

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."*

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President's Message

This is my final month as president of the Guild. Our fiscal year-end is April 30, so our new fiscal year begins next week, on May 1. Our constitution dictates that executive members serve for two years and can only serve for two terms in a row.

Our AGM will be held at our next meeting, Monday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us via Zoom (the link will be sent to all members) and help get our new fiscal year and executive off to a good start.

If you have ever considered volunteering for the Guild, this is your chance. The Guild is entirely volunteer-run and needs your help to operate. We have many different volunteer roles that allow you to put in as much time as you have available. Please contact me at president@ovwsg.com for information about how you can help.

On another note, this is a reminder that on Thursday, June 9 beginning at 6 p.m., Natalie Shumovsky's family will be holding a memorial service for her. Natalie was our Chair and very active member of our Guild until her untimely passing in February 2021. We'd like to see as many of you as possible join us to reminisce about Natalie and honour her legacy to the Guild. The memorial service will be held at Lago Bar & Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa. Please RSVP to her brother, Serge Shumovsky, at sshumovsky27@gmail.com by May 1.

It has my privilege and pleasure to serve as your president over the past four years. I couldn't have done this without the support of the entire executive and you, the members. I'm not going anywhere though: I'll continue to pitch in where and when needed to help make this Guild a success.

Many thanks!
Moira

Meeting Info

This month's Zoom meeting:
Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:30 pm

Program: AGM / Fibre Poker

May Executive Meeting:
Monday May 16 @ 7:00 pm

The next Zoom meeting: Monday,
June 6, 2021.

Program: Julie Beeler

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 June newsletter are due no later than **May 27, 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 April Newsletter can be accessed at:

<https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/April-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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Heartwood House
404 McArthur Ave.
Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to New Members

Michelle Chiasson
Chelsea Mitchell
Carolyn Ragan

Reminder: Celebration of Life for Natalie Shumovsky

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.

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

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 next meeting, May 2nd, is our AGM, and the kick-off of our yearly Fibre Poker Challenge (FPC), which will be held over both the May and June meetings. Draws will begin after the AGM. We'll send an email out with more details about FPC in the week before 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.

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 May meeting.

Your program team,

Joan,
Josee,
Liane

Studio Manager

Studio and Classroom Cleaning

As the activity in the guild rooms has started up again, the rooms are once again being cleaned. However, the rooms will only be cleaned approximately once per month, for now (less than before). Therefore, it is very important that you clean up after yourselves when you leave. Don't leave stinky garbage bags in the rooms, it may not be picked up for a while.

Cleaning supplies, vacuums, Swiffer's etc. are located in both rooms.

Studio = Cleaning supply cupboard. Note: the mop and bucket are stored in the demo room.

Classroom = In cubby holes under the great wheel and Swiffer's are hanging behind the main door.

If you see any supplies are getting low, please record on the clipboards, so we can get more in. Studio clipboards above phone, Classroom clipboards are beside whiteboard.

Please leave the room in a clean condition, ready for the next person or group to use it. The classroom is also rented out to other groups, not just the guild.

Library

Note from the Library!

We are fast approaching the next Library Day at the guild, **Sunday May 1st from noon to 4:30pm**. We are optimistic that we will have some form of in-person library browsing as well as the by request with pick up at the side door or alternate drop off / pick up points, which we have been doing. I will continue to get updates on any rule changes and update you by e-mail as soon as they come in if anything changes.

Last month we were able to have four people browsing the library at once and that seems to have gone well. It was great to see some of you in person! We also continued the pick-up from the Unitarian door as well as drop off and pick up on Iris St or outside of North Gower.

So, for now, we will go with last month's instructions for masks wearing and self-review of the health questions. We hope we have an increase in room capacity, but it may be wise to try and space ourselves, so we don't all drop by to see the books at noon!

1. Masks, worn in all spaces.
2. Use the sign in list if they come into the studio.
 - Studio Limit (we will confirm if there is a limit closer to Library Day)
 - Try to keep socially distanced while in the studio.
3. No flue like symptoms –self check using the covid questionnaire that Elizabeth has been giving everyone who goes to the studio or classroom.
(Added below so you don't have to look it up)
 - Have you or anyone in your household had a fever in the past two weeks?
 - Have you or anyone in your household been exposed to anyone who has the corona virus in that past 14 days?
 - Have you or anyone in your household had contact with anyone who has come from outside Canada in the last two weeks?
 - Do you or anyone in your household have any flu like symptoms at this time?
4. Use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the studio.
- 5.

Please review the PDFs on the Guild Web Page (Library tab) to help with your selection.

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

Please list **Call number** , then **Title**, Then **Author** for the 4 items you would like to take out by Wednesday April 27th . I will send out a reminder email Early next week. If you have any questions or don't get the reminder please email Library@ovwsg.com.

When I get your request I will email that your books have been added to the list, I will email again if I have any trouble when I go to pull your book requests.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Sunday!

All for now Jan and the librarians

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.

Show and Tell

From Jan Scott



Mac the MacMaster University dragon for my Niece.



Library Day (our sheep mascot has candy, and she will share!!)



Mouse, made to test out foam felting surfaces.



a quick landscape to test the wool felting mat.

From Jan Scott



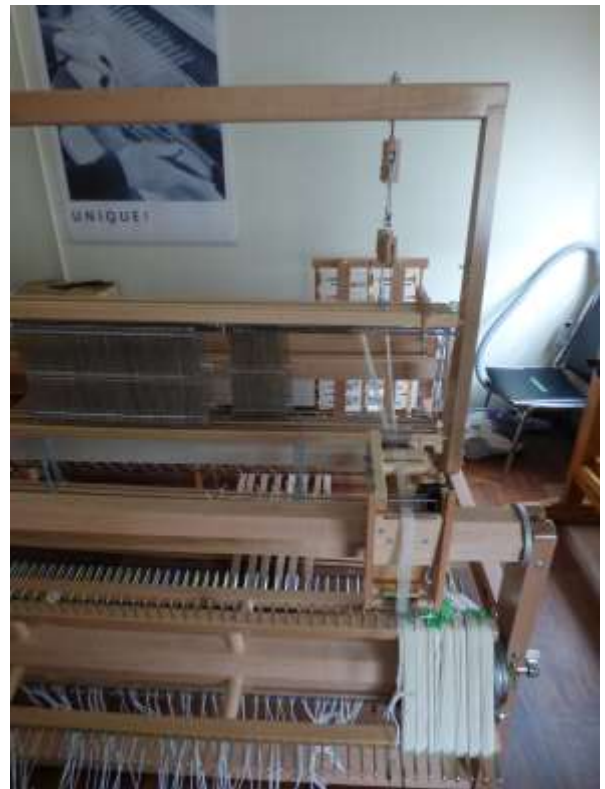
Main Library



Magazines



100" Loom



Putting the warp on the loom

Guild Activities

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

carmospace@hotmail.com

Guild Orders

Guild order from Topsy Farms.

<https://www.topsyfarms.com/products/sallys-garden-wool-pellet-fertilizer>

Each bag is \$25, and if we collectively order 16 of them, we can have them shipped for free. 1kg (presumably one bag) will cover 66sq ft or 26 gallons of soil. If we don't have takers for 16 bags, we might still reach the \$400 threshold required for free shipping if there is interest in their other products.

Contact Rachel Eugster at rachel.eugster@gmail.com if you're interested in being included in the order and willing to pick up your order in Hintonburg when it arrives.

Guild Offers

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.



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)

Hi fellow artists/artisans,

I'm a visual artist in Appleton ON (near Almonte) about 50 kms from Ottawa. We're holding our 4th annual "Toonie book sale" for charity here next weekend (April 30).

However, this year we also have hundreds of skeins of yarn - wool, cotton, and synthetic blends - that someone has donated. The yarn will not be priced, will just be available for any small amount people want to donate for the charity.

Adrian Baker www.adrianbakerart.com





Indigo Hill

textile arts supplies, finished goods, and workshops

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APRIL CLASSES AND EVENTS AT INDIGO HILL

Saturday, April 30, 10am-4pm: Come celebrate international Local Yarn Store (LYS) Day at Indigo Hill! We have some lovely events planned for the day, including:

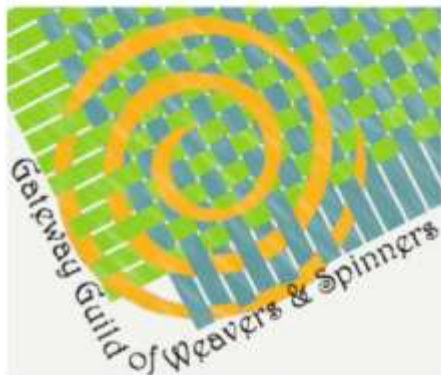
- a meet-the-maker between 12pm and 3pm with cord basket artisan Cheryl McCrory of Cherished Goods (@cherishedcm on Instagram), who will be bringing a new batch of her elegant, hand-dyed baskets (they're perfect for storing your fibre stash or your WIPs!)
- the launch of several new product lines at the shop, including paper arts supplies from the Japanese Paper Place; macramé craft supplies (cord, beads, hoops, and rings); Juniper Moon organic wool yarn; and more
- come sit for a spell with your fibre arts project in our new makers' lounge, and enjoy tea/coffee and cookies
- browse through our newly launched fibre arts public lending library with books on a wide variety of topics - take out a membership while you're here!
- every purchase made in the shop that day gets your name in a draw for an awesome gift basket filled with local products and fibre-y goodness

Saturday, May 7, 11am-2pm: in honour of Mother's Day weekend, we've invited jewelry designer Marsha Durocher of Lovelier Still for a pop-up shop here at Indigo Hill. Marsha is a local artist who makes timelessly beautiful earrings and necklaces using Czech glass and 925 sterling silver. You can view her work on Facebook and Instagram where she's @lovelierstill or on Etsy: www.etsy.com/ca/shop/lovelierstill Marsha will have many new creations on offer at her pop-up - pieces that would make sweet gifts for that special someone, or for yourself!

A note on CLASSES at Indigo Hill: we will be opening up registration for our May and June **natural dyeing classes** within the next couple of weeks. All classes will be announced on our website, on Instagram (@indigohilldystudio) and on Facebook (@IndigoHillDyeStudio), but those who are subscribed to our e-newsletter get first notice: sign up by following the prompts at the bottom of our homepage, www.indigohilldystudio.ca.

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Jili Rae



Cathy Haley



Narina Goldsmith

A portion of the funds raised go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Ottawa Food Bank.
Une partie des recettes sera versée à la Fondation Stephen Lewis et à la Banque d'alimentation d'Ottawa.

April Meeting Minutes

April 2022 Meeting

Monday April 4, 2022, at 19:30 via Zoom

- Welcome from President, Moira White
- Introduction of the executive
- 41 members in attendance
- Welcome to new members Danielle Dunleavy, Delia Courmanopoulos

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Heartwood House update – Face masks must be worn in all common areas, meeting rooms and when entering the building. If you have a key to HH and enter by the front door during office hours, do not use your key, because it will cause issues for the front desk. Only one person in washroom and elevator, otherwise no limitations to numbers.
- Update from membership – current 195 active memberships, 168 individual, 13 family. Lots of guild members up for renewal on April 30. If you would like paper membership card or receipt, it is by request only. Please contact membership@ovwsg.com to request it.
- Library day was Sunday; in person viewing; a few books are still outstanding, please return them to HH and let the library staff know. Pick-ups for Iris St. are ready.
- Workshops – 1 workshop (beginning weaving) has been scheduled. Workshops will be going up as instructors and courses become available.
- AGM is coming up in May; lots of position open and volunteers are needed to replace outgoing members; an email will be going out soon to list the available positions. If you are interested in knowing more about any positions, please email president@ovwsg.com.
- Newsletter submissions due for May edition by April 22, 2022.
- Next Executive meeting is April 18, 2021. Guild members are welcome to attend as observers. Email president@ovwsg.com for Zoom link.

PROGRAM

Anna Hunter from Canadian Wool. Canadian Wool is an organization that aims to promote wool as a valuable commodity and connect consumers with Canadian wool products.

<https://www.canadianwool.org>

<https://www.longwayhomestead.com/farm-store-1/breed-specific-yarn-for-a-year-j555x>

<https://www.longwayhomestead.com/farm-store-1/rambouillet-roving-7maj8>

SHOW AND TELL

Terry Nelson – shipment from Guatemala; backstrap loom and classes

Moira White – sock monkey pattern tea towel

Jan Scott – felting mat and landscape test piece

Joan Harrison – festival bird migration on May 14th; if people wanted to come and give a demo, we could make a link between nest making and weaving / spinning. If interested, get in touch with Joan.

NEXT MEETING

Monday May 2, 2022