



PETERBOROUGH HANDWEAVERS' AND SPINNERS' GUILD

2010

January-February

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

May 2010 be a good year for all of you. Have you decided to make any resolutions?

I'm not certain if this is a resolution, but I would like to challenge myself to be more creative and adventurous in my weaving projects. For Christmas I received an interesting book "*Living The Creative Life: ideas and inspiration from working artists.*" The author asks artists about their creativity: *'What is creativity? Where does it come from? Do we all have it, or is it a gift to just a few of us? What can we do to be more creative?'*

These are interesting questions to mull over as we decide how we are going to meet this year's guild challenge - *Lacy Scarves*. This is a good challenge for spinners, weavers and those who felt, as there are so many types of lace projects and many ways to interpret the term *Lacy*. Open yourself to inspiration, dream up ideas and try to develop several. Bring one or bring them all to the June meeting. I look forward to seeing the projects that have challenged each of you.

This year we welcomed several new members. I know that you will make them feel welcome and try to answer their questions.

Some of you may wonder how guild business decisions are made and if you have input into those decisions. The executive discusses information, suggestions, ideas and plans, which are passed on to the members through the newsletter and at general meetings. Input and final decisions from members is important and welcome. We try to keep everyone in the loop and keep the business part of our general meetings short so that we can enjoy informative programs, sharing and interaction. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and questions. If you would like to attend an executive meeting let me know.

A thought for 2010 from my daughter: "Think about the best things you have accomplished in 2009, and the lessons you learned, to go forward into 2010."

Dee Jones

GUILD ROOM HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

The Guild Room is used by KAG every week day, all day, all day, except for Friday. Tuesday mornings it is used for life drawing and no one from the public (including us) is admitted. On Friday mornings you need a key. Contact Lois Watson or Barb Burbidge for a 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.

Guild Meetings	3 rd Monday of the month at Kawartha Artists' Gallery, 729 Park St. S. Library/store open at 7:00 pm-meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Entry is red door behind the De La Fosse library off O'Connell.
Executive Meetings	Next meeting is February 1, 1:30 pm at Carole Erwin's home.
Weaving Study Group	The group will meet Jan 28, 9:30 at Maxine's. Topic is "Lacy Scarves". Newcomers welcome. For information phone Dee at 743-0231.

GUILD BUSINESS

The Executive has moved, pending approval by our Guild members that a donation of \$100.00 should be given to the Lang Village Jacquard Loom Project. This motion will be presented at the January 18th Guild meeting for voting.

The Executive has recommended that our Guild take part in the 2010 Autumn Treasures show if circumstances are favourable. Carole Erwin has offered to convene this event **if she has a co-convenor**. This will be on January 18th agenda.

The Spinning Group has decided not to meet due to lack of attendance. If anyone wishes to restart the group please contact Helga.

The Hutchinson House display of our weaving, spinning, felting and dyeing, has been enjoyed by many people due to the number of events that have taken place at the house over the past couple of months. The display can be viewed until January 27th.

PROGRAMME NOTES

If you have anything you have made that you are proud of (or even anything that didn't turn out the way it was supposed to) or anything new you have tried please bring it to the meetings for Show and Share. Your items should be given to Eleanor Iussa.

January 18 - Dyed in Wool and Other Fibres with Mary Charles

"Come with an open mind, forget the rules and let your spirit soar" was how the description read for the 2009 Conference workshop offered by Pat LeClair of Trenton. I had purchased her work previously, enjoying the colour combinations she created, but wanted to learn more. I will be giving demos of how I spent my day last spring in Alliston...playing with colour and fibre...it doesn't get much better. Come with an open mind because I don't follow the rules either!

February 15 - Warp Becomes Weft on a Triangular Loom with Lois Watson

At the 2009 Conference I took a mini workshop and learned a new way to weave on a triangular loom. This method involves using one whole length of yarn – no cutting of individual warp threads! The method is simple and everyone will have a chance to try it.

Possible Workshops - If there is interest, Faye is willing to do a workshop in April or May about Ikat. It would have to be a two session workshop if people have no previous experience. The first workshop would be learning to warp, tie and dye the threads. The second would be putting the warp on the loom with the ikat board.

GUILD CHALLENGE

Lacy Scarves and Shawls - We think this will be a fun challenge for weavers, spinners, knitters, crocheters and felters alike and hope to see lots of inspired interpretations as the end result. Try to keep notes on what inspired you and what publications/patterns you used. This will be helpful to both those with experience and without in order to produce lacy items of their own.

LIBRARY

The library is open for borrowing at 7:00 pm on meeting nights. If you wish to borrow a book between meetings, follow the instruction on the wooden box on the bookshelf. If you want to renew a book, phone or e-mail Lois or ask at the meeting.

Two new books have been purchased.

1. All New Homespun Handknit - 25 small projects to knit with handspun yarn.
2. Reader's Choice - a Handwoven e-book - 10 all-time favourites chosen by readers from 30 years of Handwoven magazine.

Vav Magasinet - the second issue to this Swedish weaving magazine has arrived.

Equipment

The equipment in the guild room has been compiled in a new list most is of which is available for rent.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 12-14 Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby-OK, not fibre unless you spin dog hair...but it's one hour away and a whole lot of fun when nothing else is going on!

May 28-30th, 2010 Wasoon 2010, Kapuskasing, Ontario. Registration opens Jan. 16

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.



I must apologize for the lack of content in this month's Niddy Noddy and Get Connected. However I have had the opportunity this year to meet and see the wonderful felting work of Maureen Harding of Dreamspin Fibres. Recently Nottawasaga Guild held a multi-guild invitation workshop on felting, hosted by Maureen, and the response was amazing-sold out before I could even apply for a space!

Dreamspin Fibres has moved from Milton to the Campbellford/Warkworth area. They sell felting and spinning fibres and accessories by mail order. Visitors are always welcome to come and browse but I suggest you call ahead.

Maureen will be holding a sale January 15th to the end of February, which includes a selection of fine/superfine merino tops in solids and multicolours, corriedale tops, Masham grey longwool top, Teeswater/Wensleydale ecru top, silk bombyx and tussah tops, and Angelina in various colours. Sale prices range from 20% to 50% off.

Workshops are available at her studio or at your guild. Planned felting workshops include: Felted Cobweb Cashmere and Silk scarf, Working with Prefelts, and Experiments in Felting. I would certainly be interested in bringing Maureen to Peterborough – with an open invitation to Warkworth and Lindsay guilds to help offset the workshop fees. If anyone is interested please let me know.

You can find more information at www.dreamspinfibres.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.

Our newsletter can be viewed at www.aymgael.com/PBO_handweaving_spinning/default.html

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