



PETERBOROUGH HANDWEAVERS' AND SPINNERS' GUILD

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May-June

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our last meeting of the year is coming up on June 15. This is a time to celebrate what we have accomplished, both personally and as a guild. We have learned and passed on our knowledge to others – to our own members and to the public.

Opportunities to showcase our craft have continued to “pour in”, so to speak. The Hooks and Needles Guild have asked us to do a program on spinning for them next winter. Hutchison House has asked us to help them with a display for their big room in the fall. In August Lang is having their “Festival of Textiles” and will need some of us to help out. The Lakefield Fair and Peterborough Exhibition are two venues where you can enter your projects and vie for prizes. And finally there is Autumn Treasures, where we can offer what we have made to the public. Now is the time to get cracking on our contributions to that show!

The Peterborough Guild also took part in the Guild display at the OHS Conference. “This and That” was our theme and obviously was enjoyed by many of our visitors to our room. All participants in Guild displays had their names put into a bag and one name was chosen for a prize – a one year OHS membership. WE WON!

All of these efforts require people to step up and offer their help and, in particular, their enthusiasm. Carole and I thank everyone in the guild for their participation in everything we have attempted in the past three years. It has been challenging at times, but always enjoyable in terms of the fellowship we have experienced. Dee Jones is taking our place in September. We would really like to have someone fill in the spot of vice-president to give her some back-up and assistance when needed. Please consider joining the executive – we have a good time at our meetings!

Lois Watson

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 **May 11** and June 15. May meeting is Spinning Wheels with Donna Lonergan.
- Executive Meetings** Next meeting is June 1st at Pauline's.
- Weave Study Group** The group will meet on May 28th at 9:30 am at Maxine's. Bring your current projects and ideas that you are working on. Newcomers welcome. For information phone Dee.

PROGRAMME NOTES

Thank You

We would like to thank Carole Erwin for a fun and instructive morning at our April Saturday workshop. We needle felted all manner of critters that were born from our imaginations and we have lots of coloured fleece to create more. Please bring all of these new-borns to "Show and Share" at the May meeting.

Thanks to Faye Jacobs too for a very inspiring workshop that took us "Out of the Box". Many of us went home with a piece of mesh....think Guild Challenge for June meeting!

May

This meeting will be held on **Monday, May 11th** to avoid Victoria Day weekend. Our featured guest is Donna Lonergan of the Kawartha H&S. Donna will be talking to us about spinning wheels.

Dee will also be collecting money for the June year-end dinner (\$12.00). Please let her know your attendance if you cannot make it to this meeting.

June

Once again Pauline has graciously invited us to use her condo room for our final meeting of the year on **June 15**. We will gather at 6:00 pm for pre-dinner refreshment with dinner at 6:30 pm. We are ordering chicken, baked potatoes and rolls from Swiss Chalet, supplemented by a salad and dessert. Please bring your own cutlery, plate, mug.

Don't forget to bring your project for the Guild Challenge.

Guild Challenge

To quote from the Nov/Dec newsletter, "This year's challenge has 3 components...make something from local fibres...develop a resource for our guild

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members...submit to Mary Charles information concerning the source of your fibre, what is great about that place, etc....forms available...she will compile a handbook...enter your finished product in a local fall fair...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.

Festival of Textiles – Lang Pioneer Village

Please see information at end of newsletter for this exciting event.

Saturday Morning Sessions

Thanks to Lea for starting up this experiment. Not enough interest was shown to keep this group going, however please talk to Lea if you have feedback or suggestions.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please mail your annual reports (President, Library & Equipment, Membership, Social, Telephone, Sunshine, Publicity, Newsletter, Carder, Program and Workshops, Nominating, Autumn Treasures) to Pauline by May 31st. She will combine these with her Treasurer’s Report and run them off to have available for the Annual Meeting on June 15th. Also, if you have expenses please send them to Pauline by May 31st so she can reimburse you at the June meeting.

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 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.

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 'free ' spinning wheel without a home, 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarships worth \$125.00 each are available to guild members to offset expenses in courses. Recipients are required to do a program for the guild when the course is finished. Application forms are available and will be at the May meeting. The deadline is May 29th and the executive will consider the applications at their June 1 meeting. See Maxine for the forms.

AUTUMN TREASURES

Needed: If you find yourself passing by IKEA in Etobicoke or Vaughan we would appreciate your dropping in to pick up two very inexpensive and small racks for our guild shelves. These are clothes rails for our IVAR system. Please phone Dee for details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- May 6 Needlework by the Ontario Network of Needleworkers at the Evinrude Centre. Viewing from 1-3pm only.
- May 16-17 The Kawartha Eclectics Sale, Buckhorn Lake, 10am-4pm. Donna Southern, Janet McDougall, Sandi McNeil. Visit www.kawarthaeclectics.com for more information.
- June 6th 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
- July 24-26 Lakefield Fair – please consider entering this wonderful event. Entry books will be available at June meeting.
- July 31-Aug 2 Peterborough Ex. Like, Lakefield, consider entering an item in the competitions. Entry booklets available at June meeting.
- August 8th Grass Creek Sheep to Shawl, Kingston. Starts 8am, finishes at 2:30 pm. Judging follows. Auction on Sunday.
- Aug 8-9 Lang Pioneer Village – *Fesitval of Textiles*. Demos of weaving, spinning, embroidery and quilting. More info at June meeting.
- Sept 18-Oct 4 World of Threads, Oakville. Biennial International Fiber Art and Craft Festival. See www.worldofthreadsfestival.com
- Nov 13-15 Autumn Treasures.

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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.



As many of you know, this has been a very busy year for me. Too busy some would say. But it is very exciting when all your activities are related and yet have their own unique features.

I never thought at my age and time of life that I would be working with my daughter in her now very successful jewellery business. Nor that she would be encouraging me to working at knitting and crocheting with gold and silver wire to incorporate into her ideas.

I have had discussions on 'mixed media' in fibre arts with Faye Jacobs. Her "Out of the Box" presentation last month was terrific. She sent us home with a piece of mesh to work which sits on my kitchen table I cannot avoid it and one day, I am sure, sudden inspiration will come to me for a project using the mesh. Maybe for the Challenge.

More recently I attended the OHS conference. The variety of work in the Juried Show and Fashion Show was fantastic. In many cases I walked away with envy and wished I could do something like that. But as I have said many times before, if it is more than 8 ends per inch, 10 twists per inch, or less than a 2" staple, I leave it to a more experienced creator! Do what you do best and do it well.

As the new President of OHS I would also like to talk to you about the OHS survey. Our new regional rep, Mara Lusic, will be sending out this survey to each guild shortly. These surveys are very important right now. OHS is going through a Strategic Planning process and we need your input. Whether you are an OHS member or not, we ask that you give us your viewpoints. Without your input we cannot develop new programs to meet your needs. We need to know what you like, don't like; what we do for you or don't do for you; if we are important to you or not. Our feelings won't be hurt by negative input. That is the most important information you can give us to help us get on track and support our membership.

I will be continuing to work on the Newsletter for the guild. It is a pleasure to give back to the guild, even if I do not get to many meetings. I do hope other members will give consideration to taking part in the executive. It is a rewarding experience.

And please, if you have something you want to say or share, and include photos, please do so. We would all love to see and hear what you have to say.

Jo

LANG PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL TEXTILE ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPERSONS TO OUR NEW EVENT, THE FESTIVAL OF TEXTILES.

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 & 9 BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M.

AN EXTRAVAGANZA OF TEXTILE TRADITIONS, THIS NEW EVENT WILL SHOWCASE DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAYS BY WEAVERS, SPINNERS, RUG HOOKERS, QUILTERS, EMBROIDERERS, LACE-MAKERS, AND MORE. SEE HOW CLOTH IS MADE FROM "SHEEP TO SHAWL" AND, ON SATURDAY, ENJOY A PERIOD CLOTHING FASHION SHOW. THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC BY JUNO-NOMINATED ARTIST, MIKE FORD.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AS A DEMONSTRATOR, PLEASE CONTACT LAURIE SIBLOCK, SPECIAL EVENT & COMMUNITY LIAISON, LANG PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM, 705-295-6694 OR LSIBLOCK@COUNTY.PETERBOROUGH.ON.CA

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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

E-mail can be sent to weaver@aym-gael.com.

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