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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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Meeting Info

This month's hybrid meeting:
Monday, November 7, 2022,
at 7:30 pm

Program: Sue Thompson,
Sewing Handwovens

September Executive Meeting: November 21, 2022
@ 7:00 pm

The next meeting: Monday,
December 5, 2022.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Wow, what a nice weather treat we have been served! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the chance to spend some time outside without having to bundle up or be rained on!

We are leading up to our big event of the year – the Sale and Exhibition at the Glebe Community Centre, November 5 and 6. Please pass on our invitation to your friends and family. There will be so much to see and experience! If you are able to volunteer (even a couple of hours) please contact Karin Hendriksen at: khbhendriksen@rogers.com

Notice regarding membership and rental increases

As many of you will know, the City of Ottawa reduced our funding in the last round of grants. We have relied on this grant for many years to fund our operating costs – most importantly the incredible spaces we occupy – the studio, classroom, and two equipment rooms.

The Board has been looking for ways to increase our revenues and streamline our budget. We decided at our last meeting that the first step is to raise membership fees for 2023 to help offset this shortfall in funding. **As of January 2023** (whenever you renew) **our membership fee will be \$60 for an individual** (up from \$50) **and \$90 for a family**. We have not raised our fee in many years, and meanwhile all our expenses (including our rent) have increased year over year. This increase is for 2023; we expect there to be at least a cost-of-living increase in 2024 so that we avoid, again, falling as far behind as we have done.

We surveyed Ontario and Canadian Guilds and determined that this new fee is well within the norm. This is what you will get from your membership:

- Monthly programs by local, national, and international fibre artists
- Reduced workshop fees
- Access to one of the largest fibre focused libraries in Ontario, if not Canada (books, periodicals, CDs etc.); no borrowing fees for members
- Equipment rental at very reasonable prices
- Renting a floor loom in the Studio
- Access to weave on the new 100" loom
- Participation in the yearly Sale and Ex
- Weekly networking socials

We also voted to increase rental fees and institute rental fees for the Studio looms. We will be discussing this further at our upcoming meeting. We will continue to support members who need a subsidized membership fee – we want all our members to be able to participate.

Message from the Editor

The newsletter is released on the Monday prior to the general meeting nine times a year, breaking for the summer months of July and August and for the winter holiday season (no January edition). Submissions for the December newsletter are due no later than **November 25, 2022**, to newsletter@ovwsg.com.

The October Newsletter can be accessed at: <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/October-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:

OVWSG
Heartwood House
404 McArthur Ave.
Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to New Members

Emily Stovel
Marie-Pierre Chabot
Christina Drakos

Linda Parsons
Janet Whittam

Updates from Program Coordinators

Programs

As some of you may know, our October guest, Sue Thompson, was postponed to the upcoming November meeting. Sue will be talking to us about using our handwoven fabrics to sew garments and accessories. I, for one, am very much looking forward to this presentation as I'm sure many of you are as well.

For our December meeting, we traditionally hold various activities, rather than have a guest speaker. In the past couple of years on Zoom, we've had the Crazy Hat contest and Fibre Bingo. This year, now that we've started having hybrid meetings, we thought it could be fun to bring back the Rosepath Auction, slightly modified to accommodate both in-person and Zoom participants. If you like the idea, then we need your help. In order to make it happen, we would need 2 to 3 volunteers to assist with planning and organizing. We would also need a variety of auction item donations. If you can help, send an email to jt-cochrane@outlook.com, indicating if you can be part of the organizing team, and/or have items you could donate for the auction. Please reach out and help revive this fun activity!!

Moving into the new calendar year, Carl Stewart will be our guest speaker at the January meeting. Carl will be sharing with us "The Great Cloth", his presentation about the influence of what he calls "heritage fabrics" on contemporary textile art, specifically, the influence of estate tweeds on his project *clò mòr*. What a wonderful way to start the new year! We still have a few meetings to fill, so please contact us with your ideas for possible guest speakers, or if you have a topic that you would like to present.

That's it for now. We look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!

Thank you,

Your Program team,
Joan Harrison and Josee Cochrane

Library

Meeting Mondays are like Library days except they start earlier!

On the Monday of the meeting, I am usually in the studio (where the guild Library is) by 9:00am. I will post on our Face book group to confirm I am there. Please come in early and enjoy perusing the collection. We will be closing the library at 7:15pm so the librarians can put away the library and enjoy the meeting too.

Who can use the library?

Members in good standing can borrow 4 items from one meeting to the next. If you cannot make the next meeting, books might be able to be renewed for 1 month if not requested by another member or books can be returned before the meeting to:

- 1- The **front desk at Heartwood House** (put in a bag labeled "OVWSG Library") any time the office is open.
- 2- Drop off at **2370 Iris St**, between the side doors. use the library email to let us know you are dropping off items
- 3- South of Ottawa near **North Gower**, contact Ann at the Library Email for instructions.
- 4- Or mailed to the guild address: **OVWSG, 404 McArthur Ave., Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8**

In person selection of items:

Come in on the meeting Monday, between after 9am and before we close at 7:15pm to select from the circulating collection up to 4 items. Go to the table with the librarian who will help you sign out your book. At the back of the book will be a card pocket. The card asks for the date due (for anything taken out at the September meeting the date due will be before the October meeting so "Oct.2022") it will also ask for your name. This is your FIRST name and last name, printed clearly. Please add your phone number. The book cards are filed by your FIRST name (because we all learn each other's first names first!). Remember to take good care of the library material, we want it to last for many years and be enjoyed by many members.

Requesting books to pick up:

We will be continuing the ongoing program of pulling items that are requested at (library@ovwsg.com). I will email back that you are on the list for that month and when I am in the studio will let you know if your request is out or missing.

On our web page under Library (<https://www.ovwsg.com/library/>) you will find the 2021 lists of **Subject, title, Author, Magazines, and Multi-harness**. These will help you select inspiration from our library. (I am adding more information to our database , which is taking longer than I had hoped. Once the new information has been added I will be making new updated lists.)

When you have decided on up to 4 items, we will need to know the ***call number, the title, the author***. (In that order makes it quicker for us to pull the books, Thanks!!)

Books can be picked up in the studio before 7:15pm or one of the 3 drop off locations (see above). When you email to request books let us know where you want to pick them up.

More info about the library:

Our **Guild library architecture** Is a modified Dewey system for small collections. It is based on process (biography, law, guild/studio, fiber sources, fiber prep, felt, spin, post spinning, fine art/design, weaving, post weaving, history of textiles). There is a list of the main topics for each cabinet on the outside and a fuller list of topics on the inside of the cabinet doors to help you locate items.

The "**PER**" prefix indicates that the item is a Magazine. Most of the magazines are in the white cabinets. The magazines series run horizontally through the cabinets so more than one person can look at magazines like handwoven or spin off, at the same time.

The "**REF**" prefix indicates the item is in the Reference cabinets (cabinet 1 and the two upper cabinets). Reference books do not circulate but can be used in the studio any time the library is open. Reference books are rare, irreplaceable, or fragile.

We have a number of **video/"DVD"** items in the collection. We are aware that many new laptops do not have a DVD drive. We have come up with two options, if you have an external computer DVD drive the DVD should work with it. (Most of the DVD players that hook up to a TV do not have the correct codex to play them). Some of our files presently on DVD, can if requested, be reformatted to a thumb drive (USB/USB-micro/Type-C). these thumb drives are a bit more expensive but are compatible with a greater range of devices. If the DVD can be reformatted, we will need to have a bit of extra time to do this so please request well before the meeting.

Guild members who are taking the OHS master spinner or master weavers contact the librarians if you need help with information.

Here is a quick overview of the topic breakdown:

Range	Topic
00's	012. Biography 50. Publishing
100's	100. LAW - Textiles 140. Business
200's	200. Studio 250. Guild
300's	Fiber sources; 300. Plants 330. Animal Husbandry 350. Fiber Preparation
400's	400. Colour 430. Dyeing 440. Natural 450. Synthetic
500's	500. Felting
600's	600. Spinning / 610. Spinning – Equipment 620. Learn to spin (primers) 630. Spinning - Projects & Patterns 640 Spinning- Fibers Post spinning (680. Thread /690. Yarn)/ 695. Other -Bead embellishment
700's	700. Fine and Decorative Arts/ 701. Design/ 702. Weaving & Spinning / 703. Weaving / 710. Weaving – Equipment 720. Weaving - Yarn /Warp or weft 730. Learn to weave 740. Weaving - Projects 760. Tapestry Weaving 770. Rugs / 780. Basketry / 790. History of Weaving
800's	800. Post Weaving - sewing
900's	900. Textiles (History) – Finished cloth 909. Textiles - History & Geographical

If you are new and want to get to know your library better, you are welcome to join us by volunteering to help with the book check. If you have any questions please ask your librarians or email library@ovwsg.com. We are looking forward to seeing you on our first in person before the October meeting Monday!!

Jan on behalf of the library team

Workshops

The new workshop schedule for Fall 2022 has been posted to ovwsg.com/workshops. Registration opened on August 29, 2022, so a number of workshops are already at full capacity. Your workshop team is hoping to have the Winter schedule out in time for the Exhibition and Sale weekend. If there was a class that you wanted to attend in the Fall session that was full, please fill out the Waiting List form on the website. This will indicate to Workshops that another class would be appreciated by members in the Winter season.

Questions? Please contact workshops@ovwsg.com or workshops@wattfamily.ca

Month	title and instructor	Workshop #	Month	title and instructor	Workshop #
November	Colour and Weave Judith (6 spots remaining)	2219	December	Acid Dye Elizabeth (4 spots remaining)	2225
	Felted Landscape Jan (FULL)	2218		Needlefelt Thing Jan (FULL)	2227
November	Pine Needle Basket Laurie (FULL)	2222		Not so Plain Weave (RH) Julie Ann (6 spots remaining)	2224
	Spinning 2 Elizabeth (FULL)	2217		Nuno Felting Ann (FULL)	2223
	Weaving 1 Julie Ann (FULL)	2216		Spinning 3 Elizabeth (FULL)	2221
				Wet-Felt Lantern Ann (2 spots remaining)	2226

Equipment Rentals

OVWSG Rental Program

Did you know...

Your membership in the Ottawa Valley Weaving and Spinning Guild has many privileges:
rental of equipment such as looms and spinning wheels
access to an extensive library that includes a wonderful collection of DVDs, and several large cabinets containing multiple magazine collections.

The rigid heddle loom collection features both 16 and 24" widths, and reeds in all rigid heddle sizes.
The table loom collection includes 4 and 8 shaft models, also with a large choice of reed sizes.

The spinning wheel collection includes both Castle and traditional style wheels, Lazy Kates, carders, and other fiber processing equipment.

Rentals are monthly, for a maximum of four months at a time (subject to availability), only requiring up-to-date membership and a deposit cheque that is returned when the equipment comes back.

The greatest thing about this is that the fee for this expensive-to-purchase equipment is minimal, often in the \$15-\$25 range per month. This is a wonderful way to try out different types of equipment before buying, or simply renting instead of buying (How many times would you have to rent before you have paid for it? A lot!)

So get in touch via rentals@ovwsg.com and try some equipment now!

Heartwood House



Heartwood Community Gift and Thrift Shop!

Now **open** every Thursday from 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.

Sale takes place in the *main level Heartwood Hub* just to the left of the Heartwood reception desk.

Pay by cash, debit or credit.

Fantastic bargains on **quality** unclaimed *general* and specialty gift items.

Prices range from \$1 to \$10 on general items.

See you at the sale!

For more information contact Georgia at 613-241-5937

As a member of Heartwood House, OVWSG will participate in staffing the Shop every other week starting in December. We are invited to put items for sale in the Shop as a fund raiser for the Guild or for personal sales (no commission will be taken off). There will be community weaving projects started in the studio for sale in the Shop. Volunteers welcome!

Guild Activities

OVWSG 2022 Exhibition and Sale



November 5 and 6, 2022
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4

Glebe Community Centre
175 Third Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario



The Sale and Exhibition is the Guild event of the year. It is a showcase of Guild members' artistry, hard work, innovation, expertise, and pure tenacity. It includes an Exhibition of some members journey's in developing their craftmanship entitled "A Maker's Journey: Then and Now".

The sale is a great opportunity to shop for holiday gifts and birthday presents, of something for yourself. Items are available in a variety of price ranges and to suit many different ages. Our vendors offer quality handmade items such as:

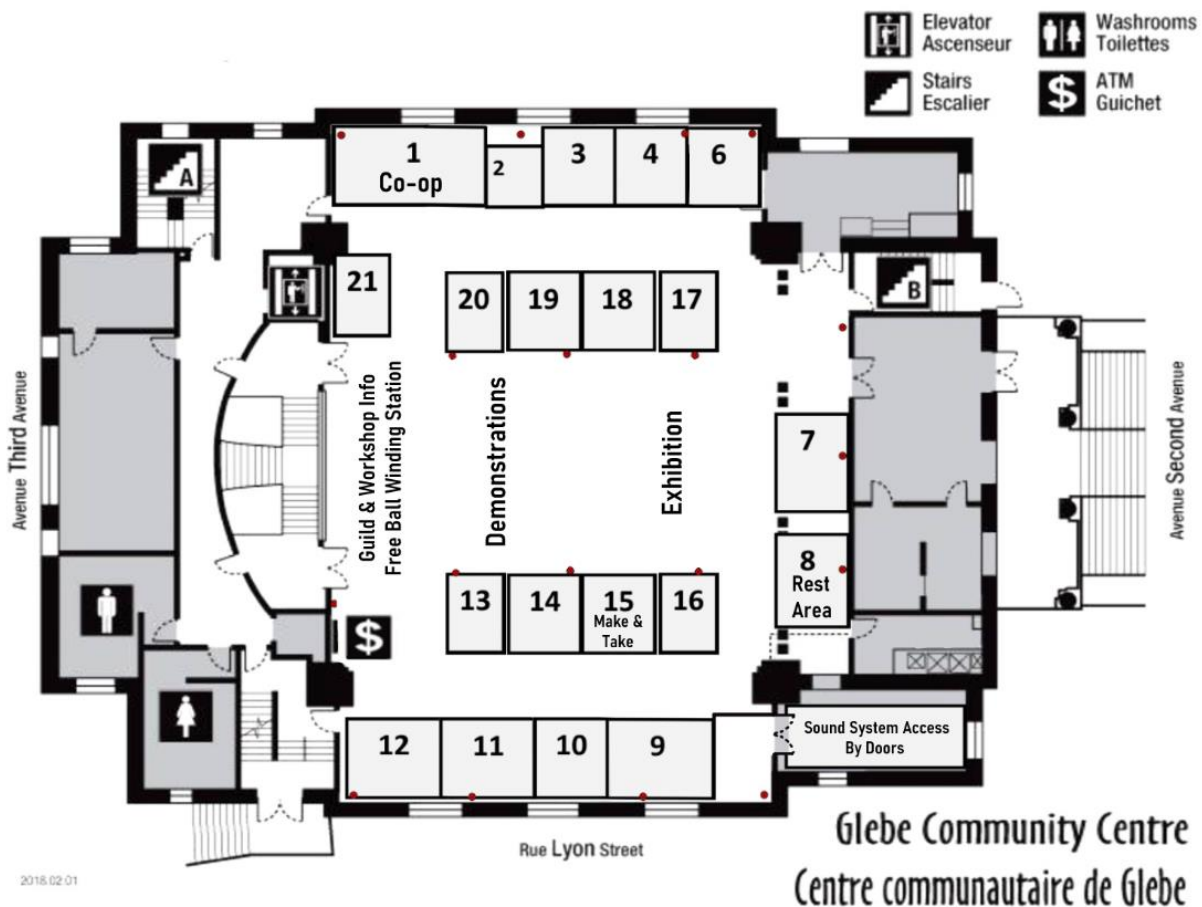
- woven and felted scarves
- woven tea towels, table runners and napkins
- felted hats and accessories
- woven totes and handmade baskets
- handspun yarn, including some yarn dyed with natural dyes
- woven blankets, pillows, and rugs
- felt and woven shrugs and ponchos
- felted soap
- mohair or alpaca socks
- dryer balls
- supplies and tools for spinning and weaving.

In the central area we will have a variety of demonstrations over the course of the two days: Guild members demonstrating drop spindles, carding, combing, spinning wheels, weaving, braiding, inkle loom weaving, with samples of their work available for sale at the Guild table

This is a perfect opportunity to plan for winter activities by signing up for a guild workshop. Want to learn to spin, weave, felt or make baskets? Our workshop schedule will be open for registrations and it's your chance to get into our popular classes. You can talk to members at length and learn of their shared passion for this dynamic activity.

Exhibition Vendors

1. OVWSG Guild Co-op booth
2. [Windweft Farm and Fibre](#)
3. [Wendo Van Essen](#)
4. [Les Belles Bouclettes](#) (Isabelle Perdigal)
6. [Judy Kavanagh and Don Haines](#)
7. [Studio 3](#) (Jean Down and Roberta Murrant)
9. [Wööl, emporium de laine](#)
10. [Luna](#)
11. [Fab Fibre Two](#) (Jean Sharp and Bernadette Quade)
12. [Handweaving by Janet Whittam](#)
13. [Cavadelo Flax Garden](#)
14. [Beaux Arbres Basketry](#)
16. [Wayside Weeds and Wool](#) (Amanda Carrigan)
17. [Molly Underhill](#)
18. [Yarnsomniacs](#)
19. [Cannaweave Weaving and Fibre Studio and Accessories](#) (Laurie Harkin-Chiasson)
20. [Off the Loom](#) (Liliane McKennirey)
21. [Lin en ville](#)



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

- Ready to spin roving in various natural colours, wool, and wool-alpaca blends
- Fleece – raw wool fleece
- Sheepskin Rugs
- Two-ply mill spun, natural white yarn, fine, 100 gram skeins
- 2022 lamb – sold out – *Thank you!*

Contact Kelly MacGregor for details: KinnairdFarm@gmail.com



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Ply Studio is a creative arts studio located in New Edinburgh and founded and run by Guild member, Carmen Bohn. Carmen specializes in creating handspun yarn that she uses in her woven tapestries and freeform crocheted objects. The workshops at Ply Studio are offered by Carmen and a mix of other local artists in a variety of mediums. Join her email newsletter (pop-up on her website homepage) for all the latest offerings, promotions, and a sneak peek inside her studio.

October Meeting Minutes

October 2022 Meeting

Monday October 3, 2022, at 19:30 via Zoom / In Person

- Welcome from President, Jean Sharp
- Introduction of the executive
- 48 members in attendance
- Welcome to 2 guests; 1 from Canton, New York

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Update from membership – currently 210 active memberships, 179 individual members and 15 family members. Please contact membership@ovwsg.com if you require assistance with renewing.
- Library day was meeting day. There are still some overdue books outstanding. Contact library@ovwsg.com for directions on the easiest way to return books. Just received a donation of 2 boxes of books from Marsha Zimmerman
- Workshops – 27 workshops scheduled; 4 were cancelled. Wet felted needs 2 more to run. Intro to Inkle needs one more to run. If you are interested in a course that is full, please fill out the wait list form so that Workshops knows to add another course later in the year. Email workshops@ovwsg.com for more information.
- Rentals – are currently out of drum carders. Send an email to rentals@ovwsg.com with the item that you are interested in, and Anita or Deborah will arrange for the rental. 4 month is maximum time for a rental.

- Sale and Exhibition – November 5 and 6th, 2022. 4 booths still available, if you know someone interested, please pass it along. We still need help with the “make and take” table. Any ideas that you must suggest for the Make and Take table, please let Ann McElroy know. Coop booth is available for members that are new vendors, please respond if you are interested in participating. 15% commission if you volunteer at the Coop booth, 20% if you don’t volunteer. Some volunteers are still needed for pre- and at the exhibition. Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday there are still spots available. We need someone with a van to load up equipment at the Studio and bring it to the Glebe on Friday and return it to the studio on Sunday. Please see the Ex and Sale leaders to volunteer.
- Exhibition needs samples from members to show our Then and Now. We currently only have 7 submissions. Cutoff date for submissions is October 10.
- Change of meeting time: could we start meeting at 7:15 as of January 2023? Voting was by show of hands online and in person. Members in attendance agreed with the change in start time.
- Before COVID, there was a Tuesday all day weaving session. We would like to re-start this activity with a change in date to a Monday session. Jan will be in the studio usually after 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- There is a pack of free mystery fibre on the back shelf, please take some home.
- The October edition will come out on October 31, 2022. Deadline for submission is October 28, 2022.
- Next Executive meeting October 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Guild members are welcome to attend as observers. Email president@ovwsg.com for Zoom link. Executive meetings are every third Monday of the month.

PROGRAM

Due to difficulties with technology, the speaker was not able to join online, and we have postponed her presentation until next month.

SHOW AND TELL

Jan – Mr. Mer’s wife – part butterfly Koi

Deborah Newhook – Then and Now submissions. Scarf woven from Intro to Weaving and then 2 scarves from an Overshot course (swivel and shadow weave). 2 Fibre poker examples. One handwoven bag (black on black, must have holes, broken twill, silk) and one Wall hanging (Summer and winter, handspun, 2 colours only, plain weave only).

NEXT MEETING

Monday November 7, 2022