

# 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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The early snowfall this year has me thinking ahead to the holidays — to getting the house ready and to finishing many of the projects I hope to have wrapped under the tree by Christmas Eve.

For those of you looking for interesting new fibre, equipment, or inspiration from a new (or old) publication, look no further than our Rosepath Auction on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. An amazing array of goods — from the practical to the whimsical to the bizarre — will be up for auction. Homemade preserves will sit alongside woven goods, piles of books, baskets, and all kinds of fibres to tempt spinners and weavers. The cups in front of popular items will overflow with little numbered tickets while other cups will be more modestly filled. A live auction for the bigger items then follows the (not so) silent auction.

This event provides a perfect opportunity to donate some of your own stash or little-used equipment to the auction. Bring your donation before the meeting starts on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. That way you can clear your spinning/weaving/crafting area in time to find just what you're looking for to fill the empty space and complete your holiday projects!

The end of a year and the beginning of a new one provides a perfect opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helps make this Guild such a success. I continue to be amazed by the generosity long-term members show to new members learning these ages-old crafts. I am amazed by the how generous members are in offering their time and energy to promote the Guild and our work. And I am amazed by how much a volunteer-run not-for-profit organization like ours can accomplish. Thank you.

Happy holidays! May there be a special bundle of fibre, a new tool, or an intriguing new pattern for you this year, and may you find time to work on the projects you love.

Moira White

### Meeting Info

#### ***This month's meeting:***

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at  
7.30pm

***Program:*** Rosepath Auction,  
Equipment Auction

#### ***Next meeting:***

Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm

## Announcements

Heartwood news:

A reminder that visitors are welcome to park in the back lot after 4:00p.m. every day.

Please don't leave the upstairs kitchenette unattended. Unfortunately someone just left it unattended and the food in the microwave caught on fire causing smoke in the hall. Please don't use the microwave. It will be cleaned in the morning.

And please, please, never leave a microwave unattended at any time.

Please do not leave the stairwell door ajar that is located beside the Heartwood Hub. Salem has found it ajar three times in the last week which leaves us vulnerable to theft.

Please also make certain that visitors exit through the front door and not by the Heartwood Hub stairwell.

Many thanks, Moe

## General announcements

### December Meeting Program

#### **Rosepath Auction:**

Traditionally, at our December meeting, we have the **Rosepath Auction (actually a draw)** where members buy envelopes of bidding numbers to put in small tubs beside articles that they hope to win. (Same price of **\$3.00 / envelope** this year.) Near the end of the evening, we draw a number from each tub to see who the lucky winners are.

Please bring new or gently used items in good condition that you would like to donate for our Rosepath event. The more interesting items we have, the more fun it is! Proceeds will go towards new equipment for our guild.

#### **Live Auction:**

##### **45" Leclerc Mira Loom:**

This year, we have more equipment and supplies donated to us for our fundraising activities.

Our biggest item is a **45" Nilus Leclerc loom**, with 4 shafts, from a guild member who we lost last June from cancer. It is in good working condition and comes with reeds, a regular shuttle and a rag shuttle. It has been handed down from grandmother to daughter to grandson's wife, so it has been cared for in one family.

Also there is a **45" Leclerc Fanny Loom** and a smaller **Fold-up Loom**.

### Antique Skein Winder:

This lovely upright skein winder is just under 3 feet tall, is quite old and in very good condition.

**Skein Swift:** Solid good wooden swift. Portable and collapsible.

A **traditional spinning wheel** – possibly an Ashford.

### Indian Head Spinner

**Warping boards, tapestry frames, smaller weaving and spinning equipment and some beautiful baskets.** There are also some **weaving and colour design books**.

### Yarns:

We also have numerous **wool yarns** for weaving and knitting; full cones of **cotton yarns** of various colours and thicknesses; **festive novelty yarns** with sparkle, slubs and inclusions, in time for holidays; and yarns of mixed fibre contents.

Ruth



## January Meeting Program

The Creative Process, an illustrated panel discussion with guild members Deborah Margo, Jan Scott, Jean Sharp and Natalie Shumovsky sharing their various approaches to the creative process.

## Welcome New Members!

Zabrina Bielaskie  
Kathy Bond  
Luc Lafontaine  
Kate Sullivan  
Michelle Godbout  
Anne-Marie Guerin  
Linda Arseneau  
Wendy Silverthorn-Duggan  
Wendy Abdi  
Margaret Cooper  
Nicole Cooper  
Deborah Newhook - FAMILY with Robyn and Ron  
Newhook

## Announcements from Coordinators

### Studio

#### Studio Looms Reservations

Reminder to members, these looms are available for your use! There are a few looms available in the new year, both 4 and 8 harness looms.

Members may reserve a loom for 3 months, at no charge.

Contact [studiomanager@ovwsg.com](mailto:studiomanager@ovwsg.com) for availability etc.

### Workshops

The 2019 workshop schedule has been out since November 3rd and registrations are coming in at a good rate. There are several ways to access the new schedule:

1. Jan made a printed flyer with titles and dates sorted by category. These are available in the Studio and a copy is posted outside the Studio.
2. Jan produced a beautiful printed catalogue. One copy lives in the Studio, the other in the demo bin. You can peruse it at your leisure any time the Studio is accessible.
3. Full descriptions of each workshop are posted on our website. They are sorted by category and listed in date order. <http://www.ovwsg.com/workshops/> Some workshops are posted in more than one category (e.g. Colour Theory 1, Dye the Colour Wheel, A Textile Sample Book) if they could appeal to more than one discipline.

4. You can also access workshop listings through the Calendar on the website. To look at January 2019 go to <http://www.ovwsg.com/new-calendar/> and use the arrows to get to January. On a computer, hovering over a title will bring up the description and location; clicking on a title in the calendar will take you to the listing. On a tablet or phone tapping the title will show you the description but may not take you to the full listing - instead go to the workshop category page and find the full description there.

Each listing gives you full information on the workshop. It also tells you how many spaces are left. A workshop needs 4 students to allow it to run, so if the Class size minus the number of spaces left equals 4 or more it's good to go. As workshops become full the registration widget is replaced with a link to the waitlist form. I track these as they come in, if there is enough interest and I can arrange for the instructor and a suitable space I will try to create a by request session of popular workshops so filling in that form is valuable. It also means that if you find you have to cancel for any reason it is important to let me know as soon as possible as I might have someone else who wants your spot.

If you are on Facebook please share the events that Kelly creates to advertise our workshops. This has been very successful in filling our workshops. Many of our January workshops already have enough students to allow them to run, but all have spots. These titles are running in January:

Intro to Inkle Loom  
Pine Needle Basket  
Needle Felted Sheep  
Spinning 1 - Spindle  
Spinning on a Spindle/Quill Wheel  
Dye the Colour Wheel  
Colour Theory 3 Put it into Practice

February 2, and 3 we have a Guest Instructor, Diane Gonthier, presenting 2 days on Spinning Exotic Fibres. Diane is an OHS Master Spinner and has been a member of our Guild in the past.

Elizabeth Watt  
Workshops Registrar

## Library

Tis the time of last-minute Christmas projects so come check out the library for inspiration. Or some unobtrusive hints to the family of what you might like. If you leave a book about spinning wheels on your pillow and occasionally in other prominent spots around the house even the most unobservant may get the hint! Deep sighs while reading said book may also help!

The library should be open for your perusal by 9am the Monday of the meeting (please check Facebook; I will post as soon as I have arrived). Don't forget to bring back your library items. If you can't make the meeting contact the librarians and see if you can extend your loans to the next meeting (if they are not requested it should be fine). The library will close at 7:15pm please bring your books in as early as you can so that we can have enough time to pack up and attend the meeting too! December meetings are not to be missed!!!

We have graciously been given a copy of Weaving Batern Blend, My Own Journey by the author, Margaret Franklin. She was selling her book at the co-op booth. If you didn't get to see it you can check out the library copy and then you might want to order one of your own from Margaret. If you are interested in

multi-harness weaving you will want to check this out.

The Library request list produced a request that is already on the acquisition list (so it's good to know we are looking for the right things!) and a technology request. We have been focusing on the Digital DVD's to allow us to get you more options for a better price. We do have some DVD's that will play in recent DVD players, even some of the digital ones will play in players with the upgraded codex packs. The manufacturer suggests that digital DVDs play best with the VLC player which is a free downloadable program and on computer. Unfortunately many laptops no longer come with an internal DVD player so an external DVD player is required. They have dropped to under \$50.00 and can be acquired from computer stores like Best Buy or Canada Computer. Check Black Friday or Boxing Day sales for the best prices. The librarians have considered getting an external DVD player but if you don't have a UPS port this may not be the right option. We can set you up to view the DVDs on the guild laptop with headphones. You could watch them at a social, the Monday of the meeting during the day, Tuesdays that the Tuesday weavers are there or contact the librarians so we can arrange another day. With changing technology we are investigating other possible loan options and will keep you informed if we find something that seems viable.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and a warm cozy Solstice!

From all your Librarians

P.S. Remember to bring dry footwear to wear in the studio and the meeting room!

## Events

### **Spin-in at la Cabane en Bois Rond**

Our Spin-in at Ferme Moore was so well received we decided to do it again. Some of you may know the Ferme fell on hard times and declared bankruptcy, so being an agile bunch we found an alternate location that will not only meet our needs, but surpass them.

Please join us at la Cabane en Bois Rond, 331 Cite des Jeunes in Gatineau, Quebec (Hull sector) for a day of spinning or any other fibre-filled activity. The Cabane is a massive log construction that backs onto the Gatineau Park. Our room has views of the park from nearly all the windows.

The date is Saturday, January 19, 2019 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. We have twenty vendor spaces available on a first come first served basis at \$20.00 per table. If you can't make it as vendor we encourage you to provide business cards for the admissions desk, or donate a door prize.

Coffee is available on site. You can bring a lunch, order in, or take advantage of nearby restaurants. We ask that you respect the beauty of this facility and keep it tidy. The Cabane backs onto the Gatineau park and some members might like to take a walk, ski, or snowshoe for a while along the paths.

There is easy access for people with mobility challenges and for vendor unloading and loading.



Parking is free and there is loads of it.

La Cabane en Bois Rond is easy to get to from Ottawa! Just a drive across any of the bridges and along main arteries. Check out the facebook events page for the map. We look forward to seeing you.

For enquiries please contact Bernadette Quade at [bquade@pixelgraphstudio.com](mailto:bquade@pixelgraphstudio.com) or [demo@ovwsg.com](mailto:demo@ovwsg.com) or Denise Knebel at [msecone@gmail.com](mailto:msecone@gmail.com).

## Wabi Sabi

For the month of December, Wabi Sabi will be selling Anita's Silkworm Pod Jewelry and Cable-spun Laces. Light up a frosty evening or New Year's Eve with glowing LED earrings!

Locally made, hand-dyed silk pod earrings and pendants make unique Christmas gifts for yourself or someone you love. Color-changing LED earrings, candle-flicker LED earrings and no-LED earrings and pendants are available.

Anita's Hand-spun 100% linen laces in bright colors make unique stocking stuffers as funky shoelaces, friendship bracelets or to use as decorative trim. They are made using a cable-ply spinning technique featured in Ply Magazine, as taught by OVWSG's Elizabeth Watt.

Your purchase will help fund a portable spinning wheel with carry case for the OVWSG equipment rental program. This will make wheel rental available for those with reduced strength/mobility or who rely on public transport, and increase the selection of wheels available for guild members. Wabi Sabi is located at 1078 Wellington St West, Ottawa K1Y 2Y3.



## Early New Year - Workshop Reminders

Pine Needle Basketry – Sunday Jan. 20, 10:00 – 4:00 in the Guild studio.

Beginning Weaving – Sat. Feb. 9, 16, 23 and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 – 4:00 in the Guild Classroom

For full details go to [www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com) Tab Workshops – Weaving or Basketry

## Fun Stuff

Pat MacDonald sent me a photo of what she's been working on lately: Eco Printing! Looks like fun!



## November Program

Krystyna Sadej, a Polish tapestry artist, presented a slide show of her works and exhibitions in Poland and Ottawa, and brought some of her works to show us.







## Show & Tell



# 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](mailto:marketplace@ovwsg.com) or [newsletter@ovwsg.com](mailto:newsletter@ovwsg.com)

## Kinnaird Farm fibre and sheepskin rugs, including:

- Various ready to spin roving:
  - “Birch” – white, 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
  - “Three Amigos” – a sampler of the above 3 rovings
- Fleece-raw, unwashed; white or grey
- Sheepskin Rugs – a superb gift for yourself or someone special

Many of these items can be viewed on our website [KinnairdFarm.ca](http://KinnairdFarm.ca). Find us on FB. Contact Kelly MacGregor of Kinnaird Farm by email: [KinnairdFarm@gmail.com](mailto:KinnairdFarm@gmail.com)

Loom for Sale: 36” Weavebird, 16 shaft Computer-Dobby loom in superb condition and includes:

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- Aprons and rods
- 12 dent stainless steel reed
- Inserted Eye Heddles
- 500 Additional Heddles
- 2 Lease Sticks
- 12 Pirns
- 1 Reed Hook

The loom as is, new, costs \$11,020 taxes included. Asking \$7,500. For further information contact [heggteit@rogers.com](mailto:heggteit@rogers.com) or 613-722-5039.



## For Sale:

Structo Loom

This loom has only 4 shafts of its possible 10 shafts.

\$300

Susan

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Christine Gagné



For Sale

Louet Horizontal Warping Mill/Yarn Blocker

Gently used as a Yarn blocker for hands-spun yarns only.

29" wide (33" including the stand), 24" high, 2 yards circumference. 4 blocking pegs and screws included.

I am not a weaver so have no info on how to use this nicely crafted piece of equipment.

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Ex and Sale photos



# November Meeting Minutes

## General Meeting Minutes

Monday November 5, 2018 Unitarian Meeting Room

**Meeting 7:30 pm. About 40 in attendance**

Chairs: Moira White / Natalie Shumovsky, President

- Moira welcomed all in attendance including two new members.
- After introducing the executive members she thanked the many volunteers organizing, setting up, unloading, cleaning, coordinating events and doing demos during the Ex and Sale. She also thanked Terry and Gord for helping with the OC Transpo sale going on at the same time.

## BUSINESS

- Workshop updates: Elizabeth debuted the 2019 online workshops, where about 30 are registered already. Check for new workshops added this year and she mentioned that 4 workshops have space still available in December.
- Exhibition and Sale Report: Jean Sharp reported that it was an excellent ex and sale, volunteers helped so much, had a good atmosphere with about 700 visitors. There was a draw for 2-\$50 certificates for workshops. She thanked all volunteers and is passing the torch for someone to take over next year.
- Community Booth at the Ex & Sale: Ruth Cooper wasn't around to give her report.
- Library: Jan Scott reported that there is one new book arrival and she will announce the title on social media.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Moira thanked Susan Allen for donating the new coffee makers to the Studio
- Announcement from Moe: Please don't leave the upstairs kitchenette unattended. Unfortunately someone did and the food in the microwave caught on fire causing smoke in the hall. And please, please, never leave a microwave unattended at any time make sure to pass along this information.
- Please let a member of the executive know if you have had any damage to cars when parked in the neighbourhood. A member said that her car was keyed when parked on the side street this spring.
- Asking again for Alison Rae Schwass, daughter of Kathleen, if any spinner or spinners would be available for a few hours on Sat., November 10. Alison is involved with a Guiding event, called "Revel for Rosie" at Lansdowne, from 2-6 p.m. and was hoping that someone might be able to come out to show the girls a little about spinning with spindles.  
Please respond to Alison (on Facebook or email: **Alison Schwass** <[twina76@hotmail.com](mailto:twina76@hotmail.com)>
- Rose path Auction – December meeting will have an auction where you donate items, and members can purchase a packet with your number on it. Then spread your numbers in cans beside items you want to win.
- Some equipment on auction as well.
- Moira thanked Marilyn for snacks at every meeting except December when members are asked to bring in some snacks.

## **PROGRAM**

Krystyna Sadej: Polish-Canadian tapestry and multimedia artist - Connections. Between Poland and Canada

Krystyna started a group of fibre artists in 2003 in Ottawa. She organized shows around the city and Polish artists also were invited for combination shows in various years. In 2008 she put on a show with only tapestry weaving, then making art with recycled items. In 2013 she did an exhibition in Poland. She has had shows up to 2018 and she makes her art with rescued material or recycled items as a dress made with video tapes. Krystyna presented photos of her works and the exhibitions.

## **BREAK - SHOW AND TELL**

- Jan Scott – slide show of the Ex and Sale
- Moira White – silk scarf
- Nancy Moynihan – hand spun and knit dog, hand knit scarf
- Carlene Paquette – felted work from a workshop
- Natalie Shumovsky – silk shawl

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting – **Monday, December 3, 2018.** 7:30 pm. Rosepath Auction