



# PETERBOROUGH HANDWEAVERS' AND SPINNERS' GUILD

2010

September-October

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome you all back and hope that you had a good summer. In June we enjoyed an outdoor meal and fairly casual annual meeting. Thank you, Mary and Lionel, for your hospitality including the tour of Mary's studio. I would like to thank all those who took on committee positions and who "Showed and Shared" their wonderful projects.

Our Library Display and Autumn Treasures are coming up and details are in this issue. We will soon be putting into action plans for the Peterborough Community Grant speaker. As well, need to start looking at plans for the Central Region Seminar, which we will be hosting in the fall of 2013. This event will need a coordinator.

The following quote was taken from the introduction to "Time to Weave" by Jane Patrick. The simple projects in this book challenge one to think outside the box.

*"Creating an object with your own hands is about more than a finished project. Making something is repeated motions, little decisions, taking command of materials to form them into a new existence. In doing there is also quiet, time to think and reflect. Often, you'll find new ideas or solutions to life's problems. You gain a deep satisfaction from making something by hand. The object becomes more than itself, because it was created by you."*

I am enjoying using this book to plan a project for our weaving study group. We challenged ourselves to use materials or be inspired from nature. I hope that over the summer you have had some fun planning and executing a project and look forward to seeing them.

This is your Guild and your input is important. Your suggestions and ideas are welcome and will be considered. You are welcome to attend executive meetings. Jo Mills, our newsletter editor, needs articles for the Niddy Noddy column. This is a great way to share your adventures and interests. Jo can also use event pictures and dates of events that you think other members may wish to see or take part in.

I look forward to seeing all of you this fall and renewing friendships.

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.

<b><i>Guild Meetings</i></b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.
<b><i>Executive Meetings</i></b>	Next meeting is October 4, 1:30pm at Diane's Passmore's home
<b><i>Weaving Study Group</i></b>	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). Bring your item and ideas for coming year. Open to all interested weavers. Contact Dee Jones for more information.

## PROGRAMME NOTES

### **September Meeting**

Paper Making with Gail Uebelacker is the highlight of this meeting. Gail will be showing us how to incorporate materials such as coffee grounds, parsley, yarn, etc., into fantastic paper. There will be a full demonstrating and we will all get to do some hand-on. This could be a way of making your own handmade paper tags or cards for Autumn Treasures!

### **October Meeting –**

This meeting will centre around the production of small needle-felted items for Autumn Treasures. No experience necessary. March Charles and Neta will bring roving, locks and foam blocks but if you do have your own needle felting equipment please bring it in case we have a full turn out and find needles and foam in short supply.



Neta with her silk felted scarf masterpiece!

## 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. Please return all books and magazines borrowed for the summer. We welcome suggestions for new books.

## Equipment

If you have equipment out for borrowing please remember to return it as soon as you are finished with it. Also remember to fill out the Equipment Record Book. Notify Lois when you have borrowed or returned items. Rental payment is made to Lois and she will transfer it to Pauline. If any equipment is missing parts or is broken contact Lois immediately. Please note that rental of any equipment entails returning the equipment in good working order.

## 100" LOOM STORIES

If you have worked on the guild's 100" loom please send your story or anecdote to Mary Lavery this month. She is compiling the history and story of our loom for the next newsletter.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 11-12 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fibrefest, Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, <a href="http://www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com">www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com</a>
Sept 10-12 <sup>th</sup>	OHS Weaving Certificate Course, Basic Weave (Unit 1) at Georgian College, Barrie, other units to follow <a href="http://www.ohs.on.ca">www.ohs.on.ca</a>
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Midwest Region Five Counties Seminar – Eileen Hallman from New World Textiles will teach/discuss “energized yarns”, <a href="http://guelpharts.ca/andweavers/">http://guelpharts.ca/andweavers/</a>
Sept 24-25 <sup>th</sup>	Just for Us Originals: The Wearable Art Show, The Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, <a href="http://www.thelivingartscentre.ca">www.thelivingartscentre.ca</a>
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Beyond Expectations, Central Region Seminar, Moose Lodge in Lindsay, <a href="http://www.ohs.on.ca">www.ohs.on.ca</a>
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Warkworth Spin-in, St. John's United Church, Cambellford from 10-3pm, \$5.
Oct 9-11 <sup>th</sup>	Norwood Fall Fair
Nov 12-14 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Treasurers, Trentwinds – contact Carole Erwin

## MEMBERSHIP

A membership form will be mailed to each member before the first meeting. Due date is September 30<sup>th</sup> however we ask that you bring your membership fees (\$35.00 cash or cheque) and completed membership form to the September general meeting on September 20, 2010. Otherwise mail to Maxine Youngman, 36-1121 Armour Road, Peterborough, ON, K9H 7N8.

Membership fees help to pay for speakers, pay rent and buy library books.

## AUTUMN TREASURES

Once again we look forward to participating in Autumn Treasures to display our creative talents in a popular venue. We hope you have had a great summer, taking time (in a cool place) to plan and produce your spinning, felting, weaving and other fibre-related items for our sale.

There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers for set-up, display, sales and demonstrations at both our Sept 20<sup>th</sup> and Oct 18<sup>th</sup> meetings. Marcia McGrath has agreed to have her home as a drop-off centre where they will be sorted and juried by the Committee. Drop off date is Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, or by appointment. *No items will be accepted for sale once the sale commences on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Please note that a change in pick-up arrangements will be tried this year. All unsold items will be packed up by the jury committee on Sunday at 4:00 pm –**no exceptions**. They will be resorted at Marcia's for pick-up later in the week. We hope to avoid the crowding at pick-up time and leave more room for the dismantling of the booth display. Please call me if you have any questions.

We had a successful year in 2009 and are hoping for the same in 2010. LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Carole Erwin

## LIBRARY DISPLAY

Faye would like you to bring items for the Library display to the September meeting. The display will be set up October 4<sup>th</sup> and taken down on October 12<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact Faye to arrange drop off of items at her home before the last weekend of September. We would like to have items from the weaver's Lace Challenge, the Nuno felting workshop, dyed fleece or yarns, etc. Remember the space is not large so only small items. Everything will be returned in time for Autumn Treasures.

## THE NIDDY NODDY COLUMN

### News from Lang Village

From Joe Corrigan on the status of the Weaver's Shop... "Construction resumed on the Weaver's Shop on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. A new contractor is picking up from the original contractor whose contract was terminated mid-July. So far significant progress has been made on the project with the doors, windows and metal roof having been installed. The new contractor plans to have the exterior finished prior to our Applefest even on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The intention is to leave the interior finishing work until the fall and winter with the final completion date expected to be the end of March 2011. It is now expected that the exhibit development work will take place in the spring and fall of 2011. For an update of the progress of the project please visit the Lang Pioneer Village Museum Facebook page."

And, from Laurie Siblock, Volunteer Co-ordinator – "Weavers and spinners are always needed to demonstrate at the Village. Specifically, we are looking for a couple of weavers for Applefest (Oct 3) to weave on the two-harness loom in the trades barn. Lots of adjustments have been made to the loom, based on the input from weavers and from many of the technically-oriented volunteers, so it is now running more smoothly. Costumes are not always necessary, but are provided if you wish. Please contact Laurie at 705-295-6694 if you want to volunteer.



## 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).

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).

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