

# Out of the Box

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## About Us

The Out of the Box group of fibre artists is passionate about fibre, textiles and the process of creating innovative and thought-provoking works of art. Out of the Box artists approach fibre art as a door to textile creation. Fibre is our preferred art medium and, as artists, we express ourselves and tell our stories using materials. We each have our own inner motivations. .

## Meeting Dates

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Meetings are at the **Ottawa Citizen Main Floor Board Room, Baxter Road, Ottawa.**

June 19<sup>th</sup>  
July 17<sup>th</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 18<sup>th</sup>

## Membership

Our membership includes artists, teachers, quilters, weavers, felters, doll makers, needleworkers, appraisers and dyers. Our focus in meetings is on sharing what we know and love about fibre art with our fellow members, for both our own satisfaction and growth and the satisfaction and growth of all in the group. We come from all walks of life, but are drawn together by our love for colour, creation and camaraderie.

Membership includes active participation within the guild. Contact Susan Card for more information about membership.

We hold open workshops from time to time, and welcome visitors to our monthly meetings. Visit us at [www.out-of-the-box.org](http://www.out-of-the-box.org)

Last day for any submission for the May newsletter is July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

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## Programs

June	Show and Tell/UFO/Critiques
July	Barbeque
August	Open meeting
September	Karen Goetzinger – Pricing your art

## Deadlines

**Northcott** – Northcott Silk Inc. is sponsoring its 11th annual quilt challenge and is inviting us to enter. This year there are 3 main categories: pieced quilted wall hanging (not to exceed (40 in x 40 in), appliquéd quilted wall hanging, and quilted garment. We also have a junior's category for budding young talents under 16. The deadline this year is September 1, 2006 in our office in Woodbridge. You may enter as many times as you wish.

## Idiom

Our idiom piece has been juried into 'Images at Tsongas Arena', one of 134 quilts, + three wearables. So if you are planning to be in New England this August . . . stopping at the Lowell Quilt Festival is a must! (August 3-6). Visit [www.lowellquiltfestival.org](http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org) for more information.

## Congratulations

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**Chantal an team** - Thanks to Chantale and all her team for volunteering to co-ordinate the OOTB show at the Ottawa School of Art. It was inspiring.

**Jennifer Hodge and Kit Vincent** - Thanks for all the work that went into organizing the 'Idiom' challenge. It was a wonderful example of what OOTB can do.

**Karen Goetzinger - Planting Joy"** – Thanks Karen to you and your team for making this event happen. Hopefully we will have more venues like this one.

## Events

**Art Lending** – June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Unitarian Church Hall – 30 Clearly Avenue – [www.artlendingofottawa.com](http://www.artlendingofottawa.com).

**Cube Gallery** – "FOUNDLING - June. 14th ~ July 9th, 2006. A stunning group show with work that celebrates found objects in subject matter or actuality. Pop culture, commodities, junk, assemblage. Visit [www.cubegallery.ca](http://www.cubegallery.ca).

**Vermont Quilt Show** – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, – [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org)

**Lowell Quilt Festival** – August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – [www.lowellquiltfestival.ca](http://www.lowellquiltfestival.ca).

**Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition** – July 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Phillips Square – [www.torontooutdoorart.org](http://www.torontooutdoorart.org).

**World Quilt and Textile** – August 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Manchester, New Hampshire – [www.worldquilt.com](http://www.worldquilt.com).

**"Fiber Expressions: Elements"** - It is time to start thinking about your pieces for this show, to be held at the Mississippi Textile Museum in Almonte, starting November 1, 2006 to go until January 31, 2007. It is the same space that we had for "Creativitea" and "Out of the Box" exhibitions. The theme can be interpreted any way you understand elements.

This is a great opportunity but the space is relatively limited, so keep your pieces small. Initially I suggest one piece per member but I would love to see many of us participating, and the number of pieces will depend on how many of us will take part and the size of our pieces.

Thanks Elena

## Artists' Bios:

To prepare for upcoming exhibits in 2006, we are compiling biographies of all members into a database. When we organize an exhibit, we will print off the bios of those exhibiting for an Artists Binder to be included with the exhibit. Please include the following information: name, location, background (this could include education, where you trained in your medium, your inspiration) and recent significant exhibits or awards. Please, no more than 75 words. You can forward this to Jennifer Hodge ([jennifer@picketfencefabrics.com](mailto:jennifer@picketfencefabrics.com)), who has offered to compile the information and generate the Artists Binder for the shows in 2006.

Depending on the exhibit, you may also be asked to send an artist's statement for the piece you are submitting prior to the exhibit.

## Workshops

### Workshops with out of town artists

#### ***Designing from Nature - Ruth McDowell (USA)***

**Level:** Beginner to Advance

**Date:** September 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2007

**Cost:** \$400.00 for 4 days

**Location:** to be determined

#### **Course description:**

After an initial slide presentation focusing on the translation of images from nature into quilts, Ruth will discuss her machine piecing methods and techniques. Each student will be encouraged to

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begin their own pieced design, using subjects and techniques attracted to them. Suggested reading: Piecing – Expanding the Basics, C&T Publishing.

## Workshops with local artists

Cathy Breedyk Law - 613-267-7417  
[catelaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:catelaw@sympatico.ca)

Private classes - Walk through my house, look at the work and you choose the techniques that you want to learn. Materials are included for \$40 per hour.

Group Private Classes - You bring a group (max 6 students), you choose a project, and I will teach it for \$50 per person. The day runs from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 pm. and includes lunch - minimum 2 students.

Elaine Quehl - Contemporary Quilts, Hand-dyed Fabrics, Classes - [www.equarelle.ca](http://www.equarelle.ca).

Linda Palaisy - Classes, workshops and trunk shows are available. My web address is: [www.lindapalaisy.ca](http://www.lindapalaisy.ca).

## News from the Library

**NEW IDEA:** Rita had a fabulous suggestion: A notebook to be kept with the library that has pertinent information for artists, such as photographer contacts, gallery contacts, perhaps some articles (such as the one on how to critique), good suppliers for art supplies etc.. If people have anything they wish to contribute to the file, I will put it in!

To participate in the 50/50 draw, see Joan at the library to purchase a ticket (or more!) for a toonie. When we resume the meeting after our break we will draw and the winning ticket takes home half of the monies raised that evening!

If there are any books that you want to recommend we purchase for the library, please send me an email with your request and I will gladly consider it.

Thanks! Joan

## Websites, Galleries and more

**Ontario Crafts Council** is a fabulous site where you can view several fabulous artists (including Kit Vincent) – [www.craft.on.ca](http://www.craft.on.ca)

**Museum for Textiles** in Toronto is a great place to visit. Visit the on-line exhibit that includes stories of how some of the pieces were acquired. [www.textilemuseum.ca](http://www.textilemuseum.ca).

**Mississippi Textile Museum** in Almonte has historical and intriguing exhibits, history of the Almonte woollen industry and the Mississippi valley [www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com](http://www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com).

**Artists in Canada** lists artist, galleries, tours and resources – [www.artistsincanada.com](http://www.artistsincanada.com).

**Kit Vincent** at [www.kitvincent.com](http://www.kitvincent.com).

**Judith Martin**, a textile artist from Manitoulin Island, now has a website: <http://www.judithmartin.info/>

- [www.quiltinformation.com](http://www.quiltinformation.com).
- [www.quiltart.com/](http://www.quiltart.com/).

## Galleries

- Thirteen moons gallery – [thirteenmoonsgallery@earthlink.net](mailto:thirteenmoonsgallery@earthlink.net)
- [www.americancraftexpo.org/](http://www.americancraftexpo.org/)

## Opportunities

**Gallery 218** - is looking for artists for up coming shows. Visit the website: [www.gallery218.com](http://www.gallery218.com).

[www.Ottawa.ca/arts](http://www.Ottawa.ca/arts) – Expand your horizons and develop your skills. The Nepean Visual Arts Centre and the Nepean Creative Arts Centre welcome volunteer assistance in many of the visual and performing arts program.

[www.artsoe.ca](http://www.artsoe.ca) – Your community arts council (formerly Gloucester Arts Council) offering

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services, resources, programs, publications, events, workshops and art projects.

[www.artswell.ca](http://www.artswell.ca) – Artswell workshops offer an improvisational, playful, process-oriented environment to develop your sense of well-being by finding your creative source.

## Resources

**Elaine Quelle** - EQuarelle's Palette, [www.equarelle.ca](http://www.equarelle.ca), Quilts, Hand-dyed Fabrics, Patterns, Classes

**Karen Samanski** - kds fibres & textiles, <http://kdsfibres.tripod.com>

**Purplepatch Machine Quilting Service** – 32 Mary St., Johnstown - just east of Prescott. Pantographs, custom work, commissions and quilt art all available – 613-925-3987 by appointment or by chance.

**The Cotton Mills Threadworks** – Specializing in threads & continuous line quilting patterns. Web site: [www.cottonmillthreadworks.com](http://www.cottonmillthreadworks.com).

**A Touch of Fur** - Source for real fur yarn - 158 Queen St., Port Perry, On, L9L 1B8, [www.atouchoffur.com](http://www.atouchoffur.com), Tel: 905 985-4408, Toll free: 1-877-fur-yarn

**The Sewing Workshop Collection** - good selection of patterns, many suitable for embellishment. I will bring some copies of their illustrations and order form to the next meeting. - Meridith

**Knit knackers** - They have a lot of spinning (read felting) fibres and are located at 40 James Street, but don't expect a storefront. It looks like a house and they are also estheticians or something. You have to believe there is a fibre store in there. I am finding them increasingly useful for my own fibre needs. They also have a website: <http://www.knit-knackers.com>

NEW! Wendy Foster is now a local distributor of **Threads by Madeira and Yenmet** - 613-830-5636 or [fosterwen@yahoo.ca](mailto:fosterwen@yahoo.ca).

**Picket Fence Fabrics** – Jennifer will find that elusive product for you and order it in. Arriving soon: Shirtmaker, Angelina (all colours), silk fibres, Nancy Crow's long-awaited new book. Picket Fence Fabrics will be at the Common Thread Quilt Show, May 26-28. Website: [www.picketfencefabrics.com](http://www.picketfencefabrics.com).

**Rita Rottman** - Appraisal services for new and old fibre art and traditional quilted textiles. Rita Rottman has 15 years of appraisal experience and almost 30 years of quilting experience. For information or appointment, call 613-723-7404 or e-mail at [ritarottman@sympatico.ca](mailto:ritarottman@sympatico.ca)

**Linda Palaisy** – 827-0519 – Supplier of hand dyed fabric and hand dyed cotton threads. My web address is: [www.lindapalaisy.ca](http://www.lindapalaisy.ca). Shortly I will have rayon threads and more products are underway.

Please e-mail me your favourite supplier.