



PETERBOROUGH HANDWEAVERS' AND SPINNERS' GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter is almost behind us. Except for a few strong winds and some snow flurries we will have survived once again. It is still too early for putting in the garden but we can still dream of those great plans while we are finishing up winter projects.

Thanks to our Programme Committee we have had new experiences in felling, burning and smelling fibres we work with. We have also learned a few new terms in spinning that we can tuck away for the crossword puzzle. The next few months will bring us more ideas to work into projects for our annual display at Autumn Treasures, for those gifts we give to our families and friends, as well as the 100 kilometer or adjacent county challenge for June.

We look forward to the felting workshop and new ideas in creating both decorative and practical samples of our fibre art.

Thanks to Lois Watson who has been mentoring some of our weavers on Saturday mornings in January and February, and to Lea French who has drawn together several weavers and spinners to meet and encourage each other once a month at a time more convenient to them than our usual Monday evening. Any and all are welcome to come and bring ideas and support to this group. Thanks to Phyllis Lupton for sharing her experience at her spinning workshop and also to Maria Tryba for continuing to produce comfort afghans for Hospice and other care venues. We hope her outreach projects will encourage other members to participate.

Thanks to all members for supporting the Guild at meetings in our long, cold winter. We look forward to a much more pleasant spring.

Carole Erwin

GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Guild Meetings** 3rd 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 are March 16th and April 20th.
- Executive Meetings** Next meeting is Monday, March 30, 1:30 pm at Dee's. May meeting will be Monday, April 27, 1:30 at Maxine's.
- Weave Study Group** The group will meet on March 26th at 9:30 am at the home of Barbara Burbidge. Bring your current projects and ideas that you are working on. Newcomers welcome. April meeting will be on the 23rd, same time. For information phone Dee.
- Saturday Group** Next meeting is Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 am, and April 25th. Contact Lea French for more information.

PROGRAMME NOTES

March

The program will be focusing on methods of Resist Dyeing.

April

Faye is going to speak to us about unusual fibre art..."looking outside the box" for traditionally trained textile artists. In conjunction with this we will ask members to bring other crafts that are not part of their usual fibre experience. These can be items they made or had given to them.

April 25th Needlefelting Workshop

The cost for this workshop is \$25, which includes supplies. Please bring your money to Carole Erwin, preferably at the March meeting. However Carole will have to have all money and attendance confirmation by the April meeting.

May

Mary Charles hopes to have a woman who collects and repairs spinning wheels speak to us. Note: This meeting will be held on **Monday, May 11th** to avoid Victoria Day weekend.

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. 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.

Four books have been added to the library for you to borrow. There are two weaving e-books: *Top Projects in Overshot* and *Top Placements* along with their corresponding CD's. For spinners, there is *A Fine Fleece* and *Teach Yourself Visually Handspinning*.

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 an 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May 1-3	OHS Conference at Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston. Brochures at Guild room or visit www.ohs.on.ca/conference
June 6 th	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
June 12-14	Ontario Handspinning Seminar, Kingston. “Back to Wool – Lace to Lopi”. See 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.
July 24-26	Lakefield Ex
July 30-Aug 2	Peterborough Ex
Aug 8-9	Lang Pioneer Village – Textile Days. Demos of weaving, spinning, embroidery and quilting.
Sept 18-Oct 4	World of Threads, Oakville. Biennial International Fiber Art and Craft Festival. See www.worldofthreadsfestival.com
Nov 13-15	Autumn Treasures.

MEMBERSHIP

We wish to welcome new member Sandra Malasky. Sandra can be contacted at 1489 Mayfair Avenue, Peterborough, K9J 6T3.

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.



Timing is Everything!

From "*Learning to Weave*" by Deborah Chandler.....a way to answer the question, "How long does it take to make that thing, anyway?"

"The best way to keep track of your weaving time is to buy a cheap alarm clock (not digital) and set it at 12:00 at the beginning of each new project. Every time you start to work on the project, plug the clock in; when you quit, unplug it. It will count your cumulative time and if you finish a particular project with the clock reading 9:30, you'll know it took nine and a half hours to do that project. The only catch is remembering to plug and unplug the clock."

Milk Bags into Sleeping Mats!

Mary Lavery reports that Trinity United Church congregation is collecting milk bags which hold 4 litres of milk, cutting them into strips and crocheting them into sleeping mats for citizens in Zimbabwe. The mats are sturdy, easy to clean and provide a good mattress. Please collect your milk bags and deliver to Trinity United Church, Reid Street office door. There are a few brands of milk bags that are bio-degradable and therefore not useable. Please check the bags before delivering them to the church. Thanks for helping us. Mary

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. You can also telephone at 705-749- 3323. Deadline for submissions is the 28th of each month. Our newsletter can be viewed at www.aymgael.com/PBO_handweaving_spinning/default.html

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