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## Words of Wisdom

"Artists give people something they didn't know they were missing."

Daniel Pink

## Program Lineup 2022

**November** – Stittsville Library Show “Year of the Garden”

**Monday, November 21**

In November, we'll build on the Glues and Adhesives session (held last March) and talk about stiffeners and structures. Several members are already lined up to talk about what they have tried - I'm sure we have room for more. Zoom Meeting

**Monday, December 19**

For our December social on Zoom, we'll have a hands-on activity - more to come on this

**Monday, January 16** and in January we'll have a presentation on upcycling our clothing into something more artistic (or thrift flips as it is sometimes called). Zoom Meeting

## From the Anne

Welcome to **new member** Jackie Kavanagh who joined our group earlier this month.

Congratulations to all those who participated in both the **Shenkman Arts Centre display** and the **Stittsville Public library show**. The art is wonderful and inspiring. It's not too late to see the Stittsville show, on until Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks go all the volunteers and to Andrée Faubert, Wendy Chisholm and Janet Stanley for organizing these exhibits.

The **November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting** will be held on Zoom only, with a start time of 7 pm. We will be logging on around 6:50 pm. The Zoom link will be sent out Sunday evening.

The topic is structures and stiffeners – and it's all about sharing what we know about these for 2D, 3D, sculptural edges, or any combination of 2D and 3D. Several members have let me know what they can share – you can either let me know in advance (send photos if you have them) or speak up at the meeting. As with the glues & adhesives we'll take notes and record the information so we can prepare another reference guide.

And a new **challenge** will be revealed. In preparation, we suggest you bring some paper, colourful pencils or pens so you can take a few notes and jot down ideas, and perhaps some reference photos that you may have in mind for making some art. We think you're going to like this challenge!

Intrigued?

Oh, and if we have time, we could perhaps do some show & tell. Hoping those who took Kim Thittichai's workshop Zap Power Slash & Melt will have some work to show us.

Can't wait to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Anne

## Upcoming online Workshop with Rachel Singleton

*"All over the world, there has been a greater sense of wanting to record, to capture and to remember. I thought about how I would like to contain my memories. Was there something other than a sketchbook that I could use to record walks from home or to remember days out?"*

*And so, the notion of a stitched Busy Body as a memory keeper came into being."*

Rachael Singleton

Rachael Singleton is a mixed media and textile artist from West Yorkshire, England, who combines paper, fabrics, fibres and other materials to create one of a kind artworks inspired by the natural world around her



Canadian Embroiderers' Guild London is hosting this online event at a cost of \$40. If any ONN member would like to attend the Rachael Singleton workshop on Nov. 19 and 26 (9:30-3 each day), they should email Joanne Adams at registrar.ceglondon@gmail.com with their name, contact phone number and email address, indicating their interest in the workshop. She will let you know if there is still room and how to send an e-transfer payment.

### **Before the Rush**

If you're looking for a daytrip later this month, consider visiting *Before the Rush* show in Gananoque on November 26 & 27. This is a beautiful show of paintings, pottery, jewellery, wood furniture and bowls, art assemblage, and fibre art. It seems there will be 3 of us showing & selling our fibre art at this show, although I'm the only one from OOTB. The show runs Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 10-4.



Anne Warburton

### **Fibre Fling**

**Would you like to see the group hold an in-person Fibre Fling next spring?**

Virtual was fine mid-pandemic but there's nothing like seeing textile art in person and we'd be able to exhibit more items. There are lots of in-person shows and sales going on as we head towards Christmas and reasonable numbers of highly interested people are going to them. So there is hope for good guest attendance, without overcrowding, and volunteer participation for our Fibre Fling in April.

We really need to identify someone in the next few weeks to lead our show. You would be working with a very experienced committee as well as with Debbie and

Anne. You can also grab a friend or someone you think would be good to lead with you or to join the team. If you have any questions or are interested in heading up the show, contact Debbie or Anne.

You can keep the same format as in past years or bring your own fresh vision to the show. If April doesn't work for you, perhaps we could look at holding Fibre Fling in the fall. At this time we have the February OOTB meeting allocated to share all the logistics members need to know to show their art and about volunteer help needed the weekend of the show.

Anne and Debbie

### **Artivism: The Power of Art for Social Transformation**

I was honoured earlier this month to do a presentation as part of an [Artivism](#) initiative by Adelphi University in New York. Their aim has been to provide an event series that demonstrates how the arts can make a difference to create awareness and for social change. The presentations cover not only visual arts, but also music, performance, community projects and many other initiatives. There are presentations via Zoom most Mondays, and are uploaded to their YouTube page afterwards.

My topic as part of this initiative was [Embracing the Natural Art Around us for Self-Reflection and Personal Growth](#). in which I speak about my how my art represents timeworn and weathered objects around us, both in nature and manmade, and how it can help find connections and create opportunities for self-reflection, growth and gratitude.

I think it went well, and my friends tell me they got a lot of insight into the meanings behind my art. I invite you to watch the presentation at the link above. I'm pleased that I've had a lot of public speaking experience over the last year - all that practice definitely helps. And it really is easier when it's a subject we are passionate about.

I was referred to this Artivism initiative by my good friend, international tapestry weaver Krystyna Sadej, who made a presentation on [Art Made of Recyclable Materials](#). Krystyna's daughter, Katarzyna Sadej, international opera and concert and classically trained mezzo-soprano, spoke about her [Earth Singing Project](#), and her husband, Andrzej, Paralympic Head Coach and Coaching & Education Director with Judo Canada, will be presenting on Monday, November 21, on [Social transformation in the art of judo by developing](#)

[a program adaptable for the visually impaired,](#) alongside his athlete, Priscilla.

Anne

**Stittsville Library Show**

The show at the Stittsville Library is up and looking so colourful. The theme is 2022: Year of the Garden. Thanks to Connie Ten Bruggenkate for the theme. It's definitely worth stopping by to take a look at the imaginative work done by OOTB artists. Be sure to take note of the three-dimensional items in the glass display case as well. The library is at 1637 Stittsville Main Street. They are open every day, please check website for times. The show runs until November 29th.



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the setup. Their artistic eyes for colour came up with an arrangement which really sets each work in its best light.

An email will be sent out with information for the retrieving your pieces following the exhibition.

**Membership**

Welcome all members, returning and new! Since we are meeting on Zoom for the next few meetings, if you did not get your new membership card for 2022-2023, please send me an email ([aglfaubert@gmail.com](mailto:aglfaubert@gmail.com)) with your mailing address and I will mail you the new card. The new password will be changed this week. If you need it, please contact me. Thanks, Andrée

**Ottawa Artists Craft Exchange**

Members may be interested in joining this very active FaceBook group [Ottawa Artists Craft Exchange, Trade and Free Group](#) Thank you, Olly

**Planning Committee**

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