

# PENELOPE'S NEWS



October Edition 2021

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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Fall is a time of transitions— back to school, back to warm clothes, and back to heartier, comforting foods. I'm thinking ahead to Christmas with my weaving projects, although I'll admit that my output never quite matches my intentions!

By the time you read this, the guild will be transitioning in small steps. Natalie's sale will be over and our first workshops in 19 months will be ready to begin. We will be clearing out the extra equipment that has accumulated in the Studio so that we can once again be able to gather in small groups to weave, spin, and visit the library. We will carefully review feedback over the next few months and err on the side of caution. We want to protect our members, our guests, and our Heartwood House colleagues.

We are planning to gradually reopen over the next few months. To this end, the board passed a new policy on COVID-19. In line with public health guidelines and municipal and provincial regulations, it specifies that OVWSG members and visitors must show proof of vaccination and wear a mask while inside to participate in our informal and formal gatherings. This policy will be updated regularly and will be in place as long as needed. Please see the policy (page 3) for more detail.

During this gradual reopening, our monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually as will study groups. Many members have commented that they like attending meetings this way and like the variety of speakers that we are able to draw on. Others are more anxious to begin meeting in person again, so a hybrid model may allow the best of both worlds in the new year.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Monday's monthly meeting (October 4). I will send the link on Monday. In the meantime, I welcome any comments and suggestions.

Moir White [president@ovwsg.com](mailto:president@ovwsg.com)

## Meeting Info

This month's Zoom meeting:  
Monday, October 4, 2021.

**Program:** Amanda Carrigan,  
Natural Dyeing

October Executive Meeting:  
Monday October 18, 2021.

The next Zoom meeting will  
be Monday, November 8,  
2021.

## Message from the Editor

The newsletter is released on the Monday prior to the general meeting every month. A reminder that submissions are due by the end of day on the Friday prior to release. Submissions for the November newsletter are due on **October 22, 2021**.

Unfortunately, due to the current physical distancing protocols in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the use of ZOOM for our virtual meetings we are unable to take photographs for the newsletter. If anyone wishes to include a photo of their show and tell from the general meeting or a ZOOM social, please send them to [newsletter@ovwsg.com](mailto:newsletter@ovwsg.com) prior to the deadline.

The September Newsletter can be accessed at: <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/September-2021-Newsletter.pdf>

## General Announcements

### Natalie's Yarn Sale – October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Heartwood House

**Time:** By appointment between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Payment:** Cash, Interac, and cheques accepted.

OVWSG is selling yarn and a limited amount of weaving equipment (books, tools, dye pots, etc.) gifted by the late Natalie Shumovsky.

Due to COVID restrictions, we must limit the number of shoppers in Heartwood House at any one time. Appointments are being made on a first-come, first-served basis, in half-hour slots. Please indicate your first and second choice for time.

All shoppers must show proof of vaccination, must wear masks while inside shopping, and must provide contact information. Shoppers will have to remain outside the building until their appointment or until space becomes available (whichever is first).

Please bring shopping bags with you. We may limit the amount of goods any one shopper can buy.

**To book a shopping time**, please contact [president@ovwsg.com](mailto:president@ovwsg.com) with the following information:

- Name and contact information (a phone number is fine)
- Time slot requested (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00)

## Membership

Membership renewals can be done through SECURE ONLINE PAYMENT – go to [www.ovwsg.com](http://www.ovwsg.com) - Tab Membership – Click Join – 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

# OVWSG COVID-19 Policy

Policy	
	<p>The OVWSG is a service organization and as such has the moral and legal responsibility to protect the safety of anyone on its premises. Access to OVWSG premises, as to all other membership benefits, is a privilege that comes with conditions and responsibilities.</p> <p>In 2020, the world experienced an outbreak of the highly contagious and dangerous COVID-19 virus that soon was declared a pandemic. The purpose of this policy is for the OVWSG to do its utmost to protect members and guests from being infected with the virus while on OVWSG premises. Given the unpredictability of the pandemic this policy will be revised as needed to reflect changing circumstances and Government regulations.</p>
<b>Date of Effectiveness</b>	September 2021
<b>Procedures</b>	
<b>Entering Heartwood House</b>	Before gaining access to Heartwood House, OVWSG members and visitors must answer the COVID-19 questionnaire and commit to abide by Heartwood House Covid-19 protocols as required, including the wearing of face masks in all common areas.
<b>Entering and staying on OVWSG premises</b>	<p>OVWSG members and visitors attending meetings, workshops, and classes, renting equipment, borrowing publications, working on OVWSG equipment and participating in informal gatherings must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use hand sanitizer upon entering</li> <li>• show proof of vaccination</li> <li>• wear a mask while inside</li> <li>• provide contact information</li> <li>• maintain a two-metre distance from others if possible</li> </ul> <p>Individuals who are exempt from the vaccination obligation for medical reasons must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide a medical exemption certificate signed by physician and</li> <li>• provide a negative COVID-19 test that has been issued in the past three days.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Precautions</b>	Members and visitors must avoid sharing equipment, materials, and other common items while in the Studio and Classroom.
<b>Leaving OVWSG premises</b>	Members and visitors must wipe down all surfaces and equipment used and make sure that the premises are in the same condition as before entering.

## Updates from the Coordinators

### Upcoming Meeting Programs

At our October meeting, our guest speaker, Amanda Carrigan, will talk to us about natural dyeing. We will have a door prize for this meeting as well, also provided by Gist Yarn.

We are thrilled to have Gist Yarn as our sponsor for our September and October meetings. We hope you will show our gratitude and support them! [www.gistyarn.com](http://www.gistyarn.com)

Gist Yarn opened in 2017 to provide quality weaving yarns and fresh pattern ideas to weavers. They have grown into a team of five women who contribute to a thriving textile industry by working with fibre farmers, spinning mills, dye houses, weaving instructors, pattern designers, and brick and mortar yarn shops. Patterns for both rigid heddle and multi-shaft looms are featured. They also host a weekly podcast - Weave podcast - where those who make up all aspects of the weaving community come together and share stories and the threads that bind us together.

At our November meeting, we will be hosting Diane Taraz from Boston, Massachusetts, who will present "Top to Toe, the Natural History of Clothing". This is a fabulous production of song and storytelling about spinning, weaving, and sewing and how clothing has both responded to social issues and driven cultural movements throughout history.

For December, if we are still Zooming, we're planning to have a BINGO and equipment auction as we did for last year's meeting. Or if we're lucky enough to meet in person by then, we'll have our Rosepath and equipment auctions.

As for 2022, there are plans in the works, but we're waiting to see how COVID protocols evolve this fall before confirming details. Here's hoping we can soon meet in person once again.

Your program team,  
Josée Cochrane  
Joan Harrison  
Liane Thiry-Smith

The logo for Gist Yarn features the word "gist" in a large, lowercase, serif font. Below it, the word "YARN" is written in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font.

# Library

Our next Library Day will be **November 7, 2021.**

## Early Drop off options if you can't make November 7th :

- 1 Email [schedule@ovwsg.com](mailto:schedule@ovwsg.com) to arrange a drop off day at **Hartwood House's front desk.**
- 2 West end Drop off at **2370 Iris St.** (as I write this the Woodruff end of Iris is closed at the transitway).
3. Far south in **North Gower, 2452 Carsonby Rd. West.** Email first [shepherdessann@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdessann@gmail.com)
- 4 let the Librarians know at [library@ovwsg.com](mailto:library@ovwsg.com) that you will have **another guild member drop off** your books.

## Selecting Books:

Members in good standing may request 4 library items for the circulating part of the library. I find browsing the topics/subject list the most helpful when I am looking for something. However, we also have lists by Title, Author, More than 4 harness looms and of course a full list of all the issues of the different magazines we have in the Magazine list (just the title will occur in the subject list so check the magazine list for all the issues). You will find the Library Lists here under "Library Catalogue" <https://www.ovwsg.com/library/>  
If you would like to see the breakdown of topics we cover in our collection please browse this PDF. It will give you a list of the main topics and show you some of the sub-topics that may interest you.  
<https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019-OVWSG-Library-Topics.pdf>

## Requesting Books:

After browsing the numerous lists of the library collection please organize your request:

**Call number, Title, then Author.**

This will make it quicker for us to pull all the books for members. (This new distanced way of running the library is a lot more work for the Librarians and this one little thing make it a lot easier on us)

Email your Requested to [library@ovwsg.com](mailto:library@ovwsg.com) (this will go to both Jan and Ann).

We will email you back and let you know you have been added to the list of books to pull for this library day. If we have had multiple requests for the same book, or your request is due back the same day you want it, or it is missing from the shelf without permission (we do search to see if it was miss-shelved). We will let you know and may be able to offer an alternative until we can get you your requested items.

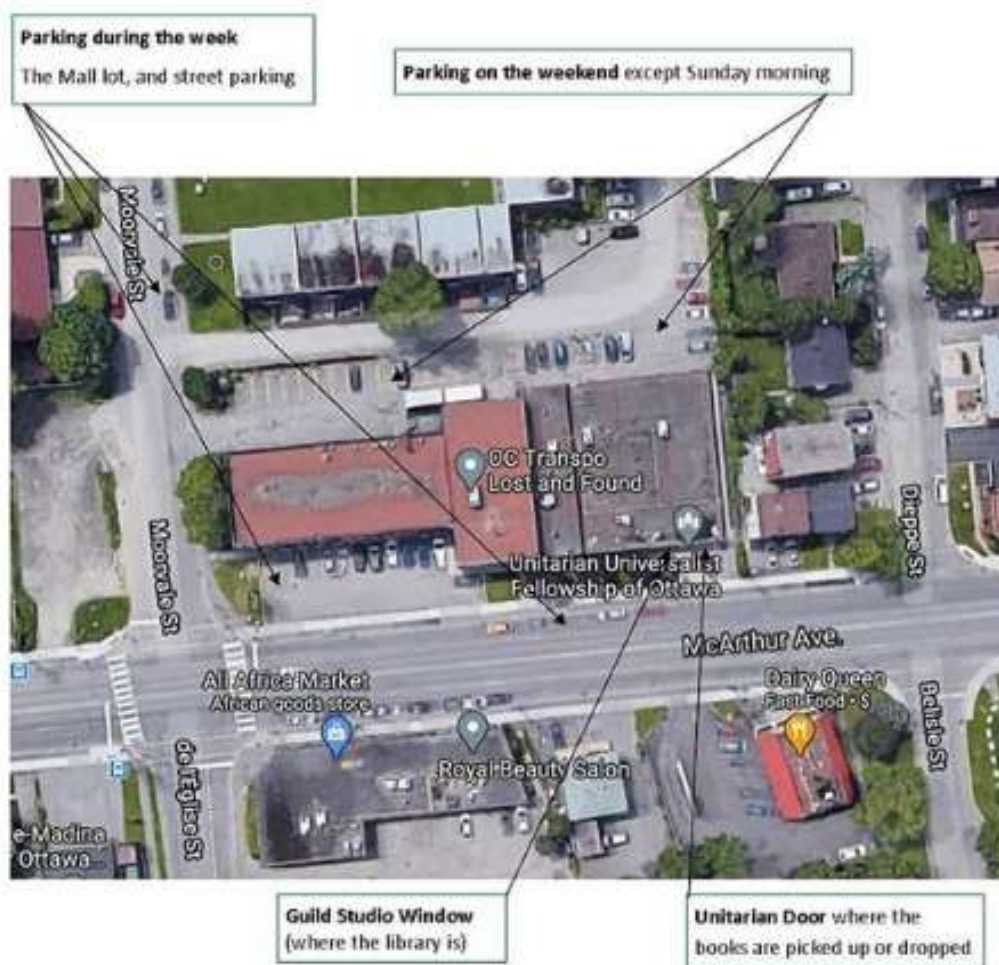
Remember to let us know if you need to have an alternate pickup option (see below *Optional pickup locations*) or if you need someone else to pick up your books with theirs.

## If Multiple members requesting the same book:

Since we have been seeing quite a bit of popularity for the same books, we have started a waiting list for some items. Because of this, it has been useful to have an alternate 5<sup>th</sup> option when you list your requests in case you have selected one of these very requested titles. We can also sometimes suggest an alternative if one of your books has not yet been returned or has been selected by someone else already (we will add you to the waiting list to get it on another library day).

## The Reference section:

Remember REF books are non-circulating and stay in the studio. Before covid they could be viewed in the studio; by appointment or at socials (when space allowed) and before the Monday meetings. Once we have permission from Hartwood house we will set up appointments to come in and use the reference section. We will keep you updated as we get more info. Hartwood house has been more cautious than the provincial guidelines so it may take a bit longer to get to see the reference books. (I am sure they are very lonely and would like to be viewed!)



1. Bring a sheet of paper with your NAME printed clearly in BIG letters.
2. Go to 404 McArthur Ave. It is across from the Dairy Queen. There is parking on McArthur Ave, in the little plaza at the east end of the building and behind the building.
3. Tap on the studio window. (It is the first set of windows after the foyer by the Unitarian door, at the west end of the building.) Hold up your sign so we can read it and match your name to your bag of books.
4. Once we have your books in hand, we will meet you at the Unitarian Door just west of the studio window.

Optional pickup locations after September 6<sup>th</sup> please indicate when you request your books if you need one of the other locations.

1. **Before November 7** Let the Librarians know at [library@ovwsg.com](mailto:library@ovwsg.com) that you want to pick up your books at **Heartwood House's front desk**. We will email back when your books are ready for pick up. Then you can Email [schedule@ovwsg.com](mailto:schedule@ovwsg.com) to arrange a Pickup day at the **Heartwood House front desk**. (When you arrive, tell the front desk workers your name and that you have Guild library books to pick up)
2. Email [library@ovwsg.com](mailto:library@ovwsg.com) **West end** pick up at **2370 Iris St.** (As I write this, the Woodruff end of Iris is closed at the transitway). Or **South of Ottawa** North Gower 2452 Carsonby Rd. West – Ann will give you information.

We look forward to seeing you, Your librarians



## Workshops

I hemmed and hawed a bit worrying about how the case counts would go but it seems we are low and stable here in Ottawa at least for now. I have scheduled 6 workshops in October and November in spinning and weaving. Once I see how those go I will add some felting ones for late November/early December.

You must provide proof of vaccination to attend workshops and wear a mask at all times in Heartwood House.

2105 Beginning Weaving with Judith Rygiel

2110 Acadian Weaving with Judith Rygiel

2106 Spinning 1 with Elizabeth Watt

2108 Spinning 2 with Elizabeth Watt

2109 Spinning 3 with Elizabeth Watt

2107 Beginning Rigid Heddle Weaving with Elizabeth Watt

The registration pages for these workshops should go live at 9am Wednesday Sept 29. First come, first served. They should show up on their category page but if they don't (because I'm the workshops registrar, not the web mistress/magician) you can find them by searching by their numbers.

<https://www.ovwsg.com/workshops/>

Elizabeth Watt,  
Workshops Registrar

## Heartwood House news

Heartwood House remains in a geographic hotspot. As a result, the front door is to remain locked at this time.

Please remember to continue to follow these COVID-19 safety measures:

- Email Elizabeth Watt [schedule@ovwsg.com](mailto:schedule@ovwsg.com) before attending the studio or classroom at Heartwood House. Elizabeth will administer the COVID health questionnaire and supply HH with the list of visitors.
- Everyone must continue to wear a mask in the hallways and all common areas at all times.
- Studio capacity is limited to 4 people and masks must be worn when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Bathrooms are limited to 1 person at a time.
- Visitors without appointments will be asked to wait in the front foyer until we can reach the member group to confirm the appointment. If we cannot reach you the visitor will be asked to leave.

Please don't use the front entrance unless it is necessary to transport materials into the building. If you are transporting materials into the building and you meet a visitor at the front door, please assist the person to use the intercom to call the front desk.

If you visit Heartwood House through the front entrance, use the intercom to alert staff that you have arrived. Press the black arrow then 100 and wait for reception to pick up, state your name and your purpose, and proceed when the door is unlocked.

# 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](mailto:marketplace@ovwsg.com)

**Kinnaird Farm** – [www.KinnairdFarm.ca](http://www.KinnairdFarm.ca)

- **Product photos can be viewed on website**
- Ready to spin roving in various natural colours, wool and wool-alpaca blends
- Fleece – raw wool fleece; some lovely grey yearlings still available
- Sheepskin Rugs
- Two-ply mill spun, natural white yarn, fine, 100 gram skeins
- 2021 lamb orders – thank you, once again we are SOLD OUT

Contact Kelly MacGregor for details: [KinnairdFarm@gmail.com](mailto:KinnairdFarm@gmail.com)



**Créations Christine**

Représentante d'Ashford Dealer

Pour plus d'information – For inquiries: 819-405-2007

[cgagne40@gmail.com](mailto:cgagne40@gmail.com)

Christine Gagné

## Books for sale:

Inge Dam, Tablet-woven Accents for Designer Fabrics (like new), \$28.00

Betty Lynn Davenport, Hands on Rigid Heddle Weaving (like new), \$15.00

Sarah Swett, Kids Weaving (very good), \$20.00

Peter Teal, Hand Woolcombing and Spinning, revised 2005 edition (very good), \$35.00



Contact: [marin.gouin@hotmail.com](mailto:marin.gouin@hotmail.com)

Paypal only, all sales final. Curbside pickup in Sandy Hill area of Ottawa.





### **Leclerc 45" 4 Shaft Fanny Counterbalance Loom**

I have moved from a house to an apartment and no longer have room for a floor loom. It's in excellent shape.

Purchased used from Camilla Valley Farm in 2019 (refurbished by Camilla Valley Farm in 2019).

Asking \$600. Pick up from downtown Ottawa.

Please call or text Nina at 705-470-6007 or email [ninaanderic@hotmail.com](mailto:ninaanderic@hotmail.com)

#### **Included:**

- New Aprons
- Leclerc Temple (from 23.5 to 37.5 inches)
- Wire heddles (plus extra)
- Lease Sticks
- Raddle
- 2 reeds, 10 dent and 12 dent
- Heddle hook
- 2 boat shuttles
- 78 Warp sticks
- Extra treddle cords
- Cone/tube holder (handmade)
- Seine Twine (one full cone and one ¾ full cone)



Back Beam folds for easier movement through doors (25-inch depth) and for storage.  
52.5 inches tall, 52.5 inches wide, 39 inches deep when open and 25 inches deep when closed.

### **For sale: Weaver's Bench \$250 OBO**

Solid wood. Wide comfortable seat. Convenient storage compartments. Like new. Handmade about 1975.

22.5"H, 34"L, 12.5"W



Contact [joanne.mitchell.426@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.mitchell.426@gmail.com) (Arnprior area)

### **For Sale: Ashford Wild Carder**

Assembled but never used.  
Asking \$500. Cash or e-transfer preferred  
Pick up in Barrhaven.  
Contact: Christine Turnbull

ONTARIO HANDWEAVERS AND SPINNERS CONFERENCE 2021: October 21-24

# FIBRES? NATURALLY!



Featuring

*Robyn Spady*

Robyn is the founder and editor of Heddlecraft® magazine along with being a weaver, teacher and fibre enthusiast. Robyn offers a wide variety of workshops, programs, and seminars. She is committed to turning the weaving world on to double-faced fabrics, four-shaft weaves, uncommon and advanced weave structures, and passementerie techniques. Join Robyn on the opening day of the conference with her workshops and keynote address, "Lessons I've Learned from my Loom".

## JURIED SHOW



Entries will reflect Natural Fibres, using all natural fibres and embracing their luxurious warmth, feel and drape, resisting the lure to synthetics. The Juried Show is open to all members of the OHS, including those residing outside Ontario, the OHS Board of Directors, and its Committees.

Open to all textile media including basketry, beading, braiding, felting, lace, paper making, spinning and weaving. Knitting and/or crocheting must be of at least 60% handspun yarn. Full details are posted on the OHS Conference website. More info: [reinouw@outlook.com](mailto:reinouw@outlook.com).

CONFERENCE WEBSITE: <https://pheedloop.com/ohsconference2021/site/>

## JOIN US FOR THE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

### Other topics include .....

- Introduction to Sprang
- Intermediate Spindle Spinning
- Bark Basketry
- Complex Looms & Multi Shaft Weaving
- Needle Felting
- Lace Weaving
- Photographing Textiles
- Simple Bark Basketry

### Conference Features .....

- Juried Show
- Virtual tours
- Evening Meet N'Greets
- Vendor Market
- Webinars
- Pre-conference OHS Weaving Certification: Unit 11

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Opened on May 1st, and will directly be done through the conference website.

Registration deadline is September 20th.

Check out the conference website periodically, for ongoing updates.

# Royal Ontario Museum Special Offer

## Save 15% off ROM Admission

[Buy your timed tickets online](#) and enter promo code: **OVWSG**

## The Cloth that Changed the World: India's Painted and Printed Cottons

On view through January 2, 2022

Made with novel cotton, vivid colours and exuberant design, the painted and printed cottons of India changed human history; they revolutionized art, fashion, and science wherever they went around the globe. Featuring pieces from the Museum's world-renowned collection, and several important international loans, this ROM-original exhibition explores how over thousands of years India's artisans have created, perfected and innovated these printed and painted multicoloured cotton fabrics to fashion the body, honour divinities, and beautify palaces and homes.

**What You Need to Know Before Your Visit:** We encourage you to visit [rom.on.ca](http://rom.on.ca) in advance of visiting to prepare for your visit. We're following the advice of public health authorities and making every effort to help ensure visits are enjoyable, entertaining and, above all, safe.

### Social media:

Twitter: @ROMtoronto

Instagram: @ROMtoronto

Exhibition: #ROMchintz

### Image Credit:

1. Woman's jacket. Made in coastal southeast India for the Dutch market; used in Hindeloopen, Friesland. Mordant-dyed and resist-dyed cotton, 18th century, 57.8 cm.

### LINKS:

Buy your tickets online

[https://www.rom.on.ca/en/visit-us/tickets-hours?utm\\_source=promo-partner&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_campaign=ROM](https://www.rom.on.ca/en/visit-us/tickets-hours?utm_source=promo-partner&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=ROM)

*The Cloth that Changed the World: India's Painted and Printed Cottons*

[https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/the-cloth-that-changed-the-world-indias-painted-and-printed?utm\\_source=promo-partner&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_campaign=chintz](https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/the-cloth-that-changed-the-world-indias-painted-and-printed?utm_source=promo-partner&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=chintz)

What you need to know before your visit: [rom.on.ca](http://rom.on.ca)

[https://www.rom.on.ca/en/visit-us/visitor-info/visitor-policies?utm\\_source=partner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=visitor-info](https://www.rom.on.ca/en/visit-us/visitor-info/visitor-policies?utm_source=partner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=visitor-info)



## Upcoming Events

### VANKLEEK HILL FIBRE FROLIC

Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3, 2021

10-4 each day, free admission

At the Creating Centre, 11 High Street (intersection of Main and Highway 34), Vankleek Hill, Ontario

We welcome you to the second edition of the Vankleek Hill Fibre Frolic, a mini festival that celebrates local fibre arts. This year, vendors include Les Belles Bouclettes, Karberry Farm, Holmebody Knits, Roots and Rain Yarns, Indigo Hill Dye Studio, and more! Door prizes each day, featuring donations from the vendors and from area businesses. Come spend a day connecting with fellow makers and taking in the local sights!

For more information, visit The Creating Centre Vankleek Hill on Facebook, at [www.creatingcentre.ca](http://www.creatingcentre.ca) or email Andrea at [indigo.hill.dye.studio@gmail.com](mailto:indigo.hill.dye.studio@gmail.com)

(Current Covid protocols apply)

### Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.

October 4-10, 2021

#### Register to participate in our Artist Studio Tours

<https://api.neonemails.com/emails/content/tpuCfDLzzC4Rwan-wcRd4YBTqmbHUaCa16MP7bfjFgM=>

The [Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. \(HGA\)](#) and our sponsor [Long Thread Media](#) are thrilled to offer 7 Artist Studio Tours as part of our Spinning & Weaving Week Celebration. Take a look inside the minds and workspace of these unique and varied artists. These studio tours will feature artists from all of our creative disciplines: weaving, spinning, dyeing, and basketmaking. All events are scheduled for Eastern Time Zone (ET). [Register](#).

#### Studio Tours with:

[Stephenie Gaustad](#) Monday, October 4, 2021, at 4:00 PM

[Jefferson University](#) w/ [Marcia Weiss & Becky Flax](#) Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM

[Teresa Bouchonnet](#) Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 5:30 PM

[Mary Zicafoose](#) Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 4:00 PM

[Suzanne Connors](#) Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 4:00 PM

[Jo Stealey](#) Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM

[Cathryn Amidei](#) Sunday October 10, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Registration is all-inclusive and gives you access to all 7-days of programming. Watch live or at your convenience. All sessions will be recorded and available on-demand to registered attendees for 90 days following Spinning & Weaving W

\$0 HGA Student Members

\$25 HGA Individual, Family & Professional Artist Members

\$50 Non-Members

# September Meeting Minutes

## June 2021 Meeting

Monday September 13, 2021, at 19:30 via Zoom

- Welcome from President, Moira White
- Introduction of executive, including the new chair Carmen Deschenes.
- Welcome to new member Stephanie and 2 guests Kiki and Christina

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Heartwood House no updates at this time, the first meeting since June will be happening on Wednesday. A COVID policy is in development.
- Update from new Membership Coordinator, Alex Nunn. Membership currently sits at 169 members (147 individual and 11 family).
- Next library day scheduled for October 3. Please try to return your books early to allow the librarians to get them out to the next requestee. Information on pick up and drop off included in the email blast to the membership and in the newsletter. Please check online at the OVWSG website for a list of all titles.
- Next Executive meeting is TBD. Email [president@ovwsg.com](mailto:president@ovwsg.com) for Zoom link.
- Update from Program Coordinator. The newsletter provides a list of what's up for the fall program. Please send ideas and suggestions to the Program team of Liane, Joan and Josee.
- Update from Workshops coordinator. In-person workshops will resume in October. Classes will be on the website soon. We will be starting with introductory spinning, and weaving. Any ideas for additional study groups or anyone wishing to lead one, please contact Elizabeth at [workshops@ovwsg.com](mailto:workshops@ovwsg.com).
- Rentals team is working on repairs to donated spinning wheels. A selection of wheels and a drum carder are in stock and available for rental. Contact [rentals@ovwsg.com](mailto:rentals@ovwsg.com) if you wish to borrow one.
- SAVE THE DATE: Saturday October 2 has been reserved for the sale of Natalie's fibres and supplies. The sale will be advertised to the guild first. Shopping will be by appointment only. Consists of primarily natural fibres (cotton, silk, and wool).
- Donated floor looms have been advertised in the newsletter. Please make us an offer. Any that have not sold by September 20 will be offered on Kijiji. Contact Moira or [info@ovwsg.com](mailto:info@ovwsg.com) if you are interested.
- Demos – we've been asked to provide demos at the Richmond Fair. Volunteers are needed. If you can attend, please email Klara.

### PROGRAM / SHOW AND TELL

Fibre Poker Reveals by Rebecca, Ann McElroy, Klara, Moira, Ann Sunahara, Kate, Jan, Bernadette, Rachel, Diane and Josee.

Winner of the Door Prize was Carlene Paquette

**NEXT MEETING** - Monday October 4, 2021 at 7:30 via ZOOM