and 5, 2023.

The application form will be available online on May 1 for returning vendors. These vendors will have two weeks to sign up and guarantee the same both they had last year. Or, if they want to change their booth and it's available they will have the first choice. Current Guild members will then have until June 30 to sign up. After that, it will be opened up to people who wish to join the Guild in order to come to the sale.

Members who only have a few things to sell can join the Guild Co-op booth. Details will be available soon.

Help Needed

We are still looking for someone (or two or more if you like) to coordinate the Exhibition portion of the event. If you would like to help out in this position, please contact guildsale@ovwsg.com

Jean and Ann

Website Update

One perk of membership is a link on our web page. Our links page is woefully out of date. I would like to update the members' portion and also add other useful links. So far, I have only received 3 updates.

If you already have a link on the webpage, you still need to contact me. So many links are broken, or they link to a page that hasn't been updated in years.

To that end, I would like people to send me the links to their fibre sites/blogs/Etsy etc., with a short(very short) description. Also, if possible, I would like to divide it into categories; Weaving, Spinning, Felting, Fibre and Equipment. So let me know which categories you fit into (more than one is ok). If you think I need to add another category let me know.

I would also like to list links to other guilds and fibre festivals/sales and information sites. So please send those along too along with where they are located.

Please send the information to shepherdessann@gmail.com or library@ovwsg.com

General Announcements

Message from the Editor

The newsletter is released on the Monday prior to the general meeting nine times a year, breaking for the summer months of July and August and for the winter holiday season (no January edition). Submissions for the May newsletter are due no later than **May 26, 2023**, to newsletter@ovwsg.com.

We welcome contributions from all members, so please feel free to submit photos, book reviews or stories of fibre related activities.

The April Newsletter can be accessed at: <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/April-2023-Newsletter.pdf>

Membership

Membership renewals can be done through SECURE ONLINE PAYMENT at:
<https://www.ovwsg.com/membership/membership-application/>

Follow the directions and fill in the forms. You may pay through a PayPal account or a Credit card. When the PayPal 'sign-in' box appears, the option to pay by credit card is at the very bottom of that box.

Cheque/Snail mail: Cheques should be made out to "OVWSG". Mail to:

OVWSG
Heartwood House
404 McArthur Ave. Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP

Updates from Program Coordinators

Programs

Our guest at the May meeting will be Dianne Totten. Dianne has been a weaver for 40 years and teacher for over twenty. She uses a variation of handwoven shibori to produce what she calls "crimp cloth" to create one-of-a-kind garments with the heat-set fabric. Her expertise in sewing complements her passion for weaving. Dianne's award-winning work has appeared nationally and internationally. Check out her website to find out more! <https://diannetottenhandwovens.com/>

We look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting!

Your Program Team,
Joan Harrison and Josee Cochrane

Library

HOURS: On the meeting Monday, the guild library will be open at 9 am and close at 7 pm.

Books taken out at the May meeting will be due before 7 pm on the Monday of the June meeting. There are a number of books that are overdue, we need them back so other members can enjoy them. If you can not make the meeting, you can drop books off at the front desk at Heartwood House any time the building is open. (Bag and label them "OVWSG Library"). For other drop off options contact library@ovwsg.com.

Our Extra Handwoven and Spin Off for sale.

We have been continuing the Magazine section of the book check 2023. We have gone through the list of Handwovens and Spin Off Magazines and pulled some of the missing ones from the donations. This means that we have extra and will be selling the extra Handwovens and Spin Offs for \$2.00 each. (On-line they are running about 5.00US plus shipping) We will have them for your perusal at the Meeting Monday and at the next few socials. As I get more of the magazines checked there will be more titles added to the sale.

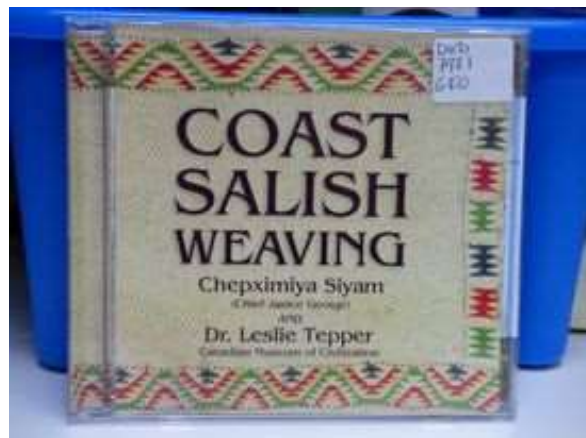
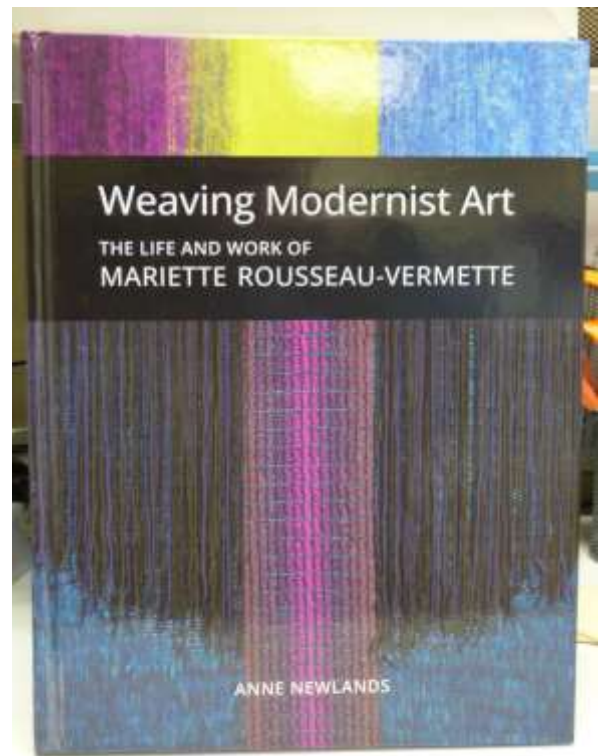
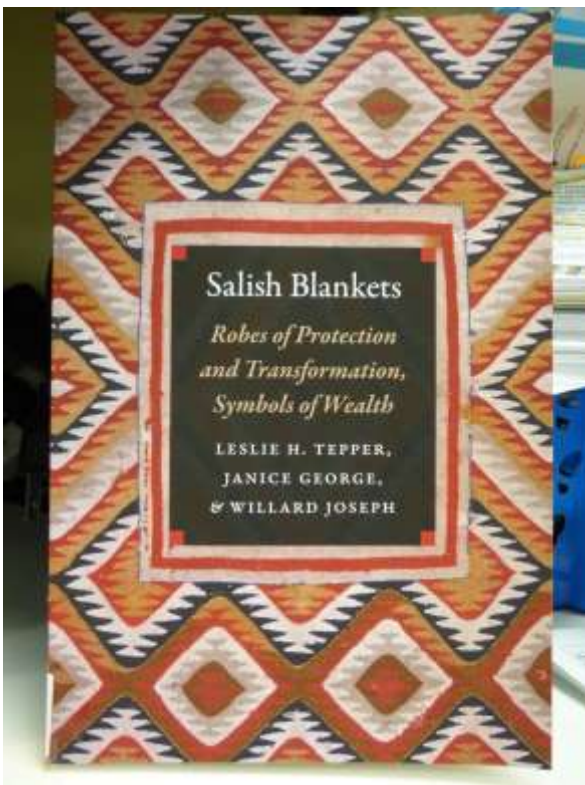
We have new books and a CD this month! We are extremely grateful for these donations, and you may recognize the names of these authors. We have amazing people in our guild!

- **Salish Blankets** by Leslie H. Tepper, Janice George, Willard Joseph
- **Coast Salish Weaving** By Chief Janice George and Dr. Leslie Tepper
- **Weaving Modernist Art The Life and Works of Mariette Rousseau-Vermette** By Anne Newlands

We have more donation news; Mandy has given the Guild Library a large portion of her impressive library. I will be going through and adding them to our collection. I will post in the newsletter and on our Facebook group as I add them. This is a fabulous addition, and I am sure will be of great benefit to our weavers. The Librarians would like to thank Mandy on behalf of the guild.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Jan on behalf of the librarians



Workshops

The Dianne Totten Crimp and Create Workshop still has spaces available. You do need to warp a loom ahead, but the warping is quite straightforward. We can arrange a table loom for you, free of charge, but you would need to arrange with me or the weaving rental coordinator for pickup. You also need a polyester based yarn, but Dianne says that polyester sewing thread (currently on 50% off sale at Fabricland!) will do fine for weft crimp and anything that will sett at about 20epi plain weave goes for warp. If you have Orlec in your stash now is the time to let it shine (sadly, I gave away or buried the cones of Orlec I'm sure I had, so I have spent the past week's evenings plying serger thread for warp. Yes, yes I am certifiable, but I'm mostly harmless.)

Meanwhile, I have posted a few workshops for May and June:

Date	Room	Workshop	Instructor		Number
Sun May 7	Classroom	Luxurious Nuno Felt Scarf	Ann McElroy	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2322-luxurious-nuno-felt-scarf/	2322
Sat May 27	Studio	Flax Spinning	Elizabeth Watt	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2320-flax-spinning/	2321
Sun May 28	Classroom	Weaving 1 Intro to Table Loom	Judith Rygiel	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2323-weaving-1-intro-to-table-loom/	2323
Sat Jun 10	Classroom	Intro to Rigid Heddle Weaving	Elizabeth Watt	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2325-intro-to-weaving-rigid-heddle/	2325
Sat Jun 10	Studio	Needlefelted Flat Landscape	Jan Scott	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2324-needle-felted-flat-landscape/	2324
Sun Jun 11	Studio	Intro To Natural Dyes	Amanda Carrigan	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2327-introduction-to-natural-dyes/	2327
Sat Jun 24	Studio	Spinning 1 - Spindle	Elizabeth Watt	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2326-spinning-1-spindle/	2326
Sun Jun 25	Classroom	Intro to Pine Needle Basketry	Janis Goad	https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2328-introduction-to-pine-needle-basketry/	2328

We will begin planning the Fall Schedule in July. If you are interested in becoming an instructor please do get in touch. If you have significant experience in an aspect of our textile crafts (weaving, spinning, felting, basketry, dyeing) we can help you formulate a workshop even if instructing is new to you.

Elizabeth Watt
 OVWSG Workshops Registrar
workshops@wattfamily.ca

Socials Update

Monday Socials

Monday Socials are now from 4-8pm in the studio. Socials Occur all Mondays there is not a regular meeting (first Monday of the month) Jan is usually in the studio by 9am working in the library. Everyone is encouraged to pop in and be social (spin, weave, felt, chat etc.) and use the library or equipment. Afternoons are frequently busy with people weaving and using equipment. Come and join us and get to know your fellow guild members.

Studio Update

In progress projects



Heartwood House News

***Heartwood Community Gift and Thrift Shop!* Alternate Thursdays 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.**

We are invited to put items for sale in the Shop as a fund raiser for the Guild or for personal sales (no commission will be taken off). There will be community weaving projects started in the studio for sale in the Shop.

OCTranspo Spring UNCLAIMED ITEMS SALE

May 2, 2023, from 4pm to 6pm

Every Spring and Fall, Heartwood House hosts the OC Transpo Unclaimed Items Sale. All unclaimed items that have past the holding period are sold at the sales. This is an opportunity for the bargain hunters of Ottawa to purchase the many quality items that will be for sale. Items are sold from a range of 25 cents to \$5, with some valuable items sold by silent auction. Don't miss this great opportunity to scoop up the excellent deals!

Fibre Events in the Community

For Love of Fibre

For the Love of Fibre



Colour and Texture to Feed Your Soul

SATURDAY, 6 MAY 2023 FROM 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

The Drummond Building, Spencerville, Ontario
22 Ryan Street, Spencerville ON K0E 1X0

Upcoming Events (Out of Area)

For anyone interested in a road trip, the following festivals are upcoming in Ontario in May and June.

Festival	Date	Time
Peterborough Fibre Arts Festival and Sale http://www.ptbo-hwsg.com/events/fibrefest/	Saturday May 14, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Kawartha Yarn & Fibre Festival https://www.kyaff.ca/	June 10, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Muskoka Yarn & Fibrefest https://muskokafibrefest.com/	June 24, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pre-March Meeting



Show and Tell

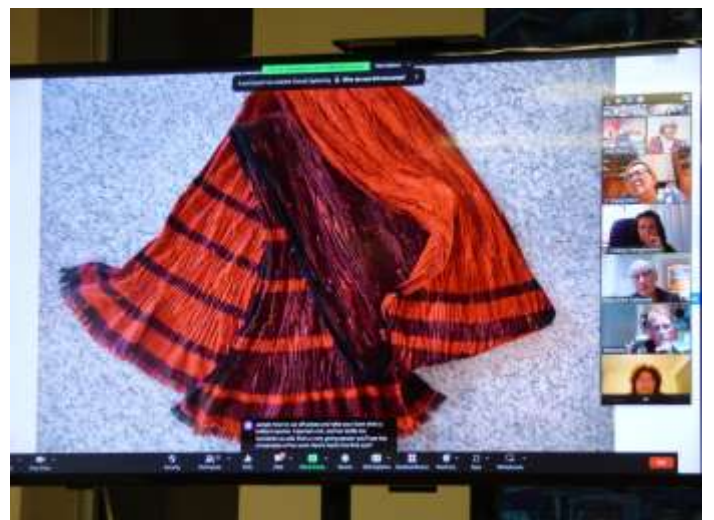
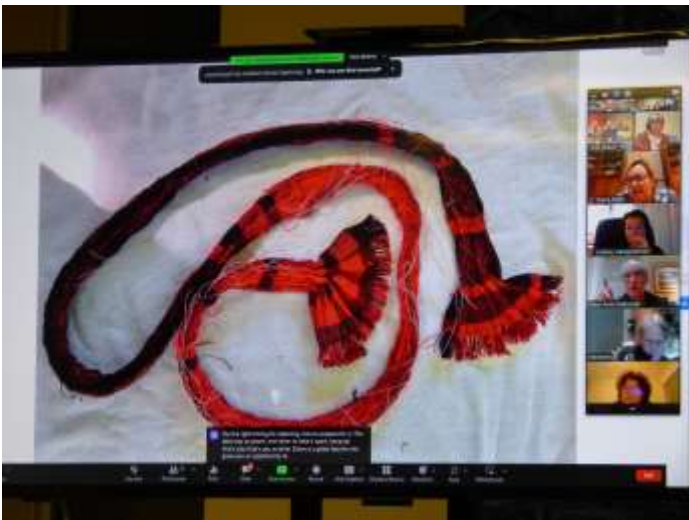
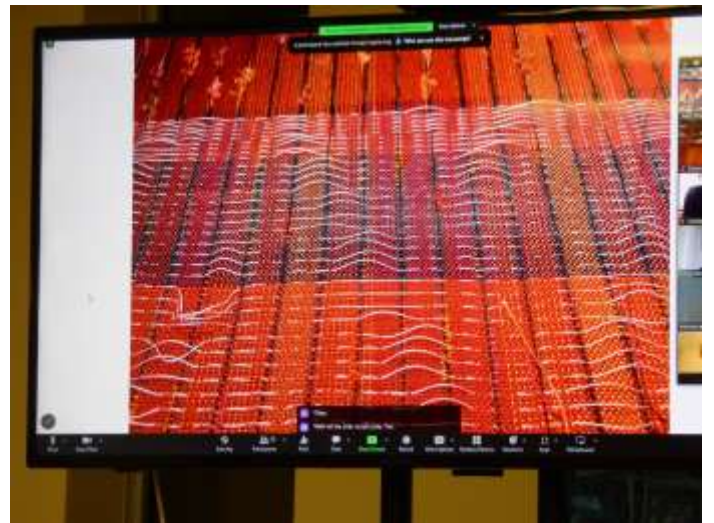


Jan's new carders



Yarn Ball Earrings

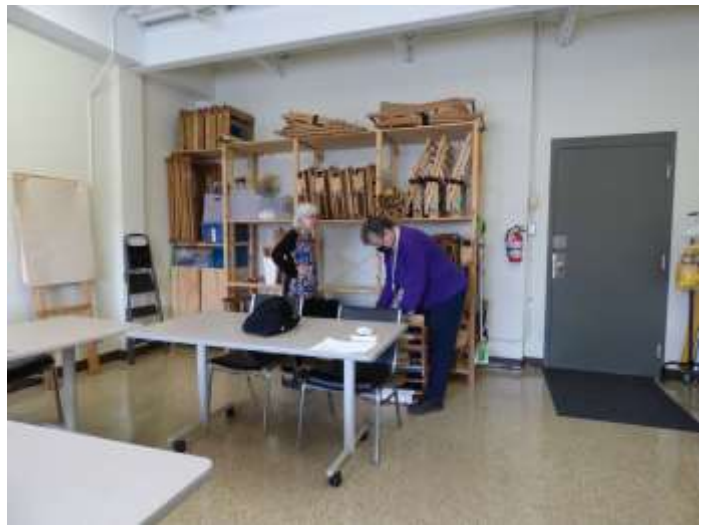
Photos from a Previous Crimp Workshop taken by Mary-Anne



Wendo van Essen presentation



New Classroom



Prepping for the Crimp Course



Long Weekend Social



Felting Tool Testing
and Sheep Games



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 Brenda at marketplace@ovwsg.com

Kinnaird Farm – www.KinnairdFarm.ca

- Ready to spin roving in various natural colours, wool, and wool-alpaca blends
- Fleece – raw wool fleece, *shipped nationwide!*
- Sheepskin Rugs – white, brown, black
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- **Now accepting lamb orders for 2023**

Contact Kelly MacGregor for details: KinnairdFarm@gmail.com



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Weaver Felter Fibre Artist

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Ply Studio is a creative arts studio located in New Edinburgh and founded and run by Guild member, Carmen Bohn. Carmen specializes in creating handspun yarn that she uses in her woven tapestries and freeform crocheted objects. The workshops at Ply Studio are offered by Carmen and a mix of other local artists in a variety of mediums. Join her email newsletter (pop-up on her website homepage) for all the latest offerings, promotions, and a sneak peek inside her studio.

<https://plystudio613.com/>

create@plystudio613.com

www.infinityfarm.ca



Infinity Farm

310 chemin Kerr in Luskville is part of the **Luskville Farm Tour** Mai 6 from 10 am to 3 pm. Come visit our Boutique, sheep, goats, alpacas and wool related products and art. Will be part of the **Equestrian Bazar, Tack sale** on April 29 in Luskville. Join the fun! Fundraising activities.

April Meeting Minutes

April 2023 Meeting

Monday April 3, at 19:15 via Zoom / In Person

- Welcome from President, Jean Sharp
- Introduction of the executive
- 47 members in attendance
- Welcome to new members Deb Templeton (returning after an absence) and Kanika Batabyal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Heartwood House update: Volunteer Appreciation week April 16 – 22, the guild will be donating a prize and will be submitting names of volunteers for the draw.
- Membership: 226 active members. Membership coordinator will send regular emails to inform you if your membership is coming up for renewal.
- Library: some new books and magazines. Book count is coming along slowly. Magazines at the back of the room that are free for the taking (they are duplicates of copies in our library). If they are not gone tonight, they will be donated to Value Village.
- Programs: Our guest in May will be Diane Totten, who will also be offering a workshop on crimped cloth on April 29 and 30. June will be AGM and fibre poker.
- Workshops – Diane Totten will be teaching Crimp and Create.
- Montreal guild is offering a course in how to weave velvet. Executive will further investigate the course.
- We will be moving to the new classroom before the end of the month. We will need volunteers to assist.
- AGM is coming up in June. Need volunteers to replace Treasurer, Spinning Rental Coordinator and Vice-Chair and new people for Programs. Please put your name forward if you can volunteer.
- Next executive Monday April 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Guild members are welcome to attend as observers. Email president@ovwsg.com for Zoom link. Executive meetings are every third Monday of the month.
- Next meeting will be May 1, 2023, at 7:15 pm

PROGRAM

- Wendo van Essen

SHOW and TELL

Jan – safety carders from the dollar store – dog brushes with plastic tips to keep the metal from scratching.

Melanie - Yarn ball earrings

Mary-Anne – News of Mandy's Destash sale; Woven Crimp Cloth scarf in process and finished.

NEXT MEETING

May 1, 2023, at 7:15 pm

Heartwood House Parking

Parking

1. Back parking lot:

- The parking area at the Moorvale entrance by the back door entrance and the parking area from the storage pods to the west fence are reserved for permit holders only from Monday to Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
- Vehicles with no permits on the dashboard will be ticketed.
- There are no parking restrictions in the back lot after 4:00p.m. from Monday to Friday and on Saturday.

2. Front lot:

- Visitors parked in the front lot must be registered on the front desk journal.
- A fee of \$1 is charged for parking in the front lot. Please pay at the Heartwood House front desk.
- Vehicles not registered in the visitor parking journal will be ticketed.
- Visitors who are popping in to drop off an item to a member are not required to pay a fee or register the vehicle.

3. UUFO entrance:

- The two spots in front of the Unitarian entrance are reserved for the Unitarian members.

4. Sunday Parking:

- Please park in front of the building or to the East of the Laundry in the rear parking lot (areas are marked in yellow below) to allow Unitarians access to their space on Sundays.

