

## About our Guild

The OVWSG is a federally incorporated\* non-profit 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.

Founded in 1949 as a collective for weavers, the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinner's Guild (OVWGS) 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).

The Resource Centre at Heartwood House includes our

- Library** – with the most extensive collection of materials on fibre arts in the province;
- Studio** – where we provide classes, 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 \$40 individual/  
\$65 Family (same address).  
Membership forms are on our  
website or at our meetings.

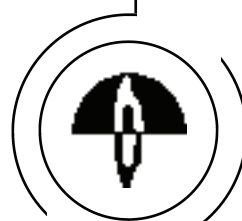


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support of the City of Ottawa.

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

# The Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild



## Course Schedule

September 2009

To April 2010

### Calendar

#### November 2009

- 2 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)
- 8 (Sun) Felted Slippers (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 14 (Sat) Introduction to Spinning (10:30am-3:30pm)
- 15 (Sun) Basket Tray (1:30am-4:30pm)
- 21 (Sat) Intro to Inkle (10:00pm-3:00pm)
- 22 (Sun) Sewing Basket Part 1 (9:00am-4:00pm)
- 28 (Sat) Rigid Heddle weaving (10:00am-3:00pm)
- 29 (Sun) Sewing Basket Part 2 (9:00am-4:00pm)

#### December 2009

- 5 (Sat) Intro to Spinning (10:30am-3:30pm)
- 7 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)
- 12 (Sun) Wheel Spinning (10:30am- 3:30pm)

#### January 2010

- 4 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)
- 10 (Sun) Intermediate Weaving part 1 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 16 (Sat) Gaining Control (10am-4pm)
- 17 (Sun) Intermediate Weaving part 2 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 23 (Sat) Intermediate Inkle Weaving (10:30am- 4:30)
- 24 (Sun) Intermediate Weaving part 3 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 30 (Sat) Painting Roving (9:30am- 4:30pm)
- 31 (Sun) Intermediate Weaving part 4 (10:00am-4:00pm)

#### February 2010

- 1 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)
- 6 (Sat) Beginning Weaving 2 part 1 of 3 (11:00am-4:00pm)
- 7 (Sun) Colour Part 1 day1 of 2 (9:30am - 4:30pm)
- 13 (Sat) Beginning Weaving 2 part 2 of 3 (11:00am-4:00pm)
- 20 (Sat) Beginning Weaving 2 part 3 of 3 (11:00am-4:00pm)
- 21 (Sun) Intro to Spinning (10:30am-3:30pm)
- 28 (Sun) Colour Part 1 Day 2 of 2 (9:30am - 4:30pm)

#### March 2010

- 1 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)
- 6 (Sat) Pin Cushion (1:00pm-4:00pm)
- 7 (Sun) Beginning Weaving 1 part 1 of 4 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 13 (Sat) Rigid Heddle weaving (10:00am-3:00pm)
- 14 (Sun) Beginning Weaving 1 part 2 of 4 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 27 (Sat) Wheel Spinning (10:30am- 3:30pm)
- 28 (Sun) Beginning Weaving 1 part 3 of 4 (10:00am-4:00pm)

#### April 2010

- 3 and 4 Easter weekend**
- 10 (Sat)** 10 Polymer Clay Buttons (9:30am - 4:30pm)
- 11 (Sun) Beginning Weaving 1 part 4 of 4 (10:00am-4:00pm)
- 12 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)

#### May 2010

- 3 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)

#### June 2010

- 7 (Mon) Meeting OVWSG 7.00pm (Library at 5pm)

## Courses and Workshops

Please tick the box(es) for the workshop(s) that you want to take. Check the website for further dates to be announced at our website: [www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com)  
All Courses and Workshops are run at Heartwood House, 153 Chapel Street. (use the Rideau Street entrance) there is a ring code by the door for OVWSG. We are on the second floor. There is an elevator available to assist you if you would prefer. Please bring a lunch/snack and drink. There are also several restaurants close to Heartwood House.

### Weaving

#### Beginning Weaving: Parts 1 to 4

*Create a fabric! Learn the basics of setting up and weaving on a loom, including colour-blending of yarn, how to read and interpret a weaving pattern and how to plan a project.*

*Table looms are provided, subject to a refundable deposit fee*

Dates: Part 1: Sunday March 7, 2010  
Part 2: Sunday March 14, 2010  
Part 3: Sunday March 28, 2010  
Part 4: Sunday April 11, 2010

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Mary Morrison

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

Materials fee: \$15

#### Beginning Weaving II

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

Date: Part 1: Saturday February 6, 2009  
Part 2: Saturday February 13, 2009  
Part 1: Saturday February 20, 2009

Time: 11:00am-4:00pm

Level: Beginner. No previous experience necessary.

Instructor: Mary Morrison

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

Materials cost: TBA

For Public transit information to the OVWSG at Heartwood 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 7, 12, 14, 15, and 18



See inside for more courses



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### Weaving continued

#### Intermediate Weaving: Parts 1 to 4

*Learn to create unique patterns with some of the most favorite two block weave constructions. Students will initially explore traditional forms of Summer and Winter, Monk's Belt and Bronson Lace. Using a short hand writing form for weaving design, called a profile draft, they will then create their own unique versions of these weaves in order to construction modern fabrics. Students should be able to dress a loom independently. Looms provided.*

Date: Part 1: Sunday January 10, 2010  
Part 2: Sunday January 17, 2010  
Part 3: Sunday January 24, 2010  
Part 4: Sunday January 31, 2010

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Judith Rygiel

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

Materials Fee: TBA

#### Introduction to Rigid Heddle Weaving

*Students will learn the basics of weaving on the Rigid Heddle Loom while weaving a scarf in plain weave. More advanced techniques will be demonstrated and discussed.*

Date: Saturday March 14 2010

Time: 10:00am -3:00pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

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

Materials Fee: approximately \$20

#### Introduction to Inkle Weaving

*Learn how to set up and weave on an Inkle Loom, which will create narrow bands, ideal for straps and trims. Design will be discussed, notes provided will allow you to explore further on your own.*

Date: Saturday November 21, 2009

Time: 10:00am -3:00pm

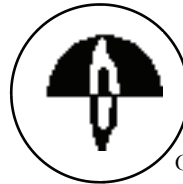
Level: Beginner

Instructor: Jan Scott

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

Materials Fee: \$5

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#### Intermediate Inkle Weaving

*Bored with plain bands? Try picot, pickup, fringes, weaving with wire, and more on the inkle loom.*

Date: Saturday January 23, 2010

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

Level: Must be able to set up inkle loom and weave a plain band .

Instructor: Jan Scott

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members Materials Fee: \$10

### Spinning

#### Introduction to Spinning

*Beginners will learn to spin and ply wool fibre on a handspindle.*

Date: Saturday December 5, 2009 OR Sunday February 21, 2010

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Level: beginner

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

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

Materials Fee: \$12 (include fibre, spindle and instruction booklet).

#### Wheel Spinning

*Move from the spindle to the wheel. Must be able to spin and ply on a spindle. Wheels provided or you can bring your own.*

Date: Saturday December 12, 2009 OR Saturday March 27, 2010

Time: 10:30am to 3:30pm

Level: intermediate

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members Materials Fee: \$10

#### Gaining Control

*You have learned to spin and ply on the wheel, now take control and learn to make the yarns you want. Techniques to control twist from kinky to soft and diameter from lace to rugs. Drafting techniques to control a variety of fibres.*

Date: Saturday January 16, 2010

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Level: Intermediate

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

Cost: \$50 members, \$60 non-members Materials Fee: \$10

### Dyeing

#### Painting Roving for Predictable Yarns

*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.*

Date: Saturday January 30, 2010

Time: 9:30am-4:30pm

Level: Beginner.

Instructor: Elizabeth Watt

Cost: \$60 members, \$70 non-members Materials Fee: TBA

### Felting

#### Wet Felted Slipper Class

*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.*

Date: Sunday November 8, 2009

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Ann McElroy

Cost: \$50 members, \$60 non-members Materials fee: \$20

#### Needle Felted Pin Cushion

*Learn the basics of needle felting and make a pincushion of your own design.*

Date: Saturday March 8, 2010

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Instructor: Ann McElroy

Cost: \$35 members, \$45 non-members Materials: \$7

### Basketry

#### Basket Tray

*Make a tray with a basket edging while learning beginning basket making techniques (note course start time)*

Date: Sunday November 15, 2009

Time: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: John Toft

Cost: \$35 members, \$45 non-members Materials Fee: \$20

#### Sewing Basket

*Make a rattan cane sewing basket using the English stake and strand method of weaving. No experience necessary.*

Date: Sunday November 22, 2009

and Sunday November 29, 2009

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Level: Beginner

Instructor: John Toft

Cost: \$110 members, \$130 non-members Materials Fee: \$20

### Colour Theory

#### Colour Theory and its Application to Textiles Part 1

*Through lectures on colour theory and practical exercises the students will familiarize themselves with the many fascinating elements of colour as it applies to textiles.*

**NB part 2 will be offered in Fall 2010**

Dates: Sunday Feb. 7, 2010 and Sunday Feb. 28, 2010

Time: 9:30 - 4:30 both days

Instructor: Mandy Heggveit

Cost: \$120 members, \$140 non-members Materials Fee: TBD

### Polymer Clay

#### Polymer Clay Buttons

*Can't find just the right buttons for your handspun/handwoven projects? Learn the basics of working with Polymer Clay while designing your own unique buttons.*

Date: Saturday April 10, 2010

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Instructor: Christine Turnbull

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

Materials Fee: approximately \$6

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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". Make a separate cheque for each course, dated one (1) week before the course. Materials Fees are payable to the instructor. 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.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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