



PETERBOROUGH HANDWEAVERS' AND SPINNERS' GUILD

2010

May-June

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Exciting news! Some of you may have already heard that our Guild has been awarded a City of Peterborough Community Project Grant for 2010. We applied for this grant so that we could bring in a fibre arts expert to present a program or workshop on a topic related to spinning and/or weaving. This opportunity is not only an advantage for our Guild, but allows us offer an excellent program to the general public. We will be reaching out to the community to those who are interested in fibre arts related to spinning and weaving. Some ideas have been put forward but details need to be worked out and a venue booked. The prospects are exciting. Your help and input will be important. Thanks goes to Mary Charles who suggested applying for the grant and assisted with making the application.

The OHS Central Region President's meeting was held in April. Neta accompanied me. The Guilds presented mini reports on their Guild activities during the year. This sharing of information and ideas is helpful in enhancing the activities of our Guilds. A Spinning Data Base is being set up so that spinners can take part in spinning lessons within a 100 km distance from their home. A Weaving Certificate course will start this fall. "Fibre Focus" has a new editor and a great new look. OHS will soon have a new website. The changes taking place will benefit many guilds. We also look forward to the "Beyond Expectations" Seminar Oct. 2nd in Lindsay. Registration forms are available from me.

On June 14th we have been invited to Mary Charles home for our annual meeting and an outdoor dinner. Details are in this newsletter. We look forward to this gathering and viewing all your challenge pieces. So I hope you will all have a lacy scarf or shawl to show. Over the summer months don't forget to plan and work on articles for Autumn Treasures. Have a safe, relaxing summer.

Dee

GUILD ROOM HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

The Guild Room is used by KAG every week day, all day, except for Friday. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings it is used for life drawing and no one from the public is admitted (including us). Monday, Thursday and 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.

*note that on March 8 and 15 there will be an all-day watercolour workshop however we will be able to access our area.

- Guild Meetings*** 3rd 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 August 30th, 1:30 pm at Pauline's home.
- Weaving Study Group*** Newcomers welcome. For information phone Dee. Weave of the month for May is SHADOW WEAVE. Bring to next meeting for Show and Share.
- Fall meeting is Sept. 23, 9:30 am at home of Wendy Cooper. Theme is "Creations from the Natural Garden" using natural fibre or garden materials (and dyes).

GUILD BUSINESS

Scholarships – Two scholarships worth \$125 each are available to Guild members to offset course expenses. Recipients are required to do a program for the Guild when the course is finished. New application forms will be available at the meetings. The deadline has been extended to May 17th.

Annual Reports – Year end Committee reports are due May 31st. Please send them to Pauline Fanning before the deadline. Also, if you have expenses, please submit receipts or details to Pauline by May 17th.

PROGRAMME NOTES

May Meeting

Guest speaker will be Seanagh Murdoch from the Peterborough Embroiderers Guild. She will be talking about what stitches are practical and what materials can be used for embellishments. We will learn to play with and discover the pitfalls of embroidery on woven and knitted articles. Samples and some materials will be supplied but please bring the following:

Scissors, plain fabric (12"x12" is ample), needles of various sizes, interesting yarns/fine ribbon, garment/knitted item you would like to see embellished, notebook, paper, pencil.

June Meeting –Annual Meeting and Dinner: The annual meeting and dinner will be held **June 14th** at the home of Mary Charles, 618 Rogers St., Peterborough. Please attend at 6:00 pm for dinner at 6:30 pm. Carole Erwin is convening this event.

Please bring your own plates, cutlery and mug. You might want to bring a folding lawn chair and small table (or tray).

Food will be looked after but we need to know how many will be attending. Carole will have a sign up sheet at the May meeting or, if you are unable to attend the May meeting, please phone Carole to let her know that you will be attending the dinner.

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.

The Guild has purchased *Nuno Nouveau-Fashionable Felt for Accessories and Home Décor*, by Liz Clay. Those taking the felting workshop in June may want to take a look.

Equipment

Most equipment is available for rental. Guidelines and rental fees are posted in the library room. If you have any questions please contact Lois Watson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 5-August 10 “Weave a Different View”. Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Almonte. Twelve weavers, focused on structure and complex design. www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com
- May 22-23 Kawartha Eclectics Show and Sale, 10-4pm, studio of Sandi McNeil. See www.kawarthaeclectics.com for more info.
- May 28-30 Wasoon 2010, Kapuskasing, Ontario. Registration opens Jan. 16
- June 11, 12, 13 Ontario Handspinners Seminar, Queen’s University, Kingston
- June 14th Annual Meeting/Dinner, home of Mary Charles
- October 2nd Beyond Expectations, Central Region Seminar, Lindsay, registration forms available at May & June meetings
- Nov 12-14th Autumn Treasurers – contact Carole Erwin

Kniterary Nights are held on the last Monday of every month, 7pm to 9pm at the Peterborough Public Library Auditorium. This is an opportunity to learn and network with other knitters. Free.

GUILD CHALLENGE

How are you doing with your lacy scarves? I have had to figure out what I *could do* – after looking through many, many books. Now I have to decide how I want to do it! I guess that is why it is called a challenge! A large bunch of yarn is about to become a warp and I will see if I can incorporate something ‘lacey’ into it as well. Looking forward to seeing your creation’s in June.

AUTUMN TREASURES

We had a very successful show in 2009 and we can achieve the same results or better in 2010. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteering with sales and demonstrations at the September and October meetings. Please read over the guidelines from the Nov/Dec 2008 newsletter. Copies will be available at the May meeting.

A change in the past routine of drop-off and pick-up times will be communicated to you in the fall newsletter and at our September and October meetings.

Time flies! You have 3 seasons ahead (and 6 months) but this can be a productive time to prepare for the show. Get those looms, spinning wheels, knitting needles, crochet hooks, felting and basketry skills in gear for another magnificent display of our craft in November. Put your new and old skills into practice – you can do it!!

Carole Erwin

CRUISIN' WITH MARY LAVERY

The Peterborough Historical Society Coach and Cruise Tour takes place Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The tour starts at 9:00 am at Little Lake Marina parking lot. We will travel to Rice Lake by a Special Activity Bus (coach seats and washroom). Throughout the day our local historians will keep us informed of the fascinating area through which we are travelling.

Our first stop will be the Carousel at Roseneath where we will hear its history and have an opportunity to ride this wonderful attraction. We will then stop at the Alderville War Memorial, a mammoth sculpture commemorating the area's war heroes. Lunch will be at the historic Victoria Inn on the shores of Rice Lake at Gore's Landing.

At 1:00 pm we will be boarding the Lift Lock Cruise ship for a scenic ride up the Otonabee River over the Peterborough Liftlock (world's largest hydraulic). We will return to Little Lake Marina at approximately 5:30 pm.

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Tickets are \$80 per person (with a \$25 income tax receipt). Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Peterborough Historical and Hutchison House Offices at 270 Brock Street or reserved by telephoning 743-9710.

THE NIDDY NODDY COLUMN

There are a number of things that are happening over the summer or into the fall which require planning and/or registration now.

The Central Region Seminar, Beyond Expectations, to be held Oct 2nd in Lindsay. This seminar, hosted by Kawartha and Haliburton guilds is limited to 100. Registration opened May 1st and closes June 31st and I expect it will be sold out quickly.

And the following is something you might want to book on your calendar either as a participant or visitor:

"I'm organizing a Medieval Fayre in June. Our show offers jousting knights in shining armour, falconers, archers and battling Vikings. I'd like to know if you'd be able to help us find a merchant who spins or weaves. We're seeking artisans and creators that would fit in this genre, which is why I'm asking you."

The Great Northern Medieval Fayre, June 3rd to 6th, is close to Collingwood. It offers a great outdoor venue - indoor if it's real bad out. Please check out the website here:

<http://www.medievalfayre.com>

Linda Laforge , Co-Producer/Coordinator

<http://www.medievalfayre.com> 705-728-6218 linda@medievalfayre.com

The 100" Loom Story

Mary Lavery is going to write a story about the Guild's 100" loom for the November issue. If you have woven on the loom, remember stories about the loom, or have pictures please submit your information in writing to Mary. She needs this information in September or earlier if possible.

GET CONNECTED – Thanks to Mary Lavery we are now listed on the Peterborough Community website calendar. This information includes guest speakers and meeting date information. Check out the link below.

<http://peterborough.communitycalendars.org>

click on the appropriate date on the calendar

click on the event that comes up listed to the right of the calendar.

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.

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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