

PENELOPE'S NEWS



November Edition 2023

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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Meeting Info

This month's hybrid meeting:
Monday, November 6, 2023,
at 7:15 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8487567242?pwd=ZzdYYUpXK1VaYkZBaXFlc0orWnVBdz09>

Program: Pauline Maracle,
Mohawk basketweaver

June Executive Meeting: November
20, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

The next meeting: Monday,
December 4th, 2023

President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying this glorious autumn show of colours. It was slow to start but it is full on now. I swear I saw a florescent orange tree in my neighbourhood! Unfortunately, it will all be blown away with the arrival of November. Not nice, but November also brings us the annual OVWSG Sale and Exhibition at the Glebe Community Centre, November 4th, and 5th.

This annual event brings together members to exhibit, promote the Guild, demonstrate, and sell their yarn, equipment, and finished goods. This year's exhibit theme is "Sapphire", the gemstone for a 74th anniversary, next year is our 75th anniversary so stay tuned for some exciting events. Through the tireless efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers, we are going to have the best show yet. The list is long, and you know who you are! Please come and support your Guild, it is a lot of fun.

Believe it or not, we have been at our current location for ten years! Heartwood House is celebrating this milestone during the month of November, and we are so grateful to be a part of the HH community. Our relationship with the staff and fellow members is so important and we continue to nurture it with care.

In the next few months, the Executive is going to be embarking on a comprehensive review and revision of all policy documents related to Guild operations and procedures. We would like to engage all members in this process and welcome anyone to join us in this important work. I will send an invitation to the membership when we get this process started.

Our equipment manager, Kate Bailey has completed a thorough inventory of Guild equipment and has found that a rather large number of pieces that were previously listed as part of the Guild

have gone missing. Some of this equipment is lost to us as those borrowing were non-members and we have lost track of them. I am asking members to have a look through their spinning and weaving equipment and check to see if there are any OVWSG pieces lurking in their homes or studios. We would be delighted to get these things back and absolutely no spells or evil curses will befall you. As you know we have a very limited budget and replacing equipment is very costly.

Our fall workshops are well underway and filling up fast. Please check out the schedule on the website and sign up! If you don't get in this term, there will be more coming in January. Monday socials are ongoing and well attended. If you need some advice or just want to hang out with spinners and weavers, drop in!

See you at the Sale and Exhibition!

General Announcements

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 24, 2023**.

We welcome contributions from all members, so please feel free to submit photos, book reviews or stories of fibre related activities. The October Newsletter can be accessed at: <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/October-2023-Newsletter.pdf>

Membership

Membership renewals can be done through SECURE ONLINE PAYMENT at:
<https://www.ovwsg.com/membership/membership-application/>

Follow the directions and fill in the forms. You may pay through a PayPal account or a Credit card.

Cheque/Snail mail: Cheques should be made out to "OVWSG". Mail to:
OVWSG / Heartwood House / 404 McArthur Ave. Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8
ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP

Updates from Program Coordinators

Library

On the Meeting Monday November 6th, The library will open for 9am and close at 7pm to allow us to pack up and attend the meeting. Books taken out at the October meeting will be due back before the start of the November meeting on December 4th, 2023.

If you cannot make a meeting, you can drop books off in a bag labeled "OVWSG Library" at the front desk of Heartwood house or contact the library email at library@ovwsg.com for the Iris St. and North Gower drop off options. Overdue books are 1.50 per items per month. Please take good care of the books, DVD's, Thumb drives and magazines you borrow, we want them to be in good shape so many other members can enjoy them!

Socials Update

Monday Socials are now from 4-8pm in the studio. Socials occur all Mondays there is not a regular meeting (first Monday of the month) Jan is usually in the studio by 9am working in the library. Everyone is encouraged to pop in and be social (spin, weave, felt, chat etc.) and use the library or equipment. Come and join us and get to know your fellow guild members.

Programs Update

Hello everyone.

I have a lot to share for this update.

This month's meeting on November 6th. Our guest speaker Pauline Maracle is a Mohawk basket and bead weaver from Tyendinaga First Nations Reserve who now lives in Ottawa. She will share with us how her culture and way of life informs her art. She will be with us in person with a display of her work.

For our December 4th meeting, we'll be having our traditional Rosepath Auction and also an equipment auction. An equipment inventory with photos will be in our December newsletter so that those attending via Zoom can also participate.

While the Rosepath Auction is lots of fun, it also a lot of work. Last year we did not have the volunteers needed and so most of the work was done by only a few.

For now, here's a partial list of who's needed:

- Minimum 2 people to prepare the envelopes of numbered tickets
- 2 people selling tickets with a third to give breaks (so they can also participate in the auction).
- people to come early for setup.
- People to help move and setup donated items for the equipment auction.
- A few people to help with take down.
- I already have enough volunteers to help with the ticket drawing for winners.

In the meantime, think about, what you will donate to our Rosepath evening. I've already got a few things set aside including a staircase basket, some books, and an alpaca fleece.

Our January 8th meeting will be on the second Monday of the month as the first is New Year's Day. Jean Sharp and I are planning a meeting to honour the start of the 75th year anniversary of our guild. As usual there will be no January newsletter, so program details will be posted on our website and in the email with our meeting Zoom link.

If you have suggestions or contacts for possible programming please get in touch with me. I'd love to hear from you. While I have already received some great suggestions, unfortunately the invitations I've sent so far have received no responses.

Liane Thiry-Smith

Program Coordinator programs@ovwsg.com

Workshops

Jan and I have almost finished the schedule for January to June 2024. We based our offerings on feedback, waiting lists and instructor availability. Within those constraints we hope we have produced a schedule with something for everyone.

There are a few empty slots that we may yet fill. May and June are a little thin as we have a few instructors not available after May 1.

Next step is for me to code the registration pages. I hope to have that done by Wednesday evening. This time I will let the pages go live as I complete them, with registration open to members early Friday morning and to non-Members at noon on Saturday.

The following workshops in November and December still have a few spaces available.

Weaving:

2332 Summer and Winter with a Modern Twist (2 Days) Dates: (11 November 2023 until 12 November 2023)
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2332-summer-and-winter-with-a-modern-twist/>

2340 Pick Up Towels (Rigid Heddle) Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2340-pick-up-towels/>

Spinning and Post Spinning:

2335 Colour Play/Spinning and Colour Date: Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2335-colour-play-spinning-and-colour/>

Reminder: If a workshop is sold out and you would like to attend, please sign up for the waitlist so that the workshop coordinator can work to schedule additional classes at a later date.

Ex and Sale



Join Us at the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild Annual Sale and Exhibition

Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free admission
Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Ave, Ottawa, ON
More information at www.ovwsg.com/sale/

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Fibre Events in the Community

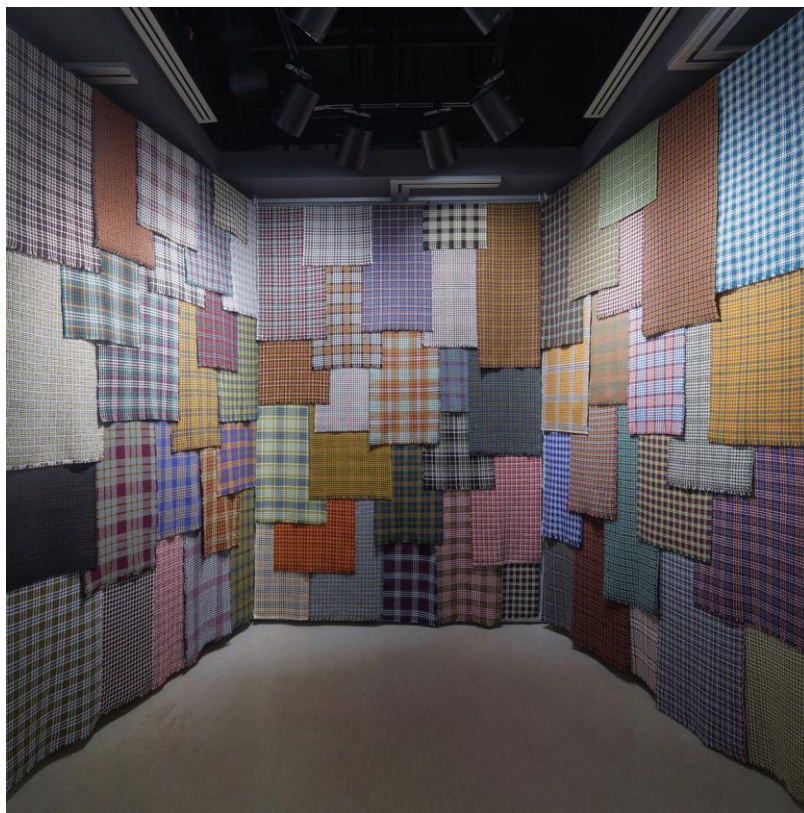
Exhibition

Guild member Carl Stewart will be presenting the exhibition *clò mòr* at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte.

clò mòr is a series of hand-woven and hand-dyed fabrics based on the national flags of the 66 countries around the world where homosexuality of criminalized and punishable by incarceration or execution.

clò mòr opens on Saturday, October 21, 2:00-4:00pm and continues to December 23. Carl will be giving an artist talk at the museum on Saturday, November 04 at 2:00pm.

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is located at 3 Rosamond Street East in Almonte. The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00pm. For more information, visit the museum website at www.mvtm.ca



A new exhibit is coming to the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum on October 21, 2023! *A Lifetime of Collecting Part 1: Canadian Handwoven Jacquard Coverlets from the Dennis and Sylvia Mills Collection*, guest curated by Dr. Adrienne D. Hood. Coverlets from the MVTM's collection will be displayed at the Museum from October 21 to December 23, 2023. The exhibit opening will take place on October 21, from 2pm - 4pm.

THE 100" LOOM PROJECT

New 100" Loom Project!!

The 100" loom has been moved to Room 200, in the alcove near to the elevators. The old room is going to now be used by Veteran's Canada.

We will soon be ready to organize our next project - tablecloths, a project several have expressed interest in doing.

Here are some things to consider:

Everyone who is interested needs to be comfortable weaving on a regular table or floor loom. If so, please contact me recooper424@gmail.com so I can include you in the planning!

You will need to determine:

- 1) your tablecloth width dimensions that would work for you. We will need to know what widths we are looking at to find a dimension that will work for most. If we have narrower ones, those can go at the end with some warp removed.
- 2) the length of cloth you would like
- 3) colour of cotton warp - white (bleached) ; natural (like catalogue warp); cream; or ivory. (Some cottolins can only be used for weft and linen warp would not be fun in dry months, so cotton warp it is!)
- 4) weft - your choice. (If you are thinking white or off-white, a white and natural /cream look nice together, to give depth.) Linen, cotton, cottolin are some choices.
- 5) pattern - Ideally a rather general threading for treadling flexibility for a variety of patterns, but we can discuss. (Huck lace doesn't work well on a counter- balance loom with 3 treadles against one.)

This project will be set up a bit differently this time, like other guilds, in that everyone will need a pre-determined guild member for a weaving partner. You both will weave each other's tablecloth together and will choose pre-determined times to weave them.

This way we need no sign-up dates sent out all the time and it should go a bit faster. Holidays/ cottage/ etc. should be considered before weaving times are booked.

When our group of people are established, we can have a meeting to discuss it all if interested people would like.

Cheers,

Ruth Cooper
100" loom Convenor

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, *shipped nationwide!*
- Sheepskin Rugs – white, brown, black, grey
- Two-ply mill spun, natural white yarn, fine, 100 gram skeins
- 2023 lamb – sold out – *Thank you!*

Contact Kelly MacGregor for details: KinnairdFarm@gmail.com



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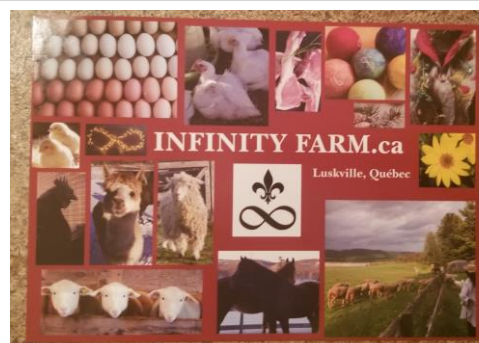


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Marketplace cont.



FARM TOUR Nov 4 203 10am-3pm
310 chemin Kerr Luskville Quebec 873-353-7580



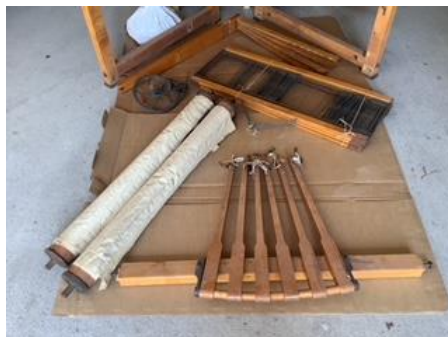
Two Canadian Production Wheels for sale

\$35 Paler wheel is in working order; needs some TLC
\$50 Darker wheel (missing spoke) works well; could use a thorough cleaning

Canadian production wheels are designed to spin lots of fine yarn very quickly. They excel at lace- through double-knitting-weight yarns, and struggle with worsted weight and thicker. If interested in either of these wheels, please contact Robyn at robynnewhook@trentu.ca



The guild has been gifted a 45" loom, warping board, and bobbin winder. They are disassembled right now. This equipment is available to a worthy recipient, based on weaving interest and equipment need. The recipient must be a OVWSG member and is asked to make a monetary donation to the guild on behalf of this gift. Please contact Catherine Barrette, the guild's Donation Coordinator (donations@ovwsg.com) with your interest.



October Meeting Minutes

October 2023 Meeting

Monday October 3, 2023, at 19:15 via Zoom

- Welcome from President, Jean Sharp
- Introduction of the Executive
- Land acknowledgement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meeting via Zoom Only due to National Truth and Reconciliation Day closure of Heartwood House

PROGRAM

Miriam Tepper, Nalbinding

SHOW and TELL

Heartwood House Parking

Parking

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.

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.

4. Sunday Parking:

- Please park in front of the building or to the East of the Laundry in the rear parking lot (areas are marked in yellow below) to allow Unitarians access to their space on Sundays.

