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## Words of Wisdom

Simplicity and complexity need each other.” John Maeda

## Program Lineup 2020

Meetings are held at City View United Church, 6 Epworth Ave, Nepean ON K2G 2L5, between Baseline, Clyde/Merivale, and Meadowlands. **Please remember shoes or slippers for our meetings.**

March 16, 2020, Workshop: Stitched & Salvaged Memories: A study in experimental collage with Anne Marie Desaulniers

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March 23, 2020, Playdate: A day to play, learn, share and enjoy the day

April 3-4, 2020, Fibre Fling

April 20, 2020, Meeting: Wendy Feldberg, Introduction to natural inks

May 18, 2020, Meeting: Francine Mongeon, Importance of Art in daily life

May 25, 2020, Playdate: Juanita Sauvé. “the medium is the message”

June 15, 2020, Meeting: 2020 Challenge Reveal

July 20, 2020, Meeting: BAZAAR Night

August 17, 2020, Meeting: TBD

## Fibre Fling 2020

Registration Open Until March 18!



This year's Fibre Fling 2020 will be held on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kitchissippi United Church. As always, our guests thoroughly enjoy seeing our creativity using fibre, textile and mixed media! Last year's show was fabulous and, even better, we raised \$3,750 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

All the show instructions, guidelines and links are posted in the 'Members Only' section of our group's web site at out-of-the-box.org. If you still have questions, members of the Fibre Fling planning group will also be available to help you at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Out of the Box meeting.

**Participation Agreement:** New this year! Before you can participate in the show as an exhibitor, seller, or volunteer, **you must 'sign' the FF2020 Participation Agreement** (once only!) by:

- filling out the online form at: <https://forms.gle/DhNRrQagi826G4ga6>
- signing a paper form that will be available at the March 16<sup>th</sup> OOTB meeting
- sending an email to Debbie Boyd-Chisholm at [debbie@dadero.com](mailto:debbie@dadero.com)

**Registration:** Fibre Fling provides a great opportunity to show and sell your work to customers who are keen on all things fibre!! To register your items for the show, carefully follow the instructions sent in the emails from Wendo van Essen on Tuesday, February 25 (for the Sales Table & Wearable Art Area) and from Debbie Boyd-Chisholm on Saturday, February 29 (for the Art Exhibit Area). Registration closes at midnight on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Drop off:** Bring your registered art pieces to Kitchissippi United Church from **5 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 1**. If you cannot drop off your items during this time, someone else can do it for you. **We will not accept items for the show after 7:30 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Volunteers:** There are still volunteer slots available and we also need more cookies and/or squares for the refreshment area. To become a volunteer, speak with Cheryl Ford at the next OOTB meeting or email her at [msg4cford@yahoo.ca](mailto:msg4cford@yahoo.ca).

Let's make Fibre Fling 2020 another fantastic show!

### ***Pricing one's Textile Art***

Below is a link to the current issue of the Textile Artist Newsletter. The article discusses pricing one's textile art.

[https://www.textileartist.org/top-textile-artists-price-work?tl\\_inbound=1&tl\\_target\\_all=1&tl\\_period\\_type=3&\\_s=4uzesbwkhsor1yq7eqb9&utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=%22I+am+a+textile+artist%22&utm\\_content=%22I+am+a+textile+artist%22](https://www.textileartist.org/top-textile-artists-price-work?tl_inbound=1&tl_target_all=1&tl_period_type=3&_s=4uzesbwkhsor1yq7eqb9&utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%22I+am+a+textile+artist%22&utm_content=%22I+am+a+textile+artist%22)

Rita Gadoury

### ***From the Communication Committee***

Once again, we have an opportunity to advertise Fibre Fling on Rogers Television. We need about 10 pieces of Fibre Art, including descriptions, so that Lorraine Lacroix and Susanne Caron-Richer can speak to the pieces. Please bring your art to the March Meeting.

The date of the French interview is March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and the English interview will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

### ***From the Education Committee***

How is your 2020 Challenge piece coming along? Are you too busy preparing to Fibre Fling? No matter - after Fibre Fling Frenzy, you will still have time to participate in the Challenge. This is what you need to know:

2020 is a special year: It's a leap year, it's the Year of the Rat in the Chinese calendar, and the United Nations declared 2020 the International Year of Plant Health, thus capping off the 'Decade on Biodiversity' - recognizing and promoting healthy ecosystems as key to sustainable development

The Challenge to all OOTB members:

- interpret and represent the year 2020 in a way that either touches on the above two themes or in a way that is - meaningful to you
- a 12x12 inches (30x30 cm) piece using any fibre medium
- deadline is June 15, 2020 when pieces will be presented and displayed at the regular OOTB meeting.

### ***PLAYDATES***

Three playdates are planned for each session at a cost of \$10 per playdate or \$25 when you register for a full session. Members of OOTB are welcome. The Playdates are held at Kitchissippi United Church on Island Park Drive. The day runs from 10am to about 4pm. Registration is now open, you can register at a meeting or by contacting Lynn Keeler [anottawagirl@yahoo.ca](mailto:anottawagirl@yahoo.ca). A playdate brings members together to learn, share, encourage and inspire. Spending a day with other fibre artist is a great way for members to get to know fellow fibre artists. I will be available to start registration at November's meeting. Any questions please contact.

Lynn Keeler  
613 224-9472  
[anottawagirl@yahoo.ca](mailto:anottawagirl@yahoo.ca)

### ***Winter/Spring Session 2020***

Monday, March 23, 2020. **AN OPEN PLAYDATE TO PLAY, LEARN AND SHARE.**

Do you sometimes just need a day away to enjoying creating? We will have a relaxing day, creating, learning, sharing and working on our art. Bring anything fibre art you are working on, planning, or never seem to get finished. Take advantage of the large space and tables

Monday, May 25, 2020. Juanita Sauvé. **"THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE"**

Express yourself with free form stitching on hoops. Juanita will bring samples of her work; share how she uses art as a protest and show us ways to finish our hoops for hanging.

## Upcoming Library Shows in Barrhaven and Richmond

Month of June 2020  
"Spring into Summer"

An opportunity for OOTB members to display their fibre art at the Ruth E. Dickinson Library in Barrhaven and at the Richmond Public Library will take place in June. The theme of "Spring into Summer" has been chosen and we will be looking for artwork for each of these displays.

Dianne Van Den Brekel is organizing the display case at the Ruth E. Dickinson Library in Barrhaven (display case with space for approx. 15-18 pieces depending on the size) and her email is: [dianne.vandenbrekel@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.vandenbrekel@gmail.com). Nancy Scott is organizing the display at the Richmond Public Library (wall space for approx. 7 pieces) and her email is: [opus1300@gmail.com](mailto:opus1300@gmail.com). Please email us if you have any questions.

We will be asking people to let us know in April, by email, what pieces they would like to contribute to each library space. Please remember, one is a display case, and the other has some wall space. Information will be in the April Newsletter, and sent out to members by email. We will also remind people at the meetings. Detailed information about the Barrhaven showcase and the Richmond Library are in the February newsletter.

Once again, thanks so much for your interest and potential contribution. We look forward to setting up this display of wonderful OOTB art work in Barrhaven and Richmond.

Dianne and Nancy

## OOTB Website Focus on Fibre Links

### The Red Dress

Quote from the Facebook page;  
The Red Dress Project: 130 Embroiderers. 27 Countries. 1 Dress.

"A 10-year global embroidery project 2009-2019, which sees a large red silk dress continuously sent to different embroiderers all over the world. Artisans to date include refugees in Palestine, victims of civil war in Kosovo, Rwanda and DR Congo, individuals in South Africa, Kenya, Japan, Paris, Sweden, Colombia and Peru, upmarket studios in Bombay and Saudi Arabia alongside initiatives to support women in poverty such as Missibaba in Cape Town, South Africa, and Fanasina who work with Bedouin embroiderers based in the mountains above St Catherine's in Egypt's Sinai.

Initially the work sought to generate a dialogue of identity through embroidery, and a merging of cultural boundaries and borders - but over the years with the collected stories of all involved the dress has come to represent much more. It has managed to travel and access disparate communities worldwide, getting directly into the skilled hands of vulnerable people, victims of war and oppression who are often not given a voice, and who are not easily able to earn a living.

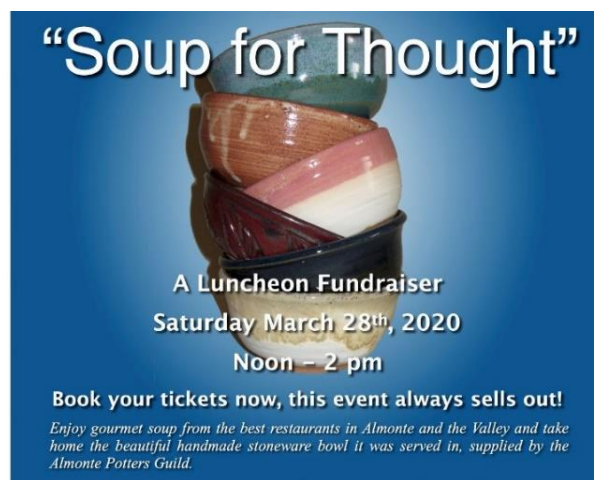
Now the dresses embroidery journey is drawing to a close, the fabric now covered in millions of different stitches, weighted by both the threads and beads that adorn it but also of the collective voice and individual stories all waiting to be told....."

The Facebook link has tons of information in the posts and includes many photos and short videos about the project.

The other link is to a Crowdfunding site to raise money for a feature documentary of this project. The site also includes stories and videos about the project.

The link for this page can be found on the OOTB Resource page  
<http://www.out-of-the-box.org/resources.html>

## Soup for Thought



## Mississippi Textile Museum

March 28, 2020  
Doors open: 11:45 am  
Service: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Come in from the cold for the annual **Soup for Thought** fundraiser!

Ready to warm-up with a community lunch for a great cause on a cold day? On March 28, from 12 – 2, the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte will host its annual *Soup for Thought* fundraiser – but hurry, the tickets fly off the shelves for this one and the time is right to buy tickets now!

Not only will a ticket get you three delicious soups from restaurants in Almonte and Carleton Place, but you'll also get to pick-out a unique pottery bowl, hand made by the local artists of the Almonte's Potters Guild.

Doors will open at 11:45 am, and there's no need to worry about getting the "best bowls" as the museum guarantees to have a terrific selection on hand

Seating is limited, and tickets can only be purchased in advance, so don't wait! Tickets are now available at MVTM.ca, the Museum – drop in or credit card payment accepted by phone - and at Baker Bob's (cash only) in Almonte. Adult tickets are \$30; children from 3-12, \$10 without a pottery bowl; while children under three can attend for free. No tickets will be sold at the door

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is in the annex of the former Rosamond Woolen Company in Almonte, Ontario. Constructed in 1867 this National Historic Site of Canada features a blend of the old and new, all related to the history of the Mississippi Valley and the textile industry. Visit, become a donor, become a friend – and go-ahead, enjoy a soup - our history is your history

For more information and to save a seat, go to the [webpage](#) or call the museum at 613-256-3754.

## ***Etobicoke Quilter's Guild***

**"Quilt Fever"**

## ***Kawartha Quilters' Guild*** **"Feelings in Fabric"**

## ***Carriageway Studios***

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF OUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY!**

Carriageway Studios is seeking new member(s) for a soon-to-be vacated 160 square foot, private studio space.



We balance creative workspace with professional meeting and exhibition space. The common area at Carriageway is the perfect venue for fine art exhibits, receptions, screenings, musical events, meetings, private parties and workshops.

**Bonus Features:** High ceilings, paint sink(s), 24-hour access, WiFi, and professional and liability insurance.

Adjacent to the beautiful Mississippi River in beautiful, historic downtown Almonte.

Available May 1, 2020.

Please contact (call or text) Dawn Walker at (613) 868-6818 to arrange a viewing.

Please share if you know someone who might be interested in joining us here at Carriageway!

### ***Planning Committee***

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