

PENELOPE'S NEWS



June Edition 2024

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

Good grief! It is almost summer – can't wait. This also means that we are approaching our last Guild meeting for the year. Although there will be Monday socials and ad hoc meetings to keep the Guild running smoothly, we will be taking a break for July and August. The September meeting will be held on September 9, 2024. The June meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and at that time we will be presenting Guild information such as a financial report, operations report, and hold committee and Board elections.

As you are well aware, we are celebrating our 75th Anniversary Open House/Party on June 22, 2024, from noon to 4pm. It will be held in the Sanctuary at Heartwood House and is open to all. I am attaching the invitations in both official languages for you to send to your friends and family.

The organization of this fun event is shaping up and we have made some small changes to the format. We will not be having finger foods, rather will be serving delicious cake and drinks. So, we do not need members to bring any food to the event. What we do need folks to bring are items made in the various workshops that have been offered at the Guild over the last 75 years (OK, maybe not that long ago). We want to showcase the incredible variety of weaving, spinning, felting and basketry that has been taught at the OVWSG. As well we would like to decorate the studio with canvases from our incredible Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Exhibit, and are asking those who still have their entries to bring them in.

Please bring your items to the June Guild meeting, drop off at the studio at a Monday social, or bring them in on the day of the Open House. Include your name, the name of the workshop, if applicable.

Meeting Info

This month's hybrid meeting:
Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:15 pm

Program: AGM and Fibre
Poker

June Executive Meeting: June 17,
2024 @ 7:00 pm

The next meeting: Monday,
September 9, 2024

Parking during the Open House could be an issue, so we are encouraging members to offer rides to those in your neighbourhood or carpool.

Please let me know if you have any questions or can volunteer to help out in the lead up and during the Open House (president@ovwsg.com). Let's make this the best party ever!

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 June newsletter are due no later than **August 24, 2024**.

We welcome contributions from all members, so please feel free to submit photos, book reviews or stories of fibre related activities. The May Newsletter can be accessed at: <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/May-2024-Newsletter.docx>

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

Programs

Wow! Where did the year go? It seems it just started and now it's our last meeting of the year and it's our Annual General Meeting. After the business there will be draws for our summer Fibre Poker Challenge and show and tell.

This is also my last newsletter program update as I'm pleased to say after 5 years of working on programs the guild now has a new program team. Thank you, Ann Mainville-Neeson and Rachel Eugster for taking over this job. You'll both be great at it.

If you can't be there at the meeting and want to participate in the fibre poker challenge, please email us at: programs@ovwsg.com

Liane Thiry-Smith

Library

We look forward to seeing you at the **June 3rd meeting**. The library should be **open around 9am and close at 7pm** so the librarian may also attend the meeting.

As we have done for the last few years (due to the evil Pandemic and the disappearance of checks), **Library will be having 2 Library days through the summer on July 8th and August 12th**, as well as options to drop books off at socials. Regular Meetings/Library resumes on **September 9th, 2024**.

Alternate drop off options:

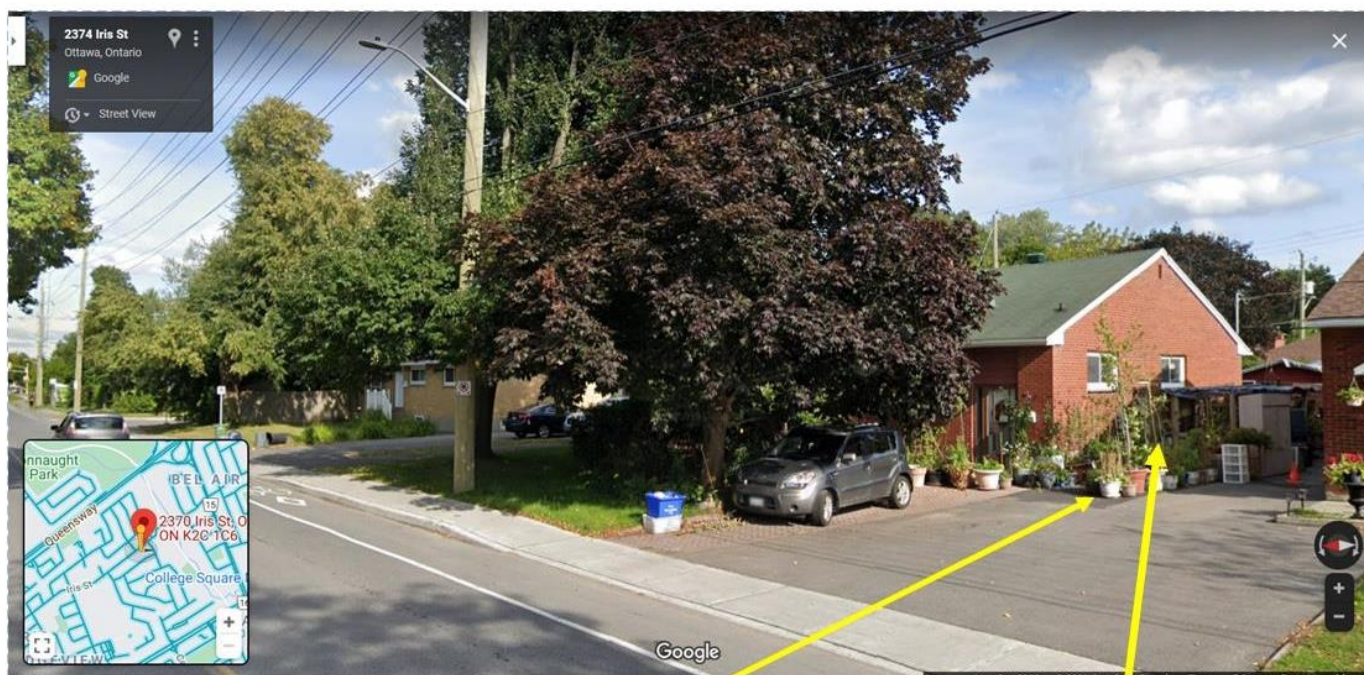
- **Heartwood house front desk**, any time the building is open, bag and label book "OVWSG LIBRARY"
- - **in the studio**, if the librarians are not there – drop the books in the Library return box on the Library cart, E-mail library@ovwsg.com to let us know they are there.



Library Return Box
Please leave books in box
Then Email library@ovwsg.com

Unitarian Door
Our window

- **West end drop off 2370 Iris St.**, 3 house west of the Iris transit stop (south side, large red Maple). Bag and leave books between side doors.



Portable Forrest

Side door

- South-west of the City **north of North Gower** – email Ann at the library email to get exact directions.

You have to be a member to take out library material. If the item has not been requested it can be renewed for one month.

Remember to treat anything from the library very carefully, we want it to last so many other members can enjoy it too. We are pleased to announce that, there have been no more coffee rings on incoming magazines!

The librarians are aware that most “new computers and laptops” are no longer able to access the DVD collection. We have 2 options, we can set you up with one of the old guild laptops and headphones at a social or we can try to reformat the data to a thumb drive, with usb/usb mini and c attachments. This will connect to most computers. Let us know in advance and we will see if the media can be converted.

Access to the building:

if Heartwood house is open please use the front door and sign in at the front desk.

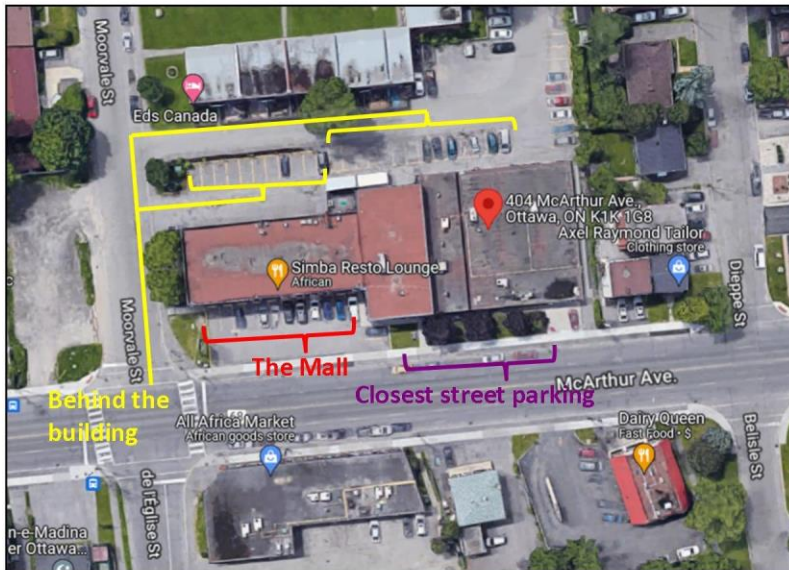
If it is a holiday or after heartwood has closed please knock on the studio window and we will let you in the Unitarian door just west of our window. (you will see looms when you look in our window)

If you want to check we are there, please call the studio 613-680-6600 or check our Facebook group.

All for now, Jan on behalf of the wonderful library team

P.S. we have a few Late Books, Please assist them in returning to the library so others may enjoy them too!!!

Heartwood House Parking options



1 - **street parking on McArthur** (there are a few spots in front of the building indicated in Purple on the map). There is more street parking on the side streets.

2 - **in the strip mall** at the east end of the building. The entrance is off McArthur. (Indicated by the Red lines on the map) During Heartwood house hours sign in at front desk with your license plate number. Parking is \$1.00

3 - **Behind the Heartwood house building**. Turn south at the traffic lights at Moorvale St. (follow the Yellow lines on the map) Parking spots against the building are available after 4pm weekdays, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

****Not available on Sunday mornings**

Heartwood house building complex

The Mall

Main door to Front desk of Heartwood house

Guild Studio window

Unitarian Door



3 h. Street parking

Front door of Heartwood house

Guild studio window

Unitarian door

Path to or from back parking



75th Anniversary

WANTED

WANTED FOR The GUILD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Samplers woven at the Bertha Gray Hayes Workshop given by Thelma Smayda on 4 October 2015.

If you attended this workshop and still have your sampler, please contact Ann Sunahara 613-728-9691 or bring it to the Celebration.

Member De-Stashing Event

May Opportunity Member De-Stashing

Our 75th Anniversary Celebrations continue with a “Members De-stash” opportunity before the meeting and at the break. This is the last opportunity before summer, so please take advantage before we shut down our meetings for summer break. The “Members De-stash” will start again in the Fall, so you’ll have time to clear out over the summer

The six available tables will be set up around the edge of the meeting room before the meeting. The table costs \$5.00 and must be prepaid via e-transfer to me (details to follow). How you handle your transactions is your business. The doors for the de-stash open at 6:30 and must stop when the meeting begins at 7:15. You will have another opportunity to engage with customers during break. Vendors must stay to help with table take down.

There will not be a jury for materials sold, but we ask that you keep it to fiber related goods if possible. Use your good sense, be aware of your demographic and enjoy yourself.

Send me an email, bquade@pixelgraphstudio.com before Saturday June 1 with your name so I can confirm your interest. Payment must be sent via e-transfer before Saturday JUNE 1 so I can have a table ready for you. If you have any questions, send them to me at that email address. Tables that are not prepaid will not be held; this payment is not refundable.

Bernadette Quade
75th Anniversary Committee

OVWSG 75th Anniversary E-book

Dear Guild,

As you may have read in the newsletter, we have an 75th Anniversary E-book project started. But we need your help to do this. Everyone is invited to participate, whether you have just joined or have been having fun in the guild for decades!!

The questions, which we are looking for answer from you, are not too hard or scary, I know you know the answers.

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- Your Name

-when did you join the guild? (a guess or decade is good; we can also check the membership lists)

-guild participation (have you held guild jobs, official or unofficial in the guild)

-Fiber Bio (tell us about your fiber journey, this doesn't have to be long and involved. It may only be a couple sentences or a paragraph.)

-Favorite Memories of the guild

I am sure you can't fail this quiz!!!

Unlikely as it may seem, I have not photographed everyone doing everything, so will need help with **photos**: *You, of your work, possibly your work space/Studio or your favorite equipment.* Since we want to put them in an e-book, try to select photos that have a good resolution. We can also work out a photo shoot at a social over the summer if your camera doesn't like to take pictures.

Outlook has been over-filtering my mail to the point I have only one item of junk this week and 2 emails yesterday... Libray@ovwsg.com seems to be deemed safe and Ann will hopefully see if I have not responded to something sent. So that would be the best spot to send your answers and photos.

We are looking forward to receiving your answers and photos shortly!
Jan on behalf of the E-book team

Annual General Meeting

We are still looking for assistance in filling the following roles for the 2024-25 program Year. Please consider giving some of your time to keep our Guild running smoothly.

Board Positions

- Corporate Secretary – **Vacant**
- Treasurer – Louise Travill, our interim Treasurer will be running for her first term
- Chair – Moira White has agreed to run for a second term
- President – Jean Sharp has agreed to run for a second term

Board positions must be elected by a quorum of members. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact secretary@ovwsg.com

Other Positions

- Constitution and Bylaws – guild is looking for a mentee for Ann Sunahara
- Equipment Manager
- Spinning Equipment Rental Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Donations Coordinator

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact secretary@ovwsg.com

Brenda Bekkers

2024 Ex & Sale Exhibition Entry Form

DIAMONDS

name: _____
phone: _____
e-mail: _____
title: _____
technique: _____
materials: _____
dimensions: _____

description: _____

installation instructions: _____

If your work is for sale, it will be juried just as it would in any booth. Sales will take place through the co-op booth and 20% of the sale price will go to the guild.

Sale price \$ _____

If your work is not for sale, please provide an insurance value.

Insurance value \$ _____

May we photograph and post your work (with credits) to promote the Guild and the exhibition on the Guild's website, Facebook and Instagram? **YES** **NO**

If you have given permission and you have a Facebook and/or Instagram account, would you like to be tagged when we post? **YES** **NO**

Please indicate how you would like to volunteer:

- ☐ Supervise the exhibition during the show. (We need three volunteers each day for a 2-3 hour shift on Saturday, 10:00am to 5:00am and Sunday, 10:00am to 4:00pm)
- ☐ Help with set-up on Friday evening, 5:00pm to 8:00pm
- ☐ Help with take down at the end of the exhibition on Sunday at 4:00pm

Please complete a separate entry for each piece submitted (maximum 3 pieces)

Ottawa
knitting Guild

2024 Vendors' Night

Mon, June 17th
WOODROFE UNITED CHURCH
109 WOODROFE AVE.
Ottawa, ON

7 PM - 8:30 PM
Free Entry
Open to the public

Vendors:

- Fabrications OTTAWA
- Yrie Knits Yarns
- SHEEPS AHoy
- MAKERS LODGE
- Wööl EMPORIUM DE LAINE
- icle
- Pixel Graph Studio FEAT IN CLAY EWE to YOU PIXELS
- OLD TURNED NEW
- RIVERSIDE STUDIO
- Karberry Farm photo by Paul Hanoka
- YARNS Ewe'll Love
- Indigo dragonfly
- Crazy About Yarn
- MOUFLON FERME - FARM
- elly string
- Dr Tangled SheinCA
- Red Sock Blue Sock Yarn.com
- alpaca tracks

Socials



For the Love of Fibre



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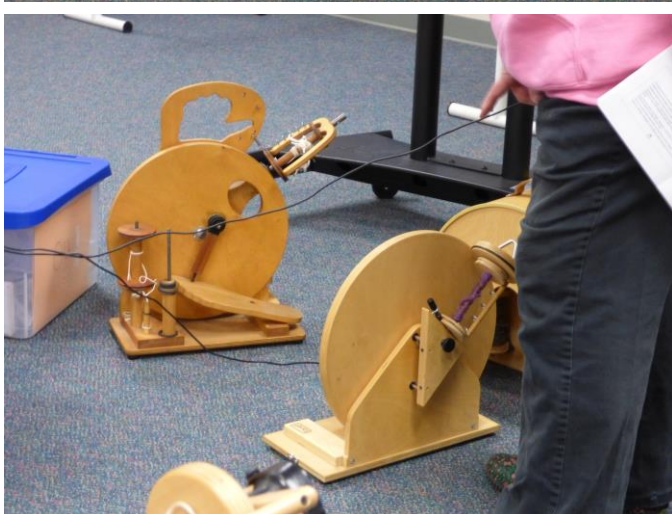
May Meeting

Spinning Wheels

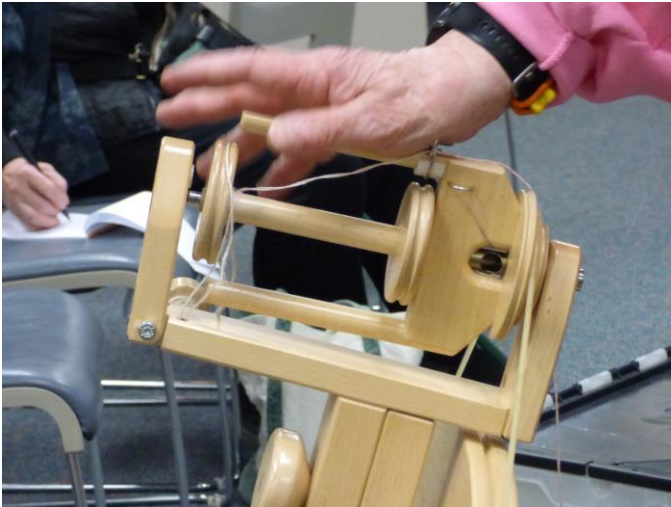
Brief History
How They Work
Choosing One
Care and Feeding

Alison James, May 6, 2024

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May Meeting



Marketplace



Infinity Farm Luskville Introduces five years of 100% homegrown wool just back from the mill!

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Call Victoria for pricing and quantities available. Infinity Farm will be at OVWVG Nov 2 sale!!

www.InfinityFarm.ca



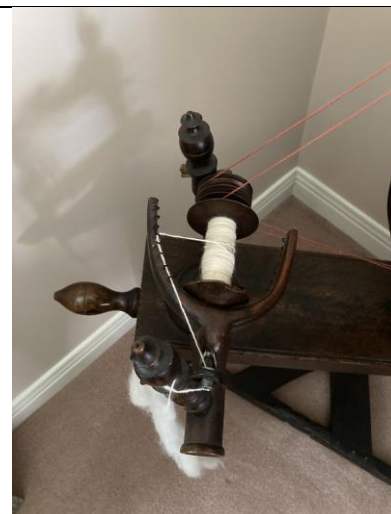
FOR SALE: Antique Wool comb and Spinning Wheel.

Contact: Louis LaBerge llaberge@rogers.com

Antique Ukrainian wool comb which I would like to go freely to a good home.



Antique working Quebec spinning wheel double band drive purchased in 1990. No stamp or label noted. I was told that it came from a Quebec village in the late 60's early 70's. Appropriate for fine spinning by experienced spinner. Comes with lazy kate with hand made bobbins for a total of 4. Asking \$250.



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!*
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- Accepting orders for 2024 lamb

Contact Kelly MacGregor at KinnairdFarm@gmail.com



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FOR SALE:

Alvin Ramer picker combs,

Cherry in stand \$200

Contact: Marsha Zimmerman
613-915-2554

Créations Christine

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Christine Gagné



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Marketplace - Looms & Weaving Equipment for Sale

Clement 45" four-harness jack. Beautiful solid loom made of maple, great for rugs. Sectional warping beam. \$800.

Leclerc Fanny 45" four-harness counterbalance. Extended sectional warping beam 38" wide. \$400.
(Both have wire heddles.)

2 Leclerc weaving benches: open ended style. 26" H x 44" L and 26" H x 38" L. \$300 each

Horizontal warping mill \$100

Other: various books, magazines, reeds and lease sticks, set of 4 lams for a Leclerc.

Looms located near Elphin, Ontario, purchaser responsible for taking apart and transporting. Please contact Kirsten Scott, scottkirstenv@gmail.com.



February Meeting Minutes

May 2024 Meeting

Monday May 6, 2024, at 19:15 in person and via Zoom

- Welcome from Chair, Moira White
- Land Acknowledgement
- Introduction of the Executive
- Welcome to new members, Dominique, Sara, Susan, Morgan, Kate, Cynthia
- 43 participants (online and in person)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 75th anniversary – June 22nd 12 – 4, there will be a party at the Guild, lots of things will be happening including the Tapestry. 24 tiles of the parliament building created by guild members in weaving, felting, etc. Spin in, make and take table, etc. If members would like to contribute finger foods, they can but no drinks are needed. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Jean at president@ovwsg.com
- Tote Bags for sale in the back.
- Guild will be having an exhibition at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in autumn. One section will be floor to ceiling display of everything we do from art pieces to placemats to skeins of yarn. Call letter will be going out. Everyone will be invited to participate.
- Ex and Sale – this year's theme is Diamond for our Diamond (75th) anniversary. Exhibition pieces will be needed.
- AGM is June and there are a number of positions that need to be filled in order for the guild to run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact secretary@ovwsg.com. Will be electing members of the board.
- Next Executive May 20, 2024, at 7:00 am. Everyone is invited. If you wish to be included in the meeting, please contact Moira at chair@ovwsg.com
- Next month's program, May 6th – Allison James – spinning wheels, history, types, and things to look for when purchasing.

PROGRAM

Allison James, Spinning Wheels, and their maintenance.

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.

