

## Calendar of Events

### February

Sunday February 1, 2009 Beginning Weaving Part 1 of 4

#### **February 2, 2009 Guild Meeting**

Sunday February 8 2009 Japanese Braiding (Intro. to Kumihimo)

Sunday February 15, 2009 Beginning Weaving Part 2 of 4

Saturday February 28 2009 Introduction to Spinning

### March

#### **March 1, 2009 Studio Re-Opening and Clinic day -**

(open studio and problem solving for your projects)

#### **March 2, 2009 Guild Meeting**

Saturday March 7, 2009 Crumb Warping:

Creative Use of Left Over Yarns

Sunday March 8, 2009 Beginning Weaving Part 3 of 4

Sunday March 15, 2009 Tatting

Saturday March 21, 2009 Wet Felted Slipper Class

Sunday March 22, 2009 Beginning Weaving Part 4 of 4

Saturday March 28, 2009 Sumptuous Silk Part 1 of 2

Sunday March 29, 2009 Wool Drying Basket **or**

a Magazine/Knitting Basket

### April

Saturday April 4, 2009 Sumptuous Silk Part 2 of 2

Sunday April 5, 2009 Beginning Weaving II Part 1 of 3

(Follow-Up to Beginning Weaving)

#### **April 6, 2009 Guild Meeting**

Saturday April 18, 2009 Painting Roving for Predictable Yarns

Sunday April 19, 2009 Beginning Weaving II Part 2 of 3

Saturday April 25, 2009 Rib basket

Sunday April 26, 2009 Beginning Weaving II Part 3 of 3

### May

#### **May 4, 2009 Guild Meeting**

Saturday May 9, 2009 Market Basket

Friday May 22 Loom Controlled Shibori Part 1 of 3 and

Saturday May 23 Loom Controlled Shibori Part 2 of 3 and

Sunday May 24, 2009 Loom Controlled Shibori Part 3 of 3

### June

#### **June 1, 2009 Guild Meeting**

Saturday June 6, 2009 Distaff Day in Winchester

**Check the website for further dates to be announced**

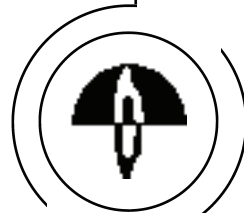
The OVWSG welcomes suggestions for workshops!

Please e-mail us about the workshops that you would like to

take: [workshops@ovwsg.com](mailto:workshops@ovwsg.com)



# The Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild



## Course Schedule

February 2009

To May 2009

Contact us at: [info@ovwsg.com](mailto:info@ovwsg.com) (general) or

[workshops@ovwsg.com](mailto:workshops@ovwsg.com)

Our Web site: [www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com)

## About our Guild

Founded in 1949 as a collective for weavers, the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinner's Guild (OVWSG) has grown into a dynamic association of fibre artists – including weavers, spinners, dyers, felters, basket-makers and knitters.

The members of the OVWSG meet monthly in the Art Gallery at Heartwood House, 153 Chapel Street (Rideau Street entrance).

This year we will meet at 7:30 PM on

**January 5<sup>th</sup>,**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>,**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup>,**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>,**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>,**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
and **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Our Library opens at 5:00 PM on meeting days

**Guests are always welcome.**

The OVWSG is a federally incorporated\* non-profit, charitable organization that promotes and fosters the knowledge of, interest in, and appreciation of historic and contemporary fibre arts and encourages its membership to achieve a high aesthetic standard and technical expertise in hand-weaving, hand-spinning and other fibre arts.

\* Canada Corporations No. 086870-8

Heartwood House is also where we have our Resource Centre.

**The Resource Centre** includes our

**Library** – with the most extensive collection of materials on fibre arts in the province;

**Studio** – where we provide classes to the public, project space and equipment for members; and

**Collection of textile equipment:** looms and spinning wheels that we rent out to members.

OVWSG members enjoy the following privileges:

- **equipment rental**
- **library borrowing privileges**
- **an online discussion group**
- **an annual exhibition and sale**
- **a monthly newsletter**
- **monthly programs, and**
- **reduced fees for workshops and courses.**

Membership is \$30 per year Individual, \$45 Family (same address). After May 1/09 Membership will increase to \$40 individual/ \$65 Family (same address). Membership forms are available on our website or at our meetings.



**OVWSG gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa.**

## Courses and Workshops

Feb. 2009 May 2009

Please tick the box(es) for the workshop(s) that you want to take.  
Check the website for further dates to be announced  
[www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com)

### **Beginning Weaving Parts 1 to 4**

Dates: Part 1: Sunday February 1, 2009  
Part 2: Sunday February 15, 2009  
Part 3: Sunday March 8, 2009  
Part 4: Sunday March 22, 2009

Time: 10am-4pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Judith Rygiel

Cost: \$180.00 members, \$220.00 non-members

Materials fee: \$10

### **Japanese Braiding - Introduction to Kumihimo**

Date: Sunday February 8 2009

Time: 11am-4pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members

Materials fee: \$10

Start with a 16 strand spiral braid and progress to a square braid and more decorative types. Traditional methods, equipment uses and brief history will be covered as well as modern methods. Excellent for embellishing other fibre works.

### **Introduction to Spinning**

Date: Saturday February 28 2009

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members

Materials fee: \$12

Beginners will learn to spin and ply wool fibre on a handspindle. Materials include fibre, spindle and instruction booklet.

### **Crumb Warping: Creative Use of Left Over Yarns**

Date: Saturday March 7 2009

Time: 10:00am-3pm

Level: all

Instructor: Judith Rygiel

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members

Materials fee: \$TBA

A warping class on using yarns you don't know why you bought that are stuck in the bottom of your stash pile. What to think about when mixing fibres. A great way to use up odd, Weird, or just plan unsightly yarns to make something wonderful!

### **Tatting**

Date: Sunday March 15, 2009

Time: 9:30am-4:30pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Gertrude Thibeault

Cost: \$60 members, \$70 non-members

Materials fee: Supply list provided at registration

This hands-on class teaches students the basics of tatting with a shuttle. Students will also learn how to tat with a ball and shuttle, with two shuttles to make a chain and read a pattern. Finally, students will learn how to block their work and how to stitch on edging. Discussion will take place as to where tatting could be incorporated as embellishments.

### **Wet Felted Slipper Class**

Date: Saturday March 21, 2009

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Ann McElroy

Cost: \$50 members, \$60 non-members

Materials fee: \$20

Come make your own custom fitted felt slippers from loose wool no knitting or crocheting in your choice of colours. You will go home with a pair of slippers a custom pattern and written instructions.

### **Sumptuous Silk: A two day workshop**

Date: Saturday March 28 and

April 4, 2009

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Level: Intermediate

Instructor: Judith Rygiel

Cost: \$80 members, \$100 non-members

Materials fee: \$40

Sumptuous Silk: A two day workshop featuring the history of silk weaving, different types of silk yarns, weave constructions which enhance the unique properties of silk, and basic silk dyeing. Students will be weaving samples with different types of silk. Looms required.

### **Wool Drying or a Magazine/Knitting Basket** (please specify which basket you wish to make on your registration form.)

Date: Sunday March 29, 2009

Time: 9:00am-4:30pm

Level: Beginner. No previous experience necessary.

Instructor: Laurie Harkin-Chiasson

Cost: \$65 members, \$80 non-members

Materials Fees: \$ 40.00

Your choice - they are the same style, just different dimensions) These baskets have 4 wooden feet, raising them off the ground. The Wool drying = 11" x 11" base with 2 side handles. The Mag./ Knit = 7" x 14" base with 1 large wood handle. You will have all material provided including some dyed reed, to decorate your basket as you wish.

### **Beginning Weaving II**

Follow-Up to Beginning Weaving. Plan and weave a project of your choice on a floor loom.

Date: Part 1: Sunday April 5, 2009

Part 2: Sunday April 19, 2009

Part 3: Sunday April 26, 2009

Time: 11:00am-4:00pm

Level: Beginner. No previous experience necessary.

Instructor: Mary Morrison

Cost : \$110 members/\$140 non-members.

Materials cost: TBA

### **Painting Roving for Predictable Yarns**

Date: Saturday April 18, 2009

Time: 9:30am-4:30pm

Level: Beginner.

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

Cost: \$60 members, \$70 non-members

Materials Fee: TBA

Paint wool roving with acid dyes to create predictable colour placement in your spun yarn. Topics include: sampling to estimate stripe length, planning colours, calculating dye amounts, acid dye techniques.

### **Rib basket** Basic basketry techniques to make a melon or fanny style basket

Date: Saturday April 25, 2009

Time: 9:00am-4:30pm

Level: Beginner. No previous experience necessary.

Instructor: John Toft

Cost: \$65 members, \$80 non-members

Materials Fees: \$ 12.00

### **Market Basket** A square or rectangular bottom basket of flat reed.

Level: Beginner. No previous experience necessary.

Date: Saturday May 9, 2009

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Instructor: John Toft

Cost: \$65 members, \$80 non-members

Materials Fees: TBA

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All Courses and workshops are held in our Resource Centre at Heartwood House, 153 Chapel Street (at Rideau), Ottawa, ON (Enter through the Rideau Street entrance – Intercom Code 1002).

Please make cheques payable to "OVWSG". Please make a separate cheque for each course, dated one (1) week before the course. Materials Fees are payable to the instructor. Please do not include them in your course fee cheque.

Please bring a lunch/snack and drink. There are also several restaurants close to Heartwood House

**The OVWSG reserves the right to cancel workshops and provide a full refund.**

### **Loom Controlled Shibori**

Date: Friday May 22 and

Saturday May 23 and

Sunday May 24,

Level: intermediate

Time: 7pm-9pm (Friday)

9:30am-4:30pm (Saturday and Sunday)

Instructor: Ellen Good

Cost: \$110 members, \$130 non-members

Materials Fee: \$15, plus yarns

**This 2 day and one evening workshop** explores the exciting technique of "Loom Controlled Shibori", a loom assisted dye technique which allows for the creation of colourful, freeform designs in the woven material.

During weaving separate sturdy weft yarns are laid into the woven material according to a pattern. After the piece is taken off the loom these wefts are pulled and tied which causes the material to gather in tight folds. When the weaving is dyed the dye does not penetrate into the folds. After dyeing, the Shibori ties are cut, the gathers are smoothed out and the design is revealed.

Using cotton, rayon, tencel, or silk each student will warp a loom and weave samples exploring different weave structures.


Both warp and weft Shibori will be covered. Samples will be cut off, gathered, and dyed with direct application of fibre reactive dyes. Immersion dyeing with fibre reactive dyes and other dyeing methods will also be presented.

A basic understanding of weaving is necessary.

Students will be sent instructions on winding a warp to bring to class as well as a supply list before the class.

Material fee for dyes: \$15

Yarn will be available for purchase on an individual basis.

For Public transit information to the OVWSG at Haertwood house **153 Chapel Street** (at Rideau), Ottawa, please see the OC- Transpo Website [http://www.octranspo.com/intro\\_trip\\_planner.htm](http://www.octranspo.com/intro_trip_planner.htm)  
Heartwood House is on Bus Routes  2, 7, 14, 15, 18, 305, 306 and 316.

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