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Words of Wisdom

Your willingness to tolerate discomfort will determine the course of your life more than any other thing.

Program Lineup 2021

This fall, we are anticipating that meetings will be Zoom meetings. Hopefully, this won't be the case. Please look for details about the meetings in the next communications from OOTB.

Monday, September 20, 7pm-9pm

OOTB Presentation – Presentation about Out of the Box, Membership Renewals, New Challenge presented. We will learn what the new Executive has planned for us this year!

Friday October, 1, 9am – 4pm

Virtual Playdate, “Not So Simple Strips”

Monday, October 18, 7pm-9pm

Member Speaker – Connie ten Bruggenkate on Ecoprinting and how she is also using natural links like those developed by Wendy Feldberg.

November 2021

Stittsville Library Show – Guess the Idiom

Monday, November 15, 7pm-9pm

Challenge Reveal Show and Tell

Monday December 20, 7pm-9pm

Monthly Meeting Social - a seasonal or holiday ornament you have made or inspired you

2022, Monday, January 17, 7pm-9pm

Member Speaker – Elaine Quehl, A Design Journey

The January and February meetings are planned to be virtual to avoid the dark winter driving.

5 Weeks of Madness

The Education Committee would like to introduce you to our next challenge – 5 Weeks of Madness. While it was originally intended for fibre art quilters, we are fairly certain that with a little imagination it could be applied to felt, paper and other fibers. We aren't called “Out of the Box” for nothing!

Each Monday, starting on Sept. 20, Nan Davies will send a blanket email to all members, giving you a set of directions for that week to apply to a piece of fabric. This will continue for 5 weeks, the last set of instructions arriving on Oct. 18. This will give you a few extra weeks to finish your piece before the Great Reveal at the Nov. 15th meeting.

Links to tutorials will be provided covering some of the skills you might learn as you work along week by week. Part of the fun is that you don't know what you are creating until the last set of directions arrive.

You do not need to register for this challenge. We really hope you will participate in the fun spirit of the exercise, given the successes we had with the Postcard Exchange and the Snippet Challenge.

Not So Simple Strips

Virtual Play Date - Friday, October 1st from 9 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m.

Stripes have been an essential textile pattern for millennia. During our group's first-ever virtual play date, we will challenge each other to harness the power and rhythm of stripes in our fibre art!

Up to 20 OOTB members can participate in this Zoom-based play date. The cost to participate is \$15 and there's no supply fee because you're being asked to use whatever you have at home!

About a week before the play date, Debbie will send all the registered participants an email with the Zoom link, some instructions for the day, and a list of the suggested minimal supplies.

To register, send an email to debbie@dadero.com or call 613-828-5232. Note: you will not be fully 'registered' until your payment has been received. To simplify things, Debbie will collect the play date payments on behalf of OOTB. To pay by e-transfer, contact Debbie and she will send you the information that you need to do that. Or,

you can drop off cash or a cheque in her home mailbox at 2442 Sudbury Avenue (just south of the Ikea) and she will send you an email to confirm your payment was received.

Art Threads 2021

The Kingston Fibre Artists are holding their fall show at The Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning in Kingston from October 23rd until November 4th, 2021. <http://kingstonfibreartists.ca/>
Gallery Hours: Monday through Saturday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm / Sunday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
370 King Street West, Kingston, ON, K7L 2X4

Florence Yee Solo Exhibition: A Labour of Labour

September 19 - October 30. Artist talk Sunday September 19 1-3 pm

Shenkman Arts Centre, 245 Centrum Blvd., Orleans
Gallery hours are 9-3 Saturdays, 12-3 Sundays, 12:30-5 Weekdays

The Ottawa School of Art Orleans Campus presents A Labour of Labour, an engaging textile art exhibition by Florence Yee.

Florence Yee's exhibition A Labour of Labour is a stunning sculpture and textile installation that unravels the complications of work – artwork, paperwork, academic work, job work, domestic work. The text-based installation uses hand embroidery and manual weaving as mediums to explore these concepts.

This exhibition aims to use text as an intimate engagement. It considers the material of the text as a site of contrived production, as embroidery renders the labour of drawing, speaking, and writing into an intensive and time-consuming method of communication. As labour is first and foremost the means and validation of economic and political survival for migrant people, it then translates within communities as a conflicting language of care, practice and ritual. It examines the longing for and futility of work for the Cantonese diaspora, as impacted by tradition, family, and queerness.

Membership

The Out-of-the-Box membership year runs from September 1, 2021 until August 31, 2022. If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew. Please remember that everyone needs to fill in the on-line membership form and pay their membership fees; your membership is not finalized until you have completed both tasks.

The membership form can be found on the Join Us page of the Out-of-the-Box website at:

<https://out-of-the-box.org/joinus/index.html>

If you prefer not to follow links in the newsletter you may go directly to our website, click on the Join Us section, scroll down the page and hit the link for the Membership Form. It's that easy!

Cheques made out to OOTB in the amount of \$45 can be sent to our treasurer; just send an email to the membership email address on the application and the coordinator will send you the address where to mail your cheque. If you prefer to pay by e-Transfer follow the instructions that will be available on the application form. We are planning to clean up the mailing list at the end of the September, after that time only current members will receive the newsletter and invitations to Zoom meetings.

Fibrefest



Wendo van Esson will be teaching a needle felting workshop at Fibrefest this year – Needle Felt a Field of Daisies – Felt Clutch Bag. The class will be in person on Sunday Sept 19, 2021. This workshop will be held on the terrace of the Almonte Flour Mill on the banks of the Mississippi River. See the link below for full information and the contact info.

<http://almontefibrefest.ca/workshops/>

NCNS Sculpture Expo Pop-Up Show



OOTB member Sheree Bradford-Lea will be in the NCNS Sculpture Expo Pop-Up Show, taking place from Thursday Sept. 30th to Sunday, Oct. 3rd, and Thursday, Oct. 7th to Sunday, Oct. 10th, at Lansdowne Park, 900 Exhibition Way, #108 (Stadium Side), the roomy space formerly occupied by South Street Burger. On Thursdays and Fridays the

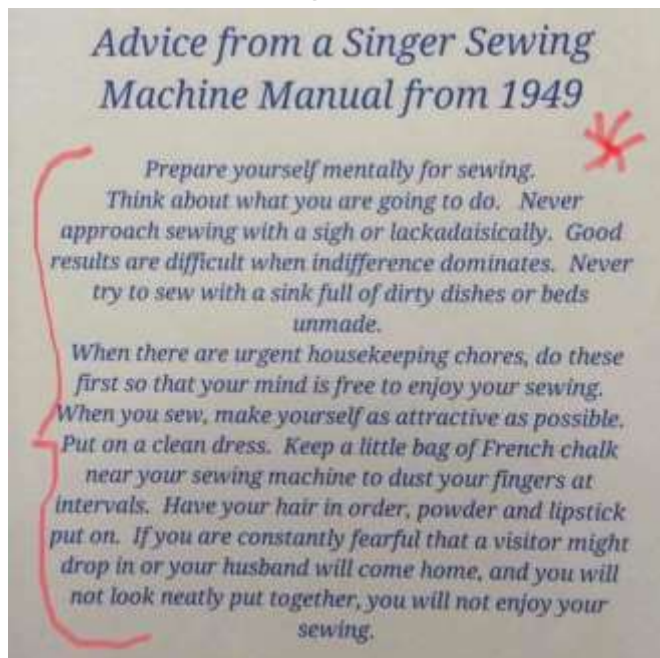
hours are 11 am to 6 pm, on Saturdays 10 am to 6 pm, and on Sundays 10 am to 5 pm. Over 60 sculptures of all mediums by 20 sculptors will be on display and for

sale, including some of Sheree's new moulded leather 'spirited trees', in which she takes a humorous look at trees as individuals. Like people, some trees might give quiet comfort, some might be shy talkers, some exuberant, some happy appreciators of creativity, and others, well...

All safety protocols will be in place so if you can make it please bring that mask, and enjoy this free admission show!



Advice on Sewing



Stittsville Library Show 2021

We will be having our show this year in November at the Stittsville Library. There's a wall space and a glass cabinet where we will display from November 1 to 30th. The theme this year is "Guess the Idiom". I would like you to make a piece of fibre art depicting an idiom. Preferably one that's not too obvious so it's fun to

guess but not too obscure either. Examples of an idiom in English would be: It's raining cats and dogs, It's a piece of cake, Once in a blue moon etc. In French an example of an idiom would be Les murs ont des oreilles, S'occuper de ses oignons, La nuit porte conseil etc. If you have a look online you will find lots of websites with idioms. Here are some examples of links:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/common-english-idioms-3211646>

<https://fr.babbel.com/fr/magazine/expressions-idiomatiques-francaises-courantes/>

The instructions will be the same as in other years. For the wall space pieces can be any size as long as no side is longer than 24 inches. And you can use any technique as long as there is some fibre included. Please have your piece ready to hang with wire if it is hard mounted or a rod if it is soft mounted. No alligator clips please because they don't hang well at the library. The artwork on the wall will be hanging by nylon cords so very heavy pieces are not suitable to hang but a regular weight large canvas is fine. Three dimensional pieces are also a possibility because we have a glass display case.

Please let me know if you would like to participate in this show. I do encourage you to make a new piece if possible. That way you will have some new work and you can enter it into Fibre Fling or another exhibit later this year. I will be sending out an email soon regarding the info you need to send me about your piece. We will be hanging up the show on Monday November 1st and taking down on Tuesday November 30th - time to be determined. I would like to receive all info and artwork by our OOTB meeting on October 18th. Let's see what we can put together again this year!

If you have any questions email me at: connietb10@gmail.com

Weaving Stories



By Deborah Dunleavy, Story Teller extraordinaire

This is an in-person outdoor FREE event!

Acclaimed teller Deborah Dunleavy spins a program of story, song and history all woven together around the theme of weaving.

Date: Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at 2:00 pm
Location: Outside at 297 Strathburn Street in Almonte

Please enter at Malcolm Street entrance.
Only park on the West side of Malcolm Street or on either side of Strathburn Street.

Note: Bring your own lawn chair and umbrella if it looks like rain.

Please RSVP to the Executive Director/Curator Michael Rikley-Lancaster at curator@mvtm.ca

To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we thank all participants to wear a mask and to respect, social distancing precautions.

RSVP for the Event curator@mvtm.ca

The International Plowing Match & Rural Expo 2022



Coming to North Grenville September 20 - 24, 2022 and will include a Quilting Showcase in our IPM Quilting Lifestyle area. The IPM will be located on the previous Kemptville College Campus. The IPM

Quilting Tent will be a very popular area and of interest to area quilters and quilt enthusiasts to see submitted quilts, demonstrations and to shop in the vendor area. Leading up to the IPM there will be a few quilt related activities that quilters and quilt enthusiasts can visit and participate in.

IPM QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE IS ON!

Available now is the IPM 2022 Quilt Block Challenge. Participants can purchase a kit and create a quilt block to be included in a beautiful IPM 2022 Quilt. Each kit contains four squares of cotton fabric, contest rules and entry form. Kits are available for \$12.00 at different locations, including locally at The Kemptville Fabric Shoppe for pickup. There is also an online order option, for an additional \$2, kits can be ordered by email and delivered by Canada Post. Order online and make online payment by e transfer to quiltsipm2022@gmail.com

Prizes include: 1st \$100; 2nd \$75 and 3rd \$50

The final completed block submission deadline is October 31, 2021. Winners will be announced by December 24, 2021.

VISIT THE IPM 2022 QUILT SHOW

Watch for information to come on the "Home on the Farm Quilt Show" which will take place in North Grenville in August 2022. The "Home on the Farm Quilt Show" will include quilts of different categories that will be judged and on display, a vendor mall showcasing items of interest to quilters, a tea room and demonstrations. We look forward to having this quality quilt show in our area. There were many quilts made during the pandemic and we look forward to seeing the completed works.

What is the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo? The International Plowing Match (IPM), held annually in Ontario, is North America's largest outdoor agricultural and rural expo. It is usually held the third week of September, and usually attracts more than 80,000 visitors over the 5-day event. The IPM is organized and run by a local volunteer committee and the Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA).

Visit our website <https://plowingmatch.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=424bc961d9fa6c482ba6bcf48&id=5c91f3d53c&e=d448b5587e> for more details on this exciting event!

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