



General Guild Meeting Wed. September 12, 2017 at the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning

The Objective of the organization shall be the operation of a handloom weaving and spinning guild for the purposes of study and promotion of the art and craft of handloom weaving and spinning.

UPCOMING GUILD DATES

Open Studio:

Wednesday evenings
6:00 -9:00 p.m.

Thursdays 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.

July 1 and 8th – Bellevue House

July 5 – Spinning Day at
Katherine’s

July-August Tett Tour dates

July 17 – Dye it your way

August 2 – Spinning Day at
Nancy B.’s

August 11-13 – Sheep Dog Trials

Sheep to Shawl Competition

August 30 - Community Harvest

Nov. Show and Sale

Beyond the Guild

July 22-24 – Felting Workshop

August 17-20 – Twist

September 9 – Almonte Fibre
Festival

Upcoming Events

July 1st - Canada Day

July 8th - National Historic Sites Day

Both days are to celebrate Canada's and the National Sites 150th, and involve spinning, weaving demonstrations in period costume **at Bellevue House**. Contact Alison Ginn or Ainslie Thomson if interested.

August 11 through 13 - Sheep to Shawl contest, plus demonstrations of spinning, weaving at the Sheep Dog Trials at Grass Creek Park. Contact Betsy Walters if you are interested.

August 30th - Community Harvest Kingston - spinning demonstrations at St. Matthews United Church to celebrate Canada in the 1860s at the north-end farmer's market. Contact Alison Ginn, or Ainslie Thomson if interested.

Tett Tours - As one of the residents of this wonderful building, we are asked to take our turn hosting some of the tour dates that take place throughout the summer. It is a great way to meet visitors from across around the world. Please let Kate know which of the following dates you can commit to spending some time in the studio. Plan to be in the studio for 11:15 – to be ready for the tour visitors at 11:30 a.m. **Please confirm with Kate.**

Fri July 7; Wed. July 19; Fri. August 4; Wed. August 23

KHWS Guild Challenge 2016 - 2017

At our May meeting we were treated to a surprising range of responses to the challenge of “try something **new** using **local** fibre”. The results were stunning and clearly members discovered some new fibre choices and some new techniques – perhaps we will see some of these innovations in our November Sale. Thanks to everyone who took the challenge and participated. Thanks also to Robin Laws Field and Janet Elliott - Kingston Fibre Artists Collective members – who selected 3 items to highlight.

We look forward to our September meeting when we will learn about the 2017/18 Challenge.

Sheep Dog Trials

Betsy is the key organizer – contact her if you have not already confirmed some time to volunteer. Saturday will be a hive of activity as the teams spin fresh fleece (unwashed) and a weaver creates a finished shawl for judging. On Sunday these shawls will return after a wash and finishing and will be auctioned. Sunday we will also have a demonstration of taking fresh fleece, spinning using spindles and weaving a triangle shaped shawl. Visitors who have missed the process on Saturday will see how it happens.

The Seminar



2017

The seminar was a great success and will now head to London ON for 2018. Congratulations to the organizing committee, instructors, and vendors who made this a fun learning weekend. Many of these folks are also KHWS members – well done! Special guest Sir John A certainly added to the event.



Congratulations to **Doreen Jeffers** for the award she received acknowledging the many years of volunteering and service she has given to the handspinning seminar over the years (even back when Robin A. had red hair!). You are an inspiration Doreen. Doreen made all of the ‘spinners’ flocks’ that were part of the table decorations.

Summer Felting Workshop – contact *Colleen Thomson* for more details

I am writing on behalf of Five Belleville Felters. We have arranged for Eva Camacho Sanchez (www.lanahandmade.com) of the Northeast Felters Guild to teach two felting workshops (one day scarf workshop; 2 day vest workshop) in the Ameliasburg Townhall July 22, 23 and 24. (Located just south of Belleville in Prince Edward County) Contact Colleen (thomsoncolleen53@gmail.com) for more information and how to book a place for either or both workshops.

KHWS – 2017-2018 Programme

Summer has barely arrived but we are already looking ahead to the fall with a variety of programmes.

- **September:** Susi Reinink – weaving in Guatemala
- **October:** Sarah Cameron – photographing your work
- **November:** Barb Heins – basketry

And, of course, each meeting will include a “show and tell” time – your moment to shine. Bring your work – first tries, successes, failures, new discoveries, etc. – to share with the guild.

KHWS Spinning Days – we welcome all spinners

Don't forget **Spinning Day** – held the first Wednesday of every month from **10:00am** until **3:00pm** (or there about). A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in spinning. Come for part or all of the day. Bring your wheel, spindle, knitting, whatever – or just come to chat. Don't forget a little something for the pot luck lunch.

The June spinning day dawned with sunshine after many, many, MANY rainy days. There were several spinners who headed outside to the deck to spin in the sunshine and fresh air and to enjoy Bozena's garden. We notice many more spindlers at our gatherings now – some days it is easier to carry a basket and a spindle than the wheel (and more people fit when carpooling!). Lunch was delicious as always. If you think summer is still passing us by – make some of the delicious cold cucumber soup we had this day – I had 2 servings just to make sure it was worth recommending!

...From Bozena

Cold Cucumber Soup with Yogurt

2 cups peeled seeded and chopped Cucumber
1 cup fresh Yogurt
1 Tbsp Tarragon
1Tbsp Dill
1 large clove Garlic
1-2 Tbsp Honey
Juice of 1/2 a Lime

Blend and chill 6-7 hours to 'bloom' the flavours.

For a looser consistency, add buttermilk (or cream or half and half or whatever your heart fancies)

Bon Appétit !!!

We may have a spinning visitor from Germany join us in July or August



Toika Loom

Thanks to Norma for taking the lead and sharing what she has learned about working with the Toika. It has been used almost constantly for the past year or so for weaving rugs (rag and wool rugs). Recently it was part of the Rug weaving workshop and now Norma has warped it with a linen warp – for members to explore weaving bags or small rugs. The exploration continues.

When it comes to the crunch...sometimes you just need to climb in and get it done!



DYEING YOUR WAY
MONDAY, July 17, 2017

Please join Bethany in the Studio for a 9 am - 3 pm Dye Play Day session... bring the fibre/cloth you want to dye and just share some time with friends who are keen to colour fibres with dye.

Bethany will be playing with her new Greener Shades on Shetland wool, and you are free to work on projects of your choice. The studio will accommodate 9 dyers working at the same time.

Just drop Bethany a note to let her know you plan to participate so enough tables are set up (we may have to share). Bring your supplies, table cover and dress comfortably. Contact Bethany: garner@kingston.net



Local Yarn Shop News

Unraveled (9 Wilson ST. E Perth ON) is closing at the end of July. The owner, Beckie has decided to close the shop so she can further develop her yarn line – Shirley Brian Yarns.

Yarn (and she does have some fibre) as well as patterns, books and notions, will be on sale – 50% beginning July 5

Trish Morris is the 'new' owner of **Knit Traders** in Kingston. Trish has been expanding the fibre aspect of this store and has more plans in the works.

Looking for a fibre related road trip?

Mississippi Textile Museum – Almonte June 6 – September 16, 2017

“Weaving Past into Present” by Weavers Unlimited (Ottawa, ON area) will mark Canada’s 150th year with a contemporary wearable art exhibit of handwoven shawls. This exhibit will include artists in the group that have deep roots in Canada as well as those members who are of more recent vintage. This exhibit will showcase each artist’s diversity in contemporary weaving. Each artist has designed and woven a shawl that reflects her heritage. Displayed with each shawl will be an image showing the inspiration and an explanation of its importance to the weaver’s heritage.

Gallery Stratford – July 15 – September 24, 2017

Connections Fibre Artists Running with Fibre

Connections Fibre Artists is dedicated to the exploration of fibre – cloth, thread, paper and mixed media, as an art form. Established in 1999, members come from diverse creative backgrounds, and are connected by this common thread. Artists work together to raise the awareness of fibre art, and to develop their talents by exchanging ideas and sharing new skills and techniques. Members teach, give lectures, exhibit independently and show internationally.

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WANTED – KHWS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We are looking for someone who is curious about taking on the KHWS newsletter. I am willing to chat with you to describe what I have been doing, and I also see many opportunities for the newsletter to change as the Guild is changing how information is communicated. Let Kate know if you are interested.

Over the summer, you can keep up with Guild activities in several ways:



E-mails from our Membership Secretary (Ainslie)



Check for studio activity on the online calendar

[KHWS Studio Bookings and Events](#) (bookmark this for future reference)

You can see the calendar by day, week, month – or a very helpful ‘agenda’ view



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You don't need a personal FaceBook account

<https://www.facebook.com/kingstonhandloomweaversandspinnners/>

Best of all - join in on spinning day, Open Studio, volunteers for Tett tours....or...

Thank you to everyone who has passed along information, photos and helpful suggestions to me during my stint as newsletter editor. ~ Nancy B.

- Information, ideas, and articles of interest for our newsletter are welcomed
- Contact Ainslie or Kate to volunteer for the Newsletter for the coming year.