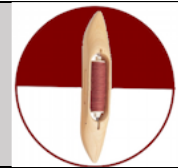


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November 2024 Edition

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 it receives from the City of Ottawa.

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Meeting Info

This Month's Hybrid General Meeting:
Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:15 pm
Program: Flannery Surette on Peruvian Textiles

November Executive Meeting:
November 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Next General Meeting:
Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:15 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the fall leaves turn glorious colours and leave their branches, we are getting ready for the colder weather and other fun things! Namely the annual Sale and Exhibition being held at the Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Ave. Saturday November 2 (10-5) and Sunday November 3 (10-4). Free parking at the school next door and free admission. Please come and support the Guild and bring your friends and family!

Also happening is the Remembering/Reimagining exhibition at the Mississippi Mills Textile Museum in Almonte, ON. Please visit their website mvtm.ca for location and hours. You can visit until December 14, 2024. It is a retrospective of Guild members' works commemorating our 75th anniversary. It is not to be missed! I want to thank Carl Stewart and Liane Thiery-Smith for spearheading this exhibition and acknowledge the hard work they put into the creation and hanging! Jan Scott has put together an incredible slide show and taken great pictures of the show – thank you too!

The Executive is getting started on a workplan for the next year and will be holding meetings with all the area heads (library, workshops, demos, etc.) to ensure they have what they need to carry out their duties efficiently and productively. This will happen in November, and we will keep you posted on what we are doing.

Sadly, we will be losing our incredible reception folks in the next few months as OC Transpo is taking the lost and found facility to St-Laurant station. We don't have an exact date, but we will let members know. This will create some issues with access to the building as the doors will be locked and there is no reception desk staff present. Heartwood House is working on a schedule that works for members of the HH family. Please let the staff know how much we appreciate them and the work they do for us.

Remembering / Reimagining

Date: October 12, 2024 - December 14, 2024

Venue: Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

On another sad note, in the last few months we have lost two very dear and valued members of the OVWSG. Diane Dillon and Louise Laberge will be greatly missed. More information can be found in this newsletter, under "In Memoriam".

We will be having our monthly meeting on Monday November 4th starting at 7:15pm. Zoom link will be sent out on the day. See you then!

Jean

Membership

Since taking over the Membership file, we've done a significant clean-up of the database and made things more efficient for managing new membership recruitment and membership renewals. There were many on our members list whose membership had expired over the past few months (as far back as 8 months ago) and they had not been sent a reminder to renew. Since taking over the file, we've sent a series of reminders to renew as part of an "October Membership Blitz" whereby renewing in October means that your membership will run from October 2024 to October 2025, regardless of how long your membership has been expired and overdue. We've had a fantastic response to these communications, and we are well on our way to having a more accurate list of active members. See the numbers at a glance here →

Those who haven't renewed by October 31st will be removed from the membership list and will no longer receive newsletters and the link to the monthly meeting. People removed from the membership list will still receive our external communications, e.g. concerning the Sale and Ex, and other events, unless they ask to be unsubscribed from that list as well. Once this clean-up is complete, we'll be looking at recruitment strategies and ways of retaining our existing members.

Your membership coordinators,
Karin Hendriksen and Ann Mainville-Neeson

OVWSG Membership Database Dashboard

Number of Current Members: 312

Active = 244

Overdue = 55

Expiring = 10

Renewals since membership push: 32

Non-renewals since membership push: 13

Renewals coming up in November: 43

Renewals coming up in December: 14

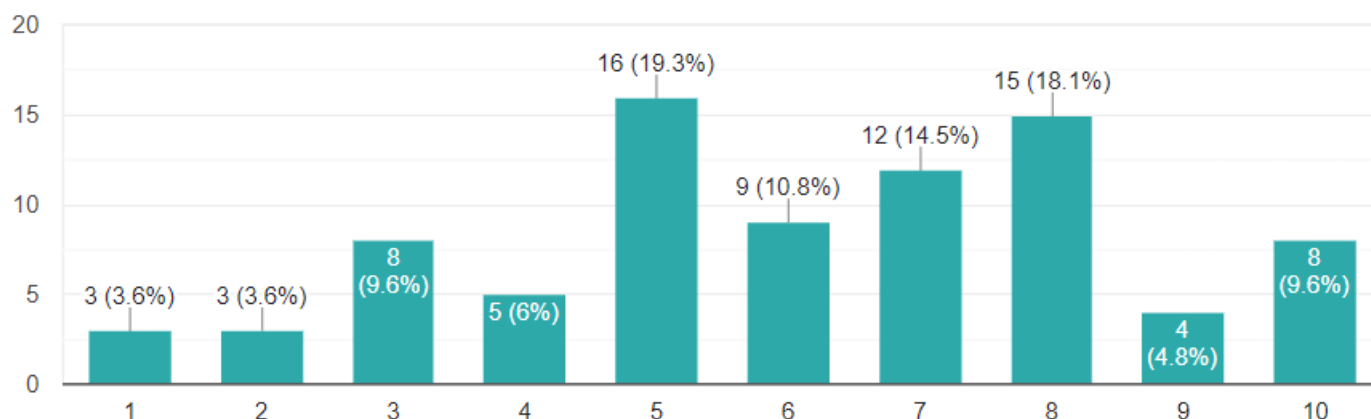
Updates from Program Coordinators

Programs

The featured presenter at our November meeting will be Flannery Surette, a weaver, spinner, and archeologist. Dr. Surette has been studying ancient textiles from the Peruvian Andes since 2005. She is particularly interested in how textiles can be used to understand ancient communities, including how textile technology is transmitted from generation to generation. She currently teaches at Okanagan College, Kelowna, BC in the Department of Anthropology, and will be presenting on Zoom.

In December, we'll hold our Rosepath Auction as usual and will be looking for generous contributions of equipment and items to help us raise money for the Guild.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who participated in our recent programming survey. At the November monthly meeting, we hope to offer a quick overview of the information we gleaned. As a teaser, here is how varied your answers were when invited to rate your interest in hearing from speakers on their personal and artistic journeys (1= no interest, 10 = fervent interest). You've given us a lot of information to work with!



Rachel Eugster and Ann Mainville-Neeson
OVWSG program coordinators

Workshops

The January to June OVWSG Workshop schedule is being published this week. Registrations go live for members on October 31st and for non-members on November 2nd. This gap between posting the descriptions and allowing registration allows proofreading of the workshop pages. If you notice a registration form live before it's supposed to be please let me know. Last posting round one registration form link went live early and had a big blooper in it that affected the people who innocently registered. We'd rather avoid a repeat of that! If you find a mistake or something that doesn't look right please email workshops@ovwsg.com or workshops@wattfamily.ca; asking on Facebook is unlikely to reach me in a timely manner.

Register early, as some workshops fill up astonishingly fast. Remember that the waiting list only applies to a specific session, it doesn't get you a spot in later or not yet scheduled sessions.

We are always looking for new instructors! Our current instructors are passionate, but can only offer so many workshops each, and we do not want to burn them out! Please get in touch with me or Jan. There are some policy steps to follow which are not onerous but meant to help maintain the quality of instruction we are known for while supporting new instructors who want to share their skills. We have had good luck using a mentoring process where new instructors act as teaching assistants in workshops similar to ones they would like to teach.

If you have questions or ideas, Jan and I will be at the Sale and Ex and will be happy to talk with you in person. Jan is available at Monday Socials, and I get to the Guild for most meetings.

Finally, keep checking back to the schedule, as we have a few holes we would still like to fill. If we post new workshops January to June, we will share that in the newsletter and on Facebook, but poking your eyes in here and there might get you first crack at a new one.

Elizabeth Watt

Workshops Registrar

Library

The next Guild Meeting is on November 4th, with the library open beforehand, from approximately 9 am to 7 pm. Library materials taken out at the November meeting are **due back** before 7pm on **December 2nd**, which is the next meeting.

There will always be a display of new library items in the studio before the meeting for you to peruse. Come in early and check out what is new.

Overdue Items

There are some overdue books, which need to come back. Check the return date in the back pocket of the book. Overdue fines are 1.50 per book per month. Please bring them back promptly so others may enjoy them. 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 coffee rings on incoming magazines!

Request CDs as Thumb Drives (if possible)

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 if possible, we can try to reformat the data to a thumb drive, with USB-A, B and C attachments. This will connect to most computers. Let us know in advance and we will see if the media can be converted.

Alternate Drop Off/Pick Up Options

Contact Library at library@ovwsg.com to arrange for alternate pick up, drop-offs and books pulled for you.

Book Lists are on the Web site (2021 ed.)

Remember you can check the lists (a bit out of date) on our web site, <https://www.ovwsg.com/library/> (I find the subject list most helpful; <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-SUBJECT-LIST-01-22-21-updated.pdf>). If you have any questions, feel free to Contact Library on the OVWSG website <https://www.ovwsg.com>.

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

75th Anniversary

WE CAN DO THIS!

To celebrate our 75th anniversary, the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild is undertaking an ambitious fundraising effort, **\$75 for 75!** We are asking everyone who enjoys and supports fibre arts to donate \$75, that's \$1 for every year.

Since launching **\$75 for 75!** in June, we have raised more than \$2,700! **That's 36% of our \$7,500 goal.**

But we have only 2 months left!

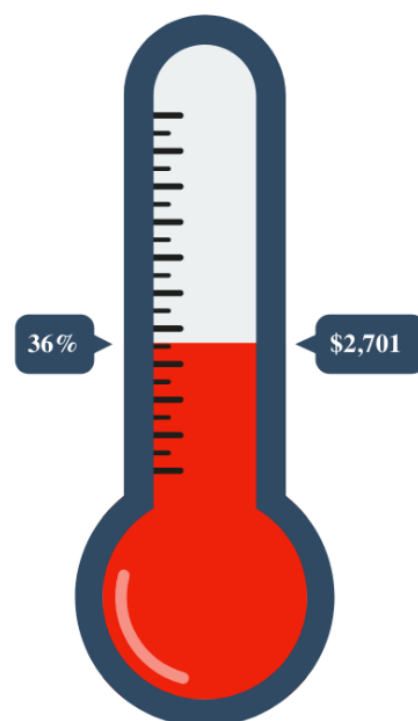
If you have already donated, **THANK YOU** for your incredible generosity and for recognizing the essential role the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild plays in the promotion of fibre arts in Ottawa.

And if you haven't yet, **please make your donation today**, of any amount, and help us reach our goal by the end of the year.

Click the link below for all the ways you can make your donation.

<https://www.ovwsg.com/ottawa-valley-weavers-and-spinners-guild/donate-to-the-guild/>

GOAL: \$7,500



Remembering/Reimagining: Celebrating 75 Years of the OVWSG

On now at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum – [Remembering/Reimagining: Celebrating 75 years of the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild](#)

Remembering/Reimagining celebrates the long and storied history of one of the oldest weaving and spinning guilds in Canada. Founded in 1949, and now with over 200 members, the Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild has a vibrant, dynamic present and a bright, boundless future.



Experience the past, present, and potential of their craft through a curated collection of works in the areas of weaving, spinning, dyeing, felting, and basketry – demonstrating the breadth of knowledge, interest, and talent of Guild members.

Member De-Stashing Event

Our 75th Anniversary Celebrations continue with a “Members De-stash” opportunity before the November 4th meeting and during the break.

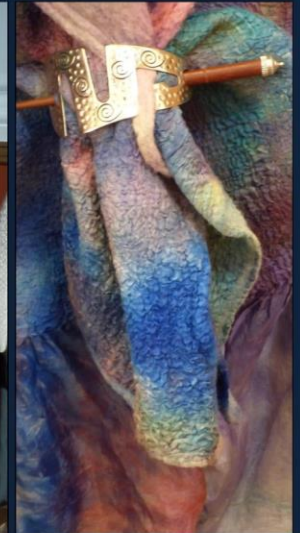
The six available tables will be set up around the edge of the meeting room. A table costs \$5.00 and must be prepaid via e-transfer (details to follow). How you handle your transactions is your business. The doors for the de-stash open at 6:30 pm and must stop when the meeting begins at 7:15 pm. You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

There is no jury for materials sold, so we ask that you keep it to fiber-related goods if possible. Use your good sense, be aware of your demographic and enjoy yourself!

I will be at the Sale and Ex this year and will respond in the evenings. Please email me at bquade@pixelgraphstudio.com before **Saturday November 2** with your name along with payment via e-transfer so I can have a table ready for you. Please forward any questions to me at this email address. Tables not prepaid will not be held; payment is not refundable.

Looking forward to seeing you at the “De-Stash”!

Bernadette Quade
75th Anniversary Committee



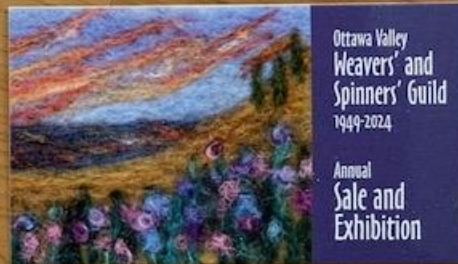
1 week until Ottawa Valley Weavers' & Spinner's Guild Sale and Exhibition

November 2 and 3, 2024

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4

Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

www.ovwsg.com/sale/



Socials, Etc...



In Memoriam

Sadly, we have lost two wonderful members of the Guild over the past few months. All at the Guild join with their families and friends in remembering them and mourning their loss.

Diane Dillon (June 21, 1954—July 22, 2024)



[Photo – courtesy of Jan Scott]

Diane died suddenly this past summer, leaving behind her husband, Larry, daughters Monique and Faye and son, Jamie, as well as nine cherished grandchildren. Diane was a wonderful artist, creating amazing works in many media: painting, weaving, spinning, beading and jewelry to name a few. Those of us who attended her memorial service in August were astounded by the incredible display of her making that her children had mounted in her honour. As well, her daughters, granddaughters and others were wearing some of her beautiful creations.

Above all, Diane will be remembered for her hearty laugh, her kindness, and her willingness to help new members. As someone who wove with her on the 100-inch loom, I benefited from her expertise and friendship. She will be missed.

Louise Laberge (November 24, 1951—October 3, 2024)



Louise passed away in Ottawa in early October leaving her children Philippe and Marianne, her sister H  l  ne, her aunt Th  r  se, her many cousins and friends, and those of us at the Guild to mourn her loss. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Peter in 2008. Louise had an adventurous spirit, working as a nurse in Inuvik, Northwest Territories; Nairobi, Kenya; and Brighton, England before returning to Canada and joining Ottawa Public Health.

Louise first learned to spin while visiting her sister-in-law in Australia in the 1970s and never looked back. She soon moved on to weaving and became involved in our Guild decades ago. When going through some of our archives recently, I learned just how involved in the Guild Louise had been for years, including time as president and many other volunteer positions. She helped to mount the 150th anniversary show at the Shenkman Centre in 2017 and was front and centre at our 75th anniversary celebration in June. Louise worked on her last weaving project — using a handpainted warp — on a guild loom earlier this year, and it was proudly displayed at her memorial service. Her daughter told us that Louise had finished the beading and fringe on the scarf while in palliative care. Louise's warmth, laughter and delightful personality will be dearly missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Marketplace

Antique Leclerc Loom:



- refurbished in 2004 including new heddles and cords
- 45" Counter balance
- Overhead beater (goes whoosh instead of bang bang)
- treadles in fan shape
- brake in good condition and works well
- bench included \$500

Note: The label on this loom (in the white flag part) says Weaving Loom and Church Furniture. In contacting Leclerc, was told that from the label, it had to have been made by his grandfather. So, no actual date, but very, very old. I gave it the name "The Old Lady".

It is wonderful to weave on.
Contact – (613) 286-0535



September General Meeting Minutes

September 2024 OVWSG Meeting

Monday September 9, 2024, at 1900 via zoom/in Person

- Welcome from President, Jean Sharp
- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome to new members, Anne, Ella, Molly, Ruth, Laurie, Marita and Lianne
- 68 members in attendance
- Introduction of executive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need **Membership Co-ordinator:** receives memberships, sends memberships, reminds memberships due
- Position on the board, attends monthly meetings the third Monday of each month
- Need **Donations Co-ordinator** : accepts donations, need a large car or truck
- Need **Newsletter Editor:** receives and assembles submissions using newsletter template

LIBRARY

- Fabulous
- Have complex weavers from 2023

PROGRAMS

- Co-ordinators Ann Mainville-Neeson and Rachel Eugster taking over from Liane Thiry-Smith
- Sending out a survey in the coming months, for members input

WORKSHOPS

- Elizabeth and Jan created the schedule from existing instructors, availability and timeslots
- September is full
- January will have more workshops available

RENTALS

- Deborah: rush on rentals
- Members challenged to rent a Kumihimo loom, the guild has three

- Louise – spinning wheel rentals are steady

75TH ANNIVERSARY

- Carl: We need a volunteer to continue co-ordinating the Mississippi Mills Textile Museum Exhibition – accept submissions, collect, take to museum and set-up
- Deadline for submissions is September 15th
- Installation – October 7th
- Exhibition runs from October 12th until the end of the year
- Liane, Ruth and Anne to set-up, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to exhibition, anyone else send Carl an e-mail
- \$75.00 for 75 years, please consider donation if you haven't already

EXHIBITION AT THE EX AND SALE (Theme – DIAMONDS)

- Deadline for submissions – October 20th, use call for submissions page on the website or Facebook to apply
- Ann McElroy reported that all the booths are filled
- There will be a call for volunteers to set-up and demo forthcoming

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – Anne Sunahara, Lawyer

- ❖ What is OVWSG? 200 + diverse people who love textiles, teaching, learning, studying to keep alive culturally and artistically the textile
- ❖ Not for profit organization- to be a safe place for lovers of textiles
- ❖ We receive tax money, grants, gifts, donations, so governance is required by law
- ❖ The Board of Directors is responsible for the organization and running of the Guild: ensuring we have a place to meet, teach, and store our library and fibre equipment, and maintain and audit the books
- ❖ Heartwood House: It is a privilege to belong to this community that offers us rent at rate 20% below market value.
- ❖ The Not-for-Profit Corporations Act requires that as an incorporated entity (which is a requirement of applying for grants), the Guild must have a Board of Directors. Our constitution specifies that the five core positions (below) are elected by the membership. This Board of Directors then appoints two more members for a one-year term. -
- ❖ Limited time on the Board – all directors can only serve for 4 years: 2 consecutive terms of two years
 - **Chair**-someone with experience, interest of the members
 - **Vice-chair**-traditionally a learning position
 - **President**-the CEO of the organization
 - **Secretary**- records
 - **Treasurer**- prepares the books, ready for a paid audit

BOARD MEMBERS

- Part of community at Heartwood
- All minutes of Board meetings are in the library, can be viewed at any time
- Board members interact with members
- Members can attend any board meetings
- Members can request the board address issues or concerns under OTHER BUSINESS

CONFIDENCE VOTE

- ❖ Member concerns toward Board members – i.e. Board members not to be trusted, not transparent, not forthcoming
- ❖ Ballot one question: “Do you have confidence in the current Board of Directors?” Yes or No
- ❖ 8:27 the meeting resumed; Anne tallied the vote.
- ❖ Results: 41 in the meeting room: 39 – Yes, 1-no, 1- abstention
27 on zoom: 25-yes, 2- no

Thank you to the board, thank you to the membership and many thanks to Anne for explaining the legality of the Board and managing the vote!

Questions

Bernadette said that she had heard the board was never elected — that they are acclaimed.
Anne, if only one person stands then you have the position. Because the terms for elected board members are for two years, not everyone is elected each year. For example, Carl is serving his second year, so he was not elected at this AGM.
Any other questions, please send an email to the president.

APOLOGY

This year, for the first time in a decade, the appointments to the Board changed because of term limits that had not been respected. Although this had been talked about at several board members and two AGMs, this came as a surprise to the two members who had been previously appointed. After the meeting, Moira informed the members about this via email and a note.

The Board heard that both Elizabeth and Laurie were deeply upset by the way this decision had been communicated to them. On behalf of the Board, Moira apologized to Elizabeth and Laurie, for her handling of this.

THANKS

Moira recognized Elizabeth Watt for her significant contribution to the Board, in many capacities, over the past 31 years. Elizabeth has held many positions, including president, and still remains our Workshop Coordinator.

Moira also recognized Laurie Harkin-Chiasson for her significant contribution to the Board over decades. Laurie is currently our Studio Manager and the OHS's librarian and custodian of the OHS in-depth studies. Most recently, Laurie ensured that all OVWSG spaces were in top condition for our 75th anniversary party in June.

Moira also recognized Brenda Bekkers for her role as our Newsletter Editor over the past 4.5 years. Brenda has quietly and oh-so-efficiently made sure that Penelope's News is in our mailboxes each month. With this latest issue, Brenda is stepping down from the position.

Many thanks for all your efforts helping keep the Guild functioning. We could not do the work we do without our volunteers.

FIBER POKER

Ann Mainville-Neeson: I-pad pouch, recycled silk sari

Catherine: shades of gray recycled material, Fibonacci

Robyn Newhook: unspun, respun and redrafted yarn

Marie Eve Marcoux-Roy: feathers and recycled silk sari skeins

Rebecca Cairns: Indigo the bear

SHOW AND TELL

Elizabeth Watt: diversified plain weave blanket

Jan Scott: photo of Maureen spinning with landscape in the background

Deb Templeton: 20/2 gingerbread tea towels

Gord Moat: natural dyed skeins

Lindsay Harasymchuk: a beautiful baby boy, Jacob, 18 days old!

Karin Henderson: parallel threaded painted dyed warps, silk scarves

Next executive meeting – September 16, 2024

Next meeting – October 7, 2024, 7:15 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm

September Executive Meeting Minutes

OVWSG Executive Meeting Minutes Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7 pm

Executive:

Moira White, Chair

Carl Stewart, Vice Chair

Jean Sharp, President
 Louise Travill, Treasurer
 Deborah Newhook, Weaving Rental Coordinator
 *Karin Hendriksen, Membership Chair

Regrets:

Robyn Bozek, Secretary

*Appointed at the meeting

#	Discussion Item	Responsibility/	Deadline
1.	Welcome – check-in, introductions Moirra called the meeting to order at 7:02 and welcomed participants.		
2.	Finalize Agenda (Tab 1) Moved by Carl, seconded by Deborah to approve the agenda. Approved.		
3.	Approve minutes of the August 19, 2025 Executive meeting (Tab 2), Moved by Carl, seconded by Deborah to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024, executive meeting. Approved.		
4.	Empty Board positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint Karin Hendriksen as Member Chair to the final Board position Moved by Deborah, seconded by Louise to appoint Karin Hendriksen as Membership Chair. Approved. <p>In discussion, the group decided to ask for a second person in this position to work with Karin, and Ann Mainville-Neeson's name was suggested as she had also volunteered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Editor Assistant Demo Chair <p>No candidates have yet come forward for this position.</p>	<p>Louise will contact Ann M-N</p> <p>Moirra will ask for volunteers at the next general meeting</p>	<p>This week</p> <p>October 7</p>
5.	Review of to-dos from previous meeting (Tab 3)	See Tab 3	
6.	President update Jean said that following the successful vote from the last general meeting about confidence in the executive, the executive will continue with its plans this year. More to be discussed later in the meeting.		
7.	Chair update Moirra noted that she had contacted Cindy O'Gorman about coming to the meeting to talk about the archives, but Cindy is on holidays.	Invite Cindy O'Gorman to the October meeting	Moirra

8.	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Louise reported that the guild has \$49,000 in cash at present. The funds have come in from the City of Ottawa.</p> <p>Some asked about changing the guild's fiscal year end. We had previously discussed this but could not because our filings were late. Now that the filings are up to date, this might be a possibility/</p>	Ask the bookkeeper about the feasibility of changing our fiscal year end to December 31.	Louise
9.	<p>Membership package update (Tab 4)</p> <p>Louise reviewed the new members' package that is sent. With a few minor changes, this package is fine.</p>		
10.	<p>Document storage</p> <p>Louise will review options for us by next meeting</p>	Prepare options for members to look at re document storage at the Oct meeting	Louise
11.	<p>HH space options</p> <p>We are prepared to give up one of our storage areas to save on our rent. Heartwood House would like to reclaim what is now our demo room, meaning the OHS in-depth studies will have to move. Deborah presented options for various configurations of our space. Moira will be attending the OHS Board retreat in early October where OHS will be talking about its plans for these studies.</p>	Report back to the board on the OHS decision by the October meeting	Moira
12.	<p>Policy review</p> <p>Carl has begun to review our policies and would like to first have a harassment policy in place. This will become a board priority this year.</p>	Review our policies and prioritize updates or new policies. Report back next meeting	Carl
13.	<p>Work plan for the year</p> <p>The board spent considerable time discussing a workplan for this year ahead before deciding on a schedule:</p>	Carl	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2024: meet with committee chairs to discuss and identify operational priorities • November 2024: start work on policies, job description reviews, and operational priorities coming out of the meeting with committee chairs • December 2024: grant applications • January 2025: continue work on policies, job description reviews and operational priorities • February 2025: meet with committee chairs to provide input to 2025/2026 budget • March 2025: continue work on policies, job description reviews and operational priorities • April 2025: finalize draft policies and circulate to members • May 2025: prepare for AGM, including writing a report to members and position recruitment • June 2025: AGM and elections We also discussed the need to give members increased notice of our meetings and what we will be discussing 		

14.	Preparation for Grant reporting Moira noted that the cycle begins again in late November/early December.			
15.	Other business Some members have called for nametags to be worn at the monthly meetings.			
	Adjournment			
	Next Meeting	October 28, 2024 @ 7 p.m.		

October General Meeting Minutes

October 2024 OVWSG General Meeting Minutes

Monday October 7th, 2024, at 1915 via zoom/in Person

- Welcome from Chair, Moira White
- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome to new members, Jules Gregoire, Magnus and Barbara Dundas who who attended her first meeting
- Introduction of executive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for Karin and Ann for volunteering for Membership Chairs
- Sad news, Louise Laberge passed away October 3, 2024, more to follow
- Need a newsletter editor, Lianne Patterson volunteered

WORKPLAN – Carl

The Executive is currently drafting a month-by-month plan that will guide our work from now until the AGM in June 2025.

This will begin with a meeting later this month with all committee chairs to discuss the operational needs of each committee. Collectively, we will identify the priorities, and the executive and respective committee chairs will have that work completed for the June 2025 AGM.

A priority the Executive has identified as part of this work with the committees is to undertake a full review and, where appropriate, update of job descriptions for all positions within the Guild. This is to ensure job descriptions reflect the work that is being done and that needs to be done.

We will call a second meeting with committee chairs in February 2025 to provide input as we prepare the 2025/2026 budget, fiscal year ends April 30th, 2025.

In addition to operational and budgetary priorities, the executive has identified policy priorities we will be working over the next few months including an anti-harassment policy, a conflict of interest policy and clarification and documentation of the process for the appointment of additional board members. Drafts of these policies will be completed by April 2025 and circulated to the membership prior to being presented at the June 2025 AGM for, if needed, amending, and final approval and adoption by the membership.

In addition to our usual responsibilities, here is, in very broad strokes, a month-by-month work plan for the Executive from now until the AGM:

- **October 2024:** meet with committee chairs to discuss and identify operational priorities

- **November 2024:** start work on policies, job description reviews, and operational priorities coming out of the meeting with committee chairs
- **December 2024:** grant applications, begin working end of November (80 page document)
- **January 2025:** continue work on policies, job description reviews and operational priorities
- **February 2025:** meet with committee chairs to provide input to 2025/2026 budget
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- **May 2025:** prepare for AGM, including writing a report to members and position recruitment
- **June 2025:** AGM and elections

One piece of feedback we received regarding members wishing to attend Executive meetings was that it would be helpful to know in advance, what the Executive would be discussing at any given meeting.

The Executive will commit to giving the membership more prior notice of meeting dates and times and include the major topics for discussion at each meeting.

To that end, the next meeting of the Executive is October 21 at 7:00pm in the classroom. Any member is welcome to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom. You can e-mail chair@ovwsg.com to receive the link.

LIBRARY

- Is great

PROGRAMS

- Program survey is still available
- Results will be posted at next months meeting

WORKSHOPS

- Will start working on the schedule for January to June 2025
- If you want to instruct, let Elizabeth or Jan know
- Workshop evaluation – Ann and Barbara will do it

RENTALS

- Please rent some stuff
- Lots of loom options in the studio to rent, \$10/month
- Leeanne to use steamer
- Blind slats excellent for warping and for use as a spacer

75TH ANNIVERSARY

- Coming together well
- Need someone with a larger vehicle for Wednesday or Thursday
- Venue, Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

SALE and EXHIBITION

- Lots of business cards in the library, give them out to one and all
- Social media put it out there, share the information
- Wendy advised she needs more diamond submissions, e-mail submissions

OHS NEWS

- Moira at OHS retreat at Kawartha Resorts
- Updated bylaws
- OHS returning to regional conferences – 2025 and large conference 2026
- OHS has certificate courses that can be taken in any order or one at a time

DESTASH TABLES

- \$5.00/table, can be e-transferred
- Items within the parameters of fibre

- Contact Bernadette

HEARTWOOD HOUSE NEWS

- OC Transpo to continue lost and found until the middle of this month, then it moves online and to St. Laurent location
- There will be less people in reception
- There will be a celebration of those who will be leaving their positions at Heartwood House
- Accessibility during regular office hours still the same

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership lists out of date
- October blitz, if membership not paid by October 15th, then off the list
- Renewals will be sent out one month before the renewal date

Break 8:04

Speaker – Lea Karas, Weaver, Textile Artist and Interior Designer

Show and Tell

- Wendy's double weave blanket
- Karin's shawl from Mandy's yarn
- A member showed her experiment with nature dying
- A member showed her first weavings from workshop 101

Meeting adjourned 9:40pm

Next meeting Monday November 4, 2025, 7:15 pm

Heartwood House Access + Parking

Getting into the Studio:

Before 6 pm – Heartwood House may be open – come in the front door, sign in at the office desk (this helps with HH's Grants) and then go past the elevator through the door, turn right and proceed down the hall to the last door on the right, labelled OVWSG Studio.

After 6 pm – the studio window is the first window east of the Unitarian Foyer/Art Gallery. Tap on the window and if someone is there, they can let you in the Unitarian door (across from the Dairy Queen).

Unsure if anyone is in the studio – check the Facebook group or call the studio **(613)-680-6600**.

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.



Message from the Editor

Hello everyone – I’m Lianne Patterson, new to Ottawa, new to the Guild (I’m the cookie contributor at our meetings), novice weaver – and now the new OVWSG Newsletter Editor! I’m looking forward to getting to know all of you!

The newsletter is normally released on the Monday prior to the general meeting nine times per year, breaking for January (winter holiday season), July and August (summer season). If you have an article/blog/update for a newsletter, please forward it to the newsletter email address – newsletter@ovwsg.com – **as soon as its ready** along with any photos or other documents to be included. Contributions from all members are welcome, so please feel free to submit photos, book reviews or stories of fibre related activities.

Submissions for the December newsletter are due no later than **November 20, 2024**.

The September Newsletter can be accessed at: <https://www.ovwsg.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/September-2024-Newsletter.pdf>

If you have any tips or tricks to share about the newsletter, I’m all ears! Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me! Thanks in advance for your support! I truly appreciate it.

Lianne Patterson
OVWSG Newsletter Editor

Sweet Farewell (until next time...)

As requested, following is the recipe for a cookie shared at the October Meeting. Enjoy! Lianne

Almond Frangipane Cookies

Recipe from bake FROM SCRATCH Magazine

Makes about 18 large cookies

Ingredients

- 2¼ cups (281 grams) all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (96 grams) blanched almond flour
- ¾ teaspoon (3.75 grams) baking powder
- ½ teaspoon (1.5 grams) kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 grams) baking soda
- 1¼ cups (275 grams) firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup (227 grams) unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
- ¾ cup (150 grams) granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs (100 grams)
- 2 teaspoons (8 grams) vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon (4 grams) almond extract
- 1½ cups (170 grams) sliced almonds
- Garnish: confectioners' sugar

Instructions

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flours, baking powder, salt, and baking soda.
3. In another medium bowl, whisk together brown sugar, melted butter, and granulated sugar until well combined. Whisk in eggs and extracts until smooth. Stir in flour mixture until just combined and no dry streaks remain. (Dough will seem soft.)
4. In a small bowl, place almonds.
5. Using a 3-tablespoon spring-loaded scoop, scoop dough (about 60 grams each) directly into almonds. Roll dough in almonds, gently pressing to adhere, making sure to pack almonds on as much as possible. Place on prepared pan. Refrigerate until firm, 45 minutes to 1 hour.
6. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
7. Place dough balls 2 inches apart on prepared pans.
8. Bake, one pan at a time, until edges are set and golden brown, 17 to 20 minutes. Let cool on pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and let cool completely on a wire rack. Garnish with confectioners' sugar, if desired. Store in an airtight container for up to 4 days.



Sharing some learnings...

- The dough is very soft which makes rolling in the sliced almonds challenging. Chilling the dough for 30 to 45 minutes before this step makes it easier to work with, then follow the recipe, chilling the scooped cookies as outlined.
- A 3 tbsp scoop is quite large (which is why 18 cookies is the result). I prefer more cookies to share so I use my Zeroll 2030 scoop [2 tbsp/ 1.03 ounces/29 grams] which still results in a substantial cookie. You could use an even smaller scoop if you wish (like a Zeroll 2040 scoop [1.4 tbsp/ 0.71 ounces/20 grams]) for even more cookies (you're never wrong when the result is more cookies IMO). Please remember to lower the amount of baking time when using a smaller scoop. I start checking them at 13-15 minutes.
- I love to bake cookies fresh, so I often freeze the dough for baking later. Scoop the cookies, roll them in almonds and place on a parchment lined baking sheet that will fit in your freezer (they can be side by side with no space between them). Once frozen, the cookie balls go into a Ziploc bag stored in the freezer. When you have a craving for freshly baked cookies, you have dough already made! You may need to add a few minutes of baking time to frozen dough.