

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

Dear Guild Members,

I don't know about you, but I had a smashing unforgettable November! Beginning with the very successful and fun Sale and Exhibition at the Glebe Community Centre and ending with putting my deck furniture away before the snow flies. Top that!

As we say goodbye to 2023, I want to thank everyone who makes the OVWSG such a vibrant and accomplished Guild. The Sale and Exhibition team, 75th Anniversary Committee, demos Coordinators, Programs Coordinator, Library team, equipment, rental, and studio managers, 100" loom Coordinator, Workshops Coordinator and instructors, membership and Web masters and the Executive Committee. If I have forgotten anyone, my sincere apologies – you are every much appreciated.

Speaking of the 75th Anniversary, we have been working behind the scenes to celebrate this auspicious milestone officially starting in the new year. Meanwhile we have received the OVWSG project bags. High quality unbleached canvas with a picture of the Canadian Skein Winder – to embellish or let go au natural. They are \$20 each and will be available at all the meetings and can be mailed (postage extra). Please contact me at info@ovwsg.com if you would like to receive one. The commemorative tapestry project is underway and will come together in the spring – can't wait to see it!

I am looking forward to the always amusing Rosepath Auction at our next Guild meeting, December 4, 2023. We will have a short business report, the live auction of equipment followed by a short break to allow members to finish distributing their numbers for the draw. Zoom participants will be able to bid on auction items. Please

Meeting Info

This month's hybrid meeting:
Monday, December 4, 2023,
at 7:15 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8487567242?pwd=ZzdYYUpXK1VaYkZBaXFLc0orWnVBdz09>

Program: Rosepath Auction

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

The next meeting: Monday,
December 18th, 2023

bring your treasures early to allow organizers to set up the room.

Please have a great holiday season, however you celebrate. Stay safe!

Jean

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 February newsletter are due no later than **January 26, 2024**.

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

The Library should be open Dec 4th by 9am and close at 7pm. There are a number of people with overdue books. Please bring them back at the meeting or if you cannot attend the meeting, drop them into the front desk of Heartwood house during their work hours Nov.27th to Dec 1st. (Put them in a bag labeled OVWSG Library). Contact the librarians for other drop off locations.

I have been working very hard adding new items to the catalogue and preparing for the book and magazine sales but will return shortly to the book count (there is only the reference section left to do.) Please come in and welcome the new books to the library, the librarians are looking forward to seeing you on Monday Dec 4th.

Re the Library Book sale:

The library is extremely grateful to everyone who donated books to the library. We have added some to the collection and these are the remaining books that are either extra copies or that don't quite fit in the

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collection. They are presently being offered to members before we put them online for sale. Please contact library@ovwsg.com if you are interested let us know the **ID # and name of the book**. If they have not already been spoken for we will put them aside for you to pay and pick up at the December meeting or near the Iris St. transit way stop in the west end the week after the meeting. Any remaining books will be listed on our face book group and other sales sites.

The members will also have a last chance to buy the extra handwoven, spin off, shuttle spindle and dye pot and other interesting magazines before the meeting. We will be posting them for sale in batches online after that.

location	ID #	Title	Author	Sale Price	Condition
5-1	00090	(A Colour treasury of) Rugs and Tapestries from East and West	Ferrero, Mercedes Viale	\$5.00	Hardcover, colour plates, 64 pages
2-1	00167	An introduction to spinning and dyeing	Aiken, Marie	\$2.00	Pamphlet/softcover 22 pages
+10	00064	Art in Felt & Stitch, creating beautiful works of art using fleece, fibres and threads	Mackay, Moy	\$20.00	pristine cover
2-1	00124	Belgian Textiles		\$2.00	an overview of textiles from Belgium in 1950. extremely dated photos, to the point they are interesting. could not find online.
+10	00055	Building the Oregon Loom	Mathieson, David	\$50.00	marks on cover, clean interior
5-2	00015	Collector's Encyclopedia of Milk Glass	Newbound, Betty & Bill	\$5.00	Hardcover, pristine
5-2	00148	Completely angora		\$15.00	Paperback, tare in cover, interior text in good condition
5-1	00162	Country Cross-Stitch Designs	Stouffer, Ellen	\$5.00	Hardcover, some shelf ware to spine, interior text clean
5-1	00023	Creative design in wall hangings	Blumenau, Lili	\$5.00	Hardcover with dustjacket, some colour plates, good text
5-1	00024	Creative design in wall hangings	Blumenau, Lili	\$5.00	X-Lebris Hardcover with dustjacket, some colour plates, good text
5-2	00081	Creative Dressing	O'Connor, Kaori	\$5.00	Hard Cover, torn dustcover, X-lebris, 192 pages
5-1	00142	Creative Spinning, Weaving & Plant Dyeing	Anderson, Beryl	\$5.00	Paper back, in good condition, 48 pages

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10-1	00068	Weaving as an art form, a personal statement	Moorman, Theo	\$10.00	Hardcover, torn dustjacket, good pages 104pages
2-1	00046	Weaving For Beginners	Health and Welfare Canada	\$2.00	Paperback, good pages 104pages
10-1	00102	Weaving for beginners	Paulin, Lynn	\$10.00	cover and interior cover marked text good. can't find on internet. 67 pages
5-1	00134	Weaving is Creative	Wilson, Jean	\$5.00	Paperback, self-ware on cover, 41 pages, tapestry on cardboard and other frames
5-1	00086	Weaving is fun; a guide for teachers, children and beginning weavers	Willson, Jean	\$5.00	Hardcover, torn dust cover, text good
5-1	00133	Weaving is fun; a guide for teachers, children and beginning weavers	Willson, Jean	\$5.00	Hardcover, small tare in dustjacket, 140 pages
10-1	00101	Weaving On a boxloom	Murphy, Eleanor	\$10.00	Paperback, 140 pages
10-1	00112	Weaving On a boxloom	Murphy, Eleanor	\$10.00	pamphlet, Xlebris, 24pages. instructions to build and weave on a box loom
10-1	00103	Weaving on rings and hoops	Paulin, Lynn	\$10.00	pamphlet, loose cover page 24pages. instructions to build and weave on a box loom
2-1	00021	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, self ware on cover, 33 pages, tapestry on rings
2-1	00059	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	paperback, a few colour plates, text is good.
2-1	00104	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	paper back scuffing on cover, maker on spine
2-1	00105	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, 80pages
2-1	00106	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, 80pages
2-1	00109	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, 80pages
2-1	00110	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, 80pages
2-1	00111	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, 80pages
2-1	00137	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	Paperback, 80pages

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2-1	00139	Weaving Techniques and Projects	(Gonsalves, Alyson Smith ed.) Sunset Books	\$2.00	paperback, a few colour plates, previous wetness at one corner, text good.
5-2	00118	Weaving: A Creative approach for Beginners	Creager, Clara	\$5.00	paperback, a few colour plates, text is good.
2-1	00178	Working with Wool: A Few Ins and Outs.	American Wool Council	\$2.00	Paperback, 192 pages
10-1	00082	Woven Chic	Bateson, Vivienne	\$10.00	Booklet on sewing with wool.
5-1	00163	Your Handspinning	Davenport, Elsie G.	\$5.00	Hard Cover, dust jacket X-lebris, 142pages

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

December's Rosepath social and equipment auction is a fun favourite for many. With the aim of finishing earlier than in past December meetings, we have a new schedule for this year's activities and our equipment auction will be held first.

I've been busy photographing and documenting donated equipment so we can announce ahead of the meeting what's available for purchase. We have a floor, spinning wheels, shuttles, warping boards, a pair of hand cards and a lazy kate just to mention a few things.

Watch for an email next weekend with those details. As we're still working on our email issues, if you haven't received it along with the Zoom link by Sunday evening, please contact me at programs@ovwsg.com so I can forward it to you individually.

Once again, online Zoom participants will be able to play Fibre Bingo, led by Josee Cochrane. Those who want to play need to let me know by Saturday night so your Bingo cards can be emailed to you.

- Please bring in your donations stuff early. Set-up will be 6-6:30

- Tickets (\$3 per envelope of numbers) will be on sale at 6:30 and we can then start bidding by place numbered slips in the container in front of the item you desire... puzzles, books, lamp, fibre, scarf or whatever else you happen to discover in the eclectic selection of donations. So far, I've set aside an alpaca fleece and basket to gift.

-At 7:15, guild business announcements will be kept short so we can start the equipment auction at 7:30.

-At 8 o'clock the Rosepath draws will be made and we can sit back and enjoy the results.

As is tradition, refreshments are potluck so please bring your treats to share.

Programs Update

January 8th meeting

2024, here we come! Please note and mark your calendars that our January meeting has been shifted and will be held on the 8th since the first Monday is New Year's Day.

This program kickstarts our 75th anniversary year. Our guest speaker will be Moe Maloughney, Executive Director of Heartwood House.

Recently, Heartwood House celebrated its 20th anniversary along with 10 years of its move to its current location at 404 McArthur. Moe's presentation will share what was involved in creating the existing Heartwood House as a charity that houses charities (which includes our guild).

We will also share our own journey within Heartwood — both at our current location of here on McArthur Avenue and at Chapel Street to give us a complete history. Without our place in the Heartwood community, our guild would not have become the successful thriving creative group that we are.

As there is no January newsletter, my next program update will be for February.

Liane Thiry-Smith
Program Coordinator
programs@ovwsg.com

Workshops

The following workshops still have a few spaces available.

Weaving:

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/>

2024 Workshops

Dyeing

2400 Dye the Colour Wheel – Acid Dyes Date: Saturday January 13, 2024, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2400-dye-the-colour-wheel-acid-dyes/>

2406 Introduction to Natural Dyes Date: Sunday January 28, 2024, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2406-introduction-to-natural-dyes/>

2411 Dyeing the Cellulose Colour Wheel – Fibre Reactive Dyes Date: Saturday February 25, 9:00 – 5:00 pm
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2411-dyeing-the-cellulose-colour-wheel-fibre-reactive-dyes/>

2417 Playing with Colour – planning and dyeing multicoloured yarn with natural dyes
Date: Saturday March 16, 2024, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2417-playing-with-colour-planning-and-dyeing-multicoloured-yarn-with-natural-dyes/>

Workshops

Felting

2405 Needle Felted Birds Date: Saturday January 27, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2405-needle-felted-birds/>

2407 Felted Hearts Date: Wednesday February 7, 2024, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2407-felted-hearts/>

2408 Wet Felted Ruffle Scarf Date: Saturday February 10, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2408-wet-felted-ruffle-scarf/>

2410 Needle Felted Flat Landscape Date: Sunday February 24, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2410-needle-felted-flat-landscape/>

2412 Wet Felted Slippers Date: Sunday February 25, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2412-wet-felted-slippers/>

2414 Luxurious Nuno Felted Scarf Date: Sunday March 3, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2414-luxurious-nuno-felt-scarf/>

2419 Cup Cozie and Coffee Sleeves, Wet Felting Date: Sunday March 17, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2419-cup-cozies-and-coffee-sleeves-wet-felting/>

2423 Luxurious Nuno Felted Scarf Date: Sunday April 7, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2423-luxurious-nuno-felt-scarf/>

2426 Wet Felted Bird House Date: Saturday January 21, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2426-wet-felted-bird-house/>

Spinning

2402 Carding Wool Date: Saturday January 20, 2024, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2402-carding-wool/>

2416 Spinning 2 – Wheel Date: Saturday March 9, 2024, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2416-spinning-2-wheel/>

2422 Spinning 3 – Gaining Control Date: Saturday April 6, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2422-spinning-3-gaining-control/>

2425 Perfect Yarn Perfect Project Date: Saturday April 20, 2024, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2425-perfect-yarn-perfect-project/>

Workshops

Weaving

2401 Weaving 2 – Pick your own project Date: Sunday January 14, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2401-weaving-2-pick-your-own-project/>

2403 Weaving 1 – Intro to the Table Loom Dates: Sundays January 21, 28 / February 4, 11 10:00 – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2403-weaving-1-intro-to-table-loom/>

2415 Introduction to Dukagang Tapestry Dates: Saturday and Sunday March 9 and 10 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2415-introduction-to-dukagang-tapestry/>

2418 Playing with Overshot Dates: Sundays March 17 and 24, 2024 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2418-playing-with-overshot/>

2420 Intro to Weaving – Rigid Heddle Date: Saturday March 23, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2420-intro-to-weaving-rigid-heddle/>

2403 Weaving 1 – Intro to the Table Loom Dates: Sundays April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

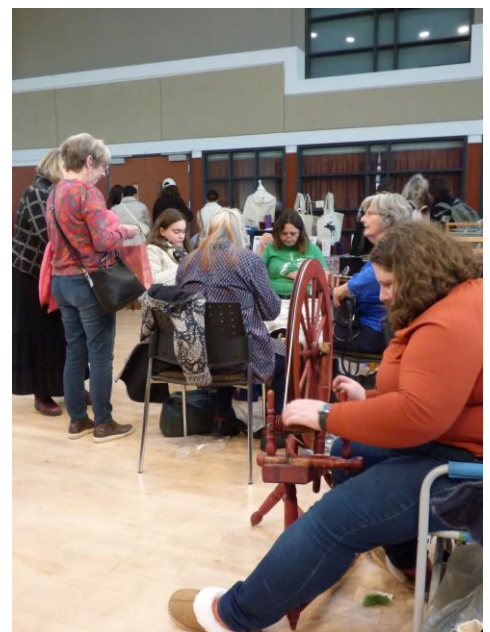
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2421-weaving-1-intro-to-table-loom/>

2429 Weaving 1.5 Just Beyond Beginners Dates: Saturdays May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2024 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

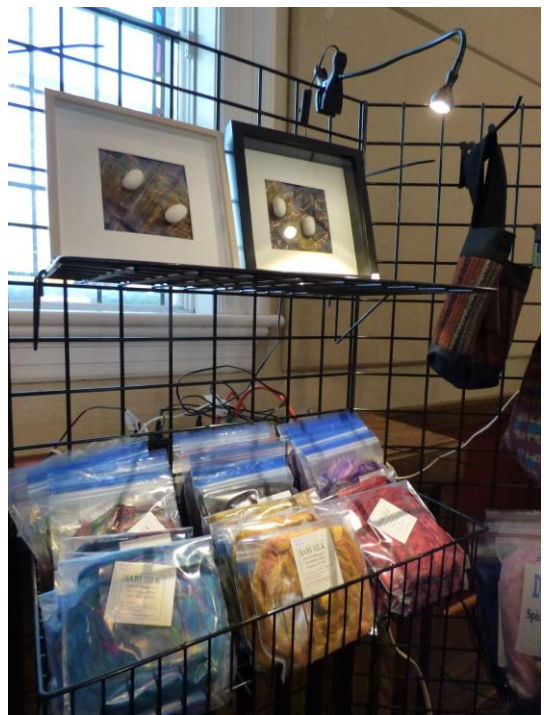
<https://www.ovwsg.com/events/event/2429-weaving-1-5-just-beyond-beginners/>

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.

Exhibition and Sale



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Needle Felted Landscape



November Meeting



Socials



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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Marketplace cont.

FOR SALE: Leclerc Artisat Jack Type 4 shaft floor Loom

Portable, fold up

WIDTH 46"

WEAVING WIDTH 36"

DEPTH OPENED 32"

DEPTH FOLDED 14"

WEIGHT 95 LBS

With 4 threadles, 2 reeds, wire heddles, 2 boat shuttles, plastic bobbins, hook, lease sticks, warp rods, beam sticks, Warping board
Weaving books

New \$2525.

Asking \$800



November Meeting Minutes

November 2023 Meeting

Monday November 6, 2023, at 19:15 in person only

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meeting in person only due to the unexpected absence of the guest speaker.
- Meeting became an ad-hoc 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.

