



# PETERBOROUGH HANDWEAVERS' AND SPINNERS' GUILD

Volume 32, Issue 3

2009

January-February

---

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to you and yours! This is the time of year when a certain amount of “cocooning” goes on and we can get started on those new projects which were postponed due to a very busy fall.

Speaking of fall, “Autumn Treasures” was a very successful event, both financially and in terms of bringing us together for a common purpose. We made \$346.07 – many thanks to all who participated. Looking towards Autumn Treasures 2009, we are very fortunate that Carole Erwin has offered to be our coordinator. She welcomes display suggestions (ways to show things vertically instead of laying down on the shelf) and ideas for small items which could be done at a meeting as guild projects. And Pauline says “get started early on your items for the sale”!

Thank you to Pauline, Carole and everyone else for arranging our merry and delicious Christmas dinner. Special thanks to Bev and the program committee for setting up our Christmas craft session after the meal. That was really enjoyable project and it was fun to take home some “Show and Tell”.

The next few months will provide us with some opportunities for learning and good times. A new group is forming (see Lea’s notice in the newsletter). We will also have 2 looms set up for you to see weaving “in progress”. You will have a chance to ask lots of questions of two of our finest – Dee and Pauline. Carole is going to be offering a needle-felting workshop in the spring and OHS is presenting their conference May 1-3 in Alliston. Make sure you check the latter out – conferences only happen every two years and you don’t want to miss out on something as special as that!

See you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Lois Watson

## GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Guild Meetings** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Kawartha Artists' Gallery, 729 Park St. S. Library and Store open at 7:00 pm and meetings start at 7:30 pm. Next meetings: January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Executive Meetings** Next meeting is February 2, 2009 at Diane Passmore's.
- Weave Study Group** The group usually meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning of each month. For information phone Dee at 743-0231.

## PROGRAMME NOTES

**JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>** – We will learn about “Rock Day” – a special day for spinners. After an historical overview, FUN ACTIVITIES will be available for all.

**GUILD CHALLENGE** – This year's Challenge has 3 components. We have been inspired by the '100 mile diet' and the 'buy locally' campaign at our market. This has led us to the main challenge which is to make something from local fibres.

We would also like to develop a resource for our guild members so please submit to Mary Charles information concerning the source of your fibre, what is great about that place, etc. She has forms available for you to do this and she will compile a handbook for members.

Thirdly, we challenge you to enter your finished product in a local fall fair as a way to inspire other members of the community and advertise the guild. For our purposes we are defining 'locally' as Peterborough or any county bordering it and suggest that 50% of the material be local.

### **LEA'S SATURDAY AFTERNOON GROUP**

An open invitation is extended to anyone in the guild to drop in to our room on Saturday afternoon, January 24 to get together with others who find evening meetings or weekday meetings difficult or impossible to attend. Spinners, weavers, basket makers or felters are all welcome. This is a very informal affair. For more information contact Lea at 705-652-6778.

### **AFGHAN PROJECT**

Pauline has donated some knitting yarns, which will be available at the meeting, if you need some additions to your own for the afghan you are making. Make sure you contact Maria for the special labels to attach before you donate your afghan.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership must be in by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please mail or drop off your membership fees (\$35.00 per person/cash or cheque) and completed membership form to: Maxine Youngman, 36-1121 Armour Road, Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 7N8.

We welcome new member Jean Cornish.

## LIBRARY

The library is open for borrowing at 7:00 pm on meeting nights. Put returning books in the basket on the library table. If you wish to renew a book and avoid paying the fine of \$1.00 per book or magazine per month, phone Lois at 652-5077 or e-mail [watsonl@pipcom.com](mailto:watsonl@pipcom.com). You will have one more month before it needs to be returned. You may also renew at a meeting.

If you wish to take out a book or magazine on a non-meeting day, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE THE CARD OUT OF THE ENVELOPE IN THE BOOK, SIGN YOUR NAME AND INSERT THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING ON IT AND ON THE DATE DUE SLIP. Then put it in the wooden card box on the library shelf. The dates of meetings are in the lid of the wooden box.

CD's are now located in a box on the bottom shelf of the big bookcase.

Ideas are welcomed for the purchase of new books. What kind do you think we need?

## EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

If you have equipment out for borrowing please remember to return it as soon as you are finished using it. Also remember to fill out the Equipment record book when you borrow and return items. Rental payment is paid to Pauline on return of equipment. If any equipment is missing parts, or is broken, please contact Lois Watson or Jo Mills. The carder is kept at Jo's so call her to make a appointment for pick-up.

Please note that rental of any equipment entails returning the equipment in good working order.

If you hear of a spinning wheel without a home and is free, please mention the guild. It would be nice to have one available for demonstrations at meetings. Alternatively, please consider bringing your own to meetings so you can spin away and answer questions from those who would like to learn.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If anyone has an event they would like listed please advise Jo.

- To January 27            Battleground: War Rugs from Afghanistan. Textile Museum
- To March 22             Diamonds – yes, I know they are not fibre – but as the saying goes “they are a girls best friend” and this is breathtaking....at the ROM
- June 12-14              Ontario Handspinning Seminar, Kingston. “Back to Wool – Lace to Lopi”. See [www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca](http://www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca)
- To July 9                The Cutting Edge at the Textile Museum – garments – their shape and what it signifies with one-of-a-kind to haute couture
- To July                  The Cutting Edge – Focuses on the shape of garments and what it signifies...feature haute couture to one-of-a-kind.
- May 1-3                 OHS Conference at Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston. Early bird deadline is Jan 15<sup>th</sup> (\$25 saving). Brochures at Guild room or visit [www.ohs.on.ca/conference](http://www.ohs.on.ca/conference)
- June 6<sup>th</sup>                St. Distaffs Day – The Twistle Guild of Maxville and the Carman Forward Guild will host at Winchester. Contact Kathy Peleschuk at [fran-kathy@hotmail.com](mailto:fran-kathy@hotmail.com)
- Sept 18-Oct 4            World of Threads, Oakville. Biennial International Fiber Art and Craft Festival. See [www.worldofthreadsfestival.com](http://www.worldofthreadsfestival.com)

Please contact me by March 1<sup>st</sup> with new calendar events you would like to see included in this list (Ptbo, Lakefield, Norwood fairs, studio tours, etc.).

## GUILD ROOM HOURS

The Guild Room is used by KAG every week day, all day, except for Monday mornings. Tuesday and Friday mornings it is used for life drawing and no one from the public (including us) is admitted. On Monday mornings you need a key. Contact Lois Watson or Barb Burbidge for key. Otherwise, you are welcome to go to our part of the space when the artists are there. Their gallery is open every day, seven days a week, from 1:00 to 4:00.

## THE NIDDY NODDY COLUMN

Don't be shy. Share your thoughts, ideas and experiences.

You can give me hardcopy at a meeting or send me your notes by e-mail to [jomillsjo@hotmail.com](mailto:jomillsjo@hotmail.com).



In lieu of some informative or inspirational reading I have chosen to insert 'homeless' items with no relationship to each other but all connected in some way to fibre!

**CAT HAIR SPINNING** – A request was received at Autumn Treasure's for someone to spin Himalayan cat fur, perhaps mixed with wool. If you are interested phone Bill Whit at 705-932-5539.

**LOOM FOR SALE** – Bought at auction, very good handmade 36 inch 4-harness floor loom (counterbalance). Includes 1 reed (4 dpi), 2 regular shuttles, 1 heavy shuttle, warping board, some yarns, books and magazines. Price is reasonable and owner anxious to pass it on. Keith Brinkman (Diana Gregg's neighbour) at 705-745-8042, ext. 399. Loom sits at Walton Street, between Weller and Homewood.

**ONTARIO CRAFTS COUNCIL** has several opportunities relevant to eastern Ontario craft-based artists.

Call For Entry: Masterworks East: a "Best" of Juried Travelling Exhibition of Contemporary Eastern Ontario Craft. Open to all makers living in a K or J postal code who create outstanding works in any craft media. Deadline January 30<sup>th</sup>. Check it out on [www.craft.on.ca/OCCNews/RegionalUpdate](http://www.craft.on.ca/OCCNews/RegionalUpdate)

February 28-March 1- Building Your Successful Crafts Career Conference 2009 at SAW, Arts Court, Ottawa. Conference features speeches and workshops relevant to artists and makers of all professional levels including artist-gallery relationships, grant writing, photography and more. Check out [www.craft.on.ca/Programs/Conference#2009OttawaConference](http://www.craft.on.ca/Programs/Conference#2009OttawaConference). Register by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**GET CONNECTED** – will resume next issue....I am consolidating a mass of blogs, websites and e-zines which I will put into a binder as a library resource. If you find a site you would like to share send it along to me.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH



Newsletter submissions can be sent to Jo Mills at 210 Carlisle Avenue, Peterborough, K9H 1J6, or you can e-mail me at [jomillsjo@hotmail.com](mailto:jomillsjo@hotmail.com). You can also telephone at 705-749- 3323. Deadline for submissions is the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month. Our newsletter can be viewed at [www.aymgael.com/PBO\\_handweaving\\_spinning/default.html](http://www.aymgael.com/PBO_handweaving_spinning/default.html)

E-mail can be sent to [weaver@aym-gael.com](mailto:weaver@aym-gael.com).

Correspondence should be sent to Diane Passmore, 744 Armour Road, Peterborough, K9H 2A1, e-mail: [dipassmo@sympatico.ca](mailto:dipassmo@sympatico.ca).