

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."*

The guild gratefully acknowledges the funding that it receives from the City of Ottawa.

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President's Message

It's officially spring! The days are growing longer and brighter, shoots are appearing in my garden, and farmer's markets are reopening. This is such a hopeful season.

As we slowly reopen our physical space at the Guild, we will be following Heartwood House and public health guidelines. Heartwood House has lifted capacity limits but still requires masks to be worn in all public spaces and washrooms. Our executive has decided to uphold the masking requirement in our spaces as well for the near future. Everyone coming to the Guild is still required to answer the COVID questionnaire and to stay away if you feel sick or have any COVID symptoms.

To begin with, our Studio and Classroom will be open for certain events only: library days, pre-arranged weaving or spinning times, etc. We will publicize these events as they begin.

The 100-inch loom is fully set up and ready for its first warp. Several new looms are available for Studio weaving and several new spinning wheels are available to rent. Please contact schedule@ovwsg.com or rentals@ovwsg.com to arrange to use one of these.

However, until at least June, our monthly meetings will remain online. We hope to have a hybrid model beginning in the fall — we're working through the technology and equipment we'll need first. We love the fact that we've been able to have so many different guests for our Zoom meetings, and we want to continue that at least some of the time next year.

Meeting Info

This month's Zoom meeting:
Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:30 pm

Program: Canadian Wool

February Executive Meeting:
Monday April 18 @ 7:00 pm

The next Zoom meeting: Monday,
May 2, 2021.

Program: AGM & Fibre Poker

Speaking of next year, the Guild's fiscal year-end is only a month away. This means that our May meeting will be our AGM and with that, elections. Please consider volunteering in one of our many committees or on the board this coming year. If you are interested, contact president@ovwsg.com.

And finally, Natalie Shumovsky's family is planning a memorial service for her in June. For those of you who did not have the pleasure of meeting her, Natalie was our Chair last year until her untimely passing in February 2021. Her legacy to the Guild is a scholarship fund that will enable members to take workshops. Her family asks that anyone wanting to attend contact them ahead of time. Details are in this newsletter.

Our next executive meeting is Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend; please email president@ovwsg.com for the Zoom link.

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 April newsletter are due no later than **April 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 prior to the deadline.

The March Newsletter can be accessed at:

<https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/March-2022-Newsletter.pdf>

General Announcements

Membership

Membership renewals can be done through SECURE ONLINE PAYMENT – go to 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:

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Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to New Members

Danielle Dunleavy
Fiona Smith Hale
Cynthia Street
Sandi Street

Updates from Program Coordinators

Programs

The program team appreciates input from our guild members. If you have suggestions for guest speakers we would love to hear about them. Our April presentation from Canadian Wool is the result of such input. Canadian Wool is an organization that aims to promote wool as a valuable commodity and connect consumers with Canadian wool products. Go to <https://www.canadianwool.org> to find out more.

Next is our AGM at the May meeting.

After three years on programs, Liane is leaving the team. Sharing the work as a team is a great way to get to know other members and become more familiar with the guild. If you are interested and have questions about being on programs, please feel free to reach out to us.

This year's Fibre Poker Challenge will be held over both our May and June meetings. Draws will begin after our AGM and guest speakers have finished. We'll send an email out with more details about FPC in the week before our May meeting.

In June, our last meeting before summer break, our guest will be Julie Beeler, a designer, artist, and educator living at the base of a volcano in Trout Lake, WA. Growing up with a deep love and curiosity for the natural world, she conceived and launched Bloom & Dye along with the Mushroom Color Atlas to grow her work and passion to benefit what she values most: curiosity, education, creativity, collaboration, community, and the environment. For Julie, educating others on how plants, fungi and their colors reflect the beauty of nature is something she is moved to share as a way to inspire care, stewardship, and impact.

We are already working on guests for the fall so stay tuned for more information in future newsletters! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Monday, April 4th.

Your program team, Joan, Josee, Liane

Library

The next Library Day is **April 3, 2022**. The OVWSG librarians will be sending an e-mail to all members as the date approaches.

Please consult the Library lists online at our web site:

(<https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-SUBJECT-LIST-01-22-21-updated.pdf>)

We need to know the **Call number**, **Title** of the book, and the **Author** in that order. Pick up to 4 that you would like to read, and they will be due back the next library day (**TBD**).

Please send your email to library@ovwsg.com for book requests or questions.

Workshops

Our study groups and in person workshops last fall went well but the membership input on future study groups and classes is needed. We will look at the feasibility of offering some workshops or study groups online even as we move back to in-person workshops.

Anyone with ideas or interest in leading a study group, please reach out to workshops@ovwsg.com.

Celebration of Life for Natalie Shumovsky September 17, 1965 — February 28, 2021



Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Place: Lago Bar & Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa
RSVP: Serge Shumovsky, sshumovsky27@gmail.com by May 1

Natalie's family has arranged a Celebration of Life for Natalie on June 9, 2022. They are hoping that Natalie's friends will take some time to share a story about Natalie and truly enjoy the evening as she had asked for.

Natalie was a friend to many, generously volunteering her time and expertise at the Guild. Her legacy has created a scholarship fund for current and future members.

All are welcome. Please RSVP by May 1 so that her family can plan for the appropriate numbers.

Heartwood House news

COVID RESTRICTIONS

In response to the provincial changes in pandemic restrictions, for the period of Tuesday March 1st to Wednesday March 9th Heartwood House will unlock the entrance doors.

For OVWSG members, this means that the following measures will continue to be in place:

- Email Elizabeth Watt 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.
- Anyone attending meetings, workshops, classes, socials, renting equipment, borrowing publications, or working on OVWSG equipment must use hand sanitizer upon entering, and where possible maintain a 2 m distance from other users.
- One person limit in the elevator

PARKING

As of March 1st we will return to regular checks and ticketing of vehicles that are parked in the back lot with no parking permits.

Please take note of the following parking conditions:

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 and Sunday.

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.

Community Loom

Is anyone interested in weaving 1-2 tea towels on the 4-shaft community floor loom in the Guild's studio?

The possibilities for warping, dressing up the loom, cost of material, scheduling will be addressed.

Please note that this bilingual project is not a workshop, I'm not a teacher. I want to revive this fun experience under the guidance of many weavers' input and knowledge.

I aim to draft a plan this spring/summer to begin in September

Please respond to the invitation if interested.

Thank you

Carmen Deschênes

carmspace@hotmail.com

Show and Tell

Molly Underhill – Wet felted, then needle felted using merino and Corriedale wool and silk embellished with embroidery, beads, and natural birch bark.



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

- **Product photos can be viewed on website**
- Ready to spin roving in various natural colours, wool, and wool-alpaca blends
- Fleece – raw wool fleece; ONLY TWO LEFT
- Sheepskin Rugs
- Two-ply mill spun, natural white yarn, fine, 100 gram skeins
- 2022 lamb orders now accepted

Contact Kelly MacGregor for details: KinnairdFarm@gmail.com



Créations Christine

Représentante d'Ashford Dealer

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

cgagne40@gmail.com

Christine Gagné

For the Love of Fibre



Colour and Texture to Feed Your Soul

Saturday May 7, 2022, Johnstown Community Centre, 24 Sutton Drive, Johnstown Ontario (south of Spencerville)

Polwarth and Rideau Arcott wool for sale.

The majority is white with a small amount coloured with Acid Dyes and Tintex. The Rideau Arcott fleece has been processed commercially, by several mills, into roving and a variety of weights of yarns.

I also have processed some of the Rideau Arcott by hand into batts and some handspun yarns. This is mostly white with some natural grey and some coloured with Acid dyes, Wilton dyes, Tintex, weeds, and flowers.

To be a vendor contact fibregals@gmail.com

Merilyn Mulligan



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APRIL CLASSES AND EVENTS AT INDIGO HILL

Mondays, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, 1pm-3pm: Introduction to Knitting with Stephanie Anderson of Yarnworks Studio - for the absolute beginner or those who've knitted in the past but need a refresher

Saturday, April 2, 10am-1pm: Needle-Felted Spring Soft Sculpture (3-D) Workshop led by Janet Tulloch of Ancum Studio - create a unique bunch o' carrots wall- or door-hanging using roving and ribbons

Saturday, April 2, 2pm-5pm: Needle-Felted Sunflower (bas-relief) Workshop led by Janet Tulloch of Ancum Studio - learn about layering and shading in needle-felting while working with a 2-D floral composition

Saturday, April 16, 1pm-3pm*: Tea-Tasting Workshop with Angie Parker of A Cup of Kindness Tea - learn about the distinct characteristics (flavour, growing conditions, cultural importance) of green, white, oolong and black teas from a tea blender and connoisseur

*Note: a morning session on this day is also possible for this class if there is enough interest

Sunday, April 24, 10:00am-12:30pm OR 1:30pm-4:00pm: Introduction to Rug-Hooking with Robin Whitford of Hooking Outside the Lines - learn the basics of this traditional craft while hooking a striking feather motif using a variety of fibres

Saturday, April 30, 10am-4pm: Come celebrate international Local Yarn Store (LYS) Day at Indigo Hill! Numerous activities are planned, including a craft-in, new products launch, a draw for some amazing prizes, and more - save the date and check our Events page for details as they're released

For full descriptions, photos, prices, and registration information, visit www.indigohilldyestudio.ca and see the Classes page.

45-inch Leclerc Fanny to go to a good home: \$100

The guild has received a donated loom that we would like to “regift” to a good home in exchange for a donation to the guild. It’s a 45-inch Fanny in great condition. It must be picked up in the Ottawa area.

Leclerc Fannys are versatile 4-shaft looms that weave everything from rugs to the finest fabrics. They are particularly sturdy. The back beam folds to make the profile smaller when the loom is not in use.

If you are interested, please email president@ovwsg.com.



SPINNING FIBRES FOR SALE

All fibres \$8/100g unless otherwise marked.

Contact marin.gouin@hotmail.com

Paypal only. Curbside pick-up in Sandy Hill area of Ottawa.

All sales final.



Photo 1: Top to Bottom:

Polwarth - UK commercial top. Very soft; staple length approx. 12cm. Total amount available 1 kilo (10 x 100g)

Shetland - moorit colour - Jamieson & Smith carded roving - 500g

Leicester Cross longwool - hand-carded top; staple length approx. 12 cm. Total amount available 800g



Photo 2:

North Ronaldsay combed top, 2 x 100g white, 100g grey, 100g light brown. Purchased in Kirkwall, Main Orkney, from local vendors



Photo 3:

Left to Right:

Ryeland carded roving from small UK mill. Natural colour, very light grey/off-white. Down breed; best spun woollen for lofty warm yarn. Total amount available - 500g.

Alpaca - hand-combed top - Light beige 45g, \$2.25 (\$5/100g); Sandstone 75g, 3.75 (\$5/100g)

Blue-faced Leicester, light grey, UK commercial top. Total amount available - 230g

**Huroniah Handweavers are excited
to be hosting**

Daryl Lancaster

GREAT GARMENTS FROM HANDWOVEN CLOTH

Tuesday April 12th 7pm to 8:30 pm

A PDF digital downloadable version of the lecture
will be available for participants immediately
following the presentation



Hold onto your seats, this is a whirlwind tour of creating great garments from handwoven cloth. Starting with what to weave, sett choices, sampling and finishing the cloth, we will then move onto making a test garment, and then cover basic sewing techniques for handwoven fabrics.

Huroniah Guild Members are welcome to share this email with all weaving friends. We ask you do not share the Zoom link.

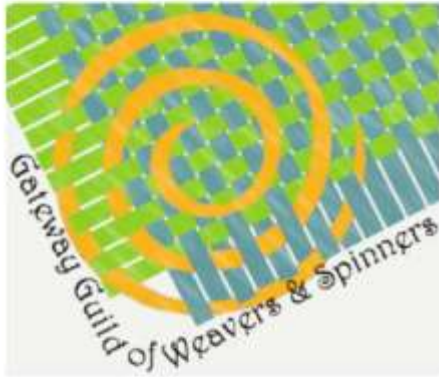
For **Non-Huroniah Handweaver** members the cost to participate is \$10.00 payable via etransfer to: banking@huroniahandweavers.org

Registration will remain open until: Sunday April 10th, with the Zoom link being forwarded via email on Monday April 11th.

Bio: Daryl Lancaster, a hand-weaver and fiber artist known for her award-winning hand-woven fabric and garments, has been constructing garments for more than half a century. She gives lectures and workshops to guilds, conferences, and craft centers all over the United States. The former Features Editor for Handwoven Magazine, she has written more than 100 articles and digital content, frequently contributes to various weaving and sewing publications and including Threads Magazine. She now has a YouTube channel, The Weaver Sews where she shares her extensive experience sewing handwoven garments. Daryl maintains a blog at www.weaversew.com/wordblog Find her at www.Daryllancaster.com

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Une partie des recettes sera versée à la Fondation Stephen Lewis et à la Banque d'alimentation d'Ottawa.

March Meeting Minutes

March 2022 Meeting

Monday March 7, 2022, at 19:30 via Zoom

- Welcome from President, Moira White
- Introduction of the executive
- 49 members in attendance
- Welcome to new member guest Ellen Johnstone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Heartwood House update – HH meeting on Wednesday, should have additional information regarding COVID protocols; we will send an update to members if there are changes.
- Update from membership – current 195 active memberships, 168 individual, 13 family.
- Library day was Sunday; first in person since COVID; not as many people as expected, we will try again next month.
- Update from Program Coordinator. End of Liane's 3rd year with Programs, is looking for volunteer to replace her. Exciting guest tonight Alanna Wilcox spinner / dyer from; April from Canadian Wool organization promotes wool as a valuable commodity; May AGM and fibre poker; June TBD. Programs are booked until end of the year except for November.
- Canadian Wool Council holding a townhall meeting about future of Canadian wool tomorrow.
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/canadianwoolcouncil/657542?fbclid=IwAR1l-lqW6xqaAkGliwXN8w9eIlGxRy-k6lhuUXOs7S7vCnlhBtpCJgyyDTM>
- AGM is coming up in May; lots of position open and volunteers are needed to replace outgoing members
- Newsletter submissions due for March edition by March 25, 2022.
- Next Executive meeting is March 21, 2021. Guild members are welcome to attend as observers. Email president@ovwsg.com for Zoom link.

PROGRAM

Alanna Wilcox, Fibre Artist, teacher, master spinner, colour alchemist and author of "A New Spin on Colour".

HGA Textiles & Tea:

<https://www.facebook.com/HandweaversGuildofAmerica/videos/373827354543504>

Beta testing course: [Beta Testing Application Form \(google.com\)](#)

Website (online workshops, spinning book, dye formulas) www.alannawilcox.com

Facebook group: Spin, Dye & Create with Alanna Wilcox:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/spindyeandcreate>

Instagram: [Alanna Wilcox \(@spinnybuns\)](#)

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Alanna-Wilcox-106125485276764>

SHOW AND TELL

Molly – Felted projects – birds and trees

Ann – in the studio for library day

NEXT MEETING

Monday April 4, 2022