

# Out of the Box

September 2006 Newsletter

## About Us (Mission Statement)

The Out of the Box group of artists is passionate about creating innovative and thought-provoking works of art with fibre, our preferred medium.

Our membership includes machine and/or hand embroiderers, art quilters, weavers, felters, doll makers, silk painters, appraisers, dyers as well as other needle workers and mixed media and fine artists. We are a co-op organisation and so we place strong emphasis on activities that share expertise for the continuing artistic development of all. Our focus in meetings is on sharing art techniques, design ideas, artistic processes and inspiration, as well as our thoughts on the business and critiquing of our art. We come from all walks of life, but are drawn together by our love for texture, colour, and creation in an atmosphere of mutual support and camaraderie.

We welcome visitors to our monthly meetings, and from time to time hold open fibre art workshops.

## Membership

Membership requires active participation. Our yearly membership fee is \$20.00. Please contact Mary Pal for more information about joining our group. For more details, visit us at [www.out-of-the-box.org](http://www.out-of-the-box.org)

## Meetings

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

## Membership Renewal

It is membership renewal time! The renewal fee is \$20.00 and covers the period September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. You may renew at the next meeting by paying your fee to Mary Pal. Cheques should be made payable to "Meredith Filshie" (OOTB Treasurer). To renew by mail, please send a cheque to Mary Pal, 144 Broadway Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1S 2V8. Please enclose a SASE to receive your membership card by return mail.

**The renewal period ends September 30, 2006 after which time remaining spaces will be given to those on our waiting list. So don't snooze!**

**Submission Deadline for the October newsletter is October 1, 2006.**

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## Dates of Meetings with Program Topics 2006

August 21	Fibre Postcards - Beth Cunningham & Pat Lamaire
September 18	Pricing Your Art - Karen Goetzinger Super Show & Tell UFO Challenge
October 16	Critiquing - Led by Margaret D. and Kit
November 20	How to make a Coroplast Box - Jennifer Hodge Tips on Shipping your Work - Kit and Joan H.
December 18	Natural Dyeing - Joan H.

"It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult."

Seneca

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## September's Program

1. Super Show and Tell by members
  2. UFO Challenge Results
- Let's celebrate the start of a new membership year and inspire one another by showing our art!! At this meeting we suggest that everyone lay their art out on the tables around the perimeter of the room when you arrive at the meeting. Later during the formal show and tell you will have an opportunity to tell the group about your work
3. Pricing Your Art, presented by Karen Goetzinger
  4. Business:
    - a) Membership Renewal (Mary Pal)
    - b) Mississippi Valley Textile Museum Show (Elena Keen)
      - a) Discussion and vote re leadership positions
      - b) Proposal that members in leadership positions form an official governing body with a chair selected from this group. These members may also form a planning committee. Rationale: Committee can help us to achieve our goals as fibre artists more effectively. For our goals, please see our Mission Statement in the "About Us" section on page one of this newsletter.
    - c) Other business.

## Tiny Textile Treasures

Submitted by Beth Cunningham ("Aunt Beth")

Aunt Beth invites you to the launch of "Tiny Textile Treasures", a fundraising event for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Councillors' Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ottawa City Hall  
110 Laurier Ave. W.

For more information: [www3.sympatico.ca/auntbeth](http://www3.sympatico.ca/auntbeth)  
or 613-837-6222.

I will have invitations for OOTB members (and your friends) at the next meeting and will be there to receive your donations. Part I of the launch evening (Oct 5th) will be a live and silent auction. I would like to have a card/s that are special in some way, possibly framed or works that can be sold as a pair. This will help to pick the auction items and provide ideas on how these works can be used. I am looking forward to seeing your treasures. Thanks very much! Aunt Beth

## Treasurer's Report

Current Bank Balance is \$1125.08.  
Funds have been used for books and magazine subscriptions, the web site, rack cards, supplies for the OOTB display at the OVQG quilt show, membership in the Ottawa Valley Quilt Guild, contribution of \$50.00 to cover travel costs for meeting guest that provided trunk show, entry and appraisal fees for the Idiom Quilt.

## Out of the Box Group Shows

### "Fiber Expressions: Elements"

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum  
Almonte, Ontario

November 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007

Submitted by Elena Keen

Due to insurance requirements, the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum imposes deadlines regarding lists of pieces to be shown, along with their value. Pictures of your work are also required for publicity purposes. At this time, I only have commitments from four!! people who are entering works in the show, only one picture, no names of pieces, and no value. This is not enough. I will be at the September meeting and hope that you will make a commitment at that time. Pictures are urgently needed for our invitation card.

You can contact me at [keen1@sympatico.ca](mailto:keen1@sympatico.ca) or at (613) 523-2633.

## News from our Members

### Chantal Davignon

September's Featured Artist at the OMMA  
(Ottawa Mixed Media Artists)  
website: <http://omma.cn/>

### Wendy Foster and Elaine Quehl

Come visit our booth at the Quilt Co Quilt Show  
September 30 and October 1, 2006  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.quiltco.ca/>  
Wendy has been increasing her stock of Yenmet and Madeira threads. Elaine has been dyeing fabric all summer and expects to have a great selection of hand-dyes available for sale.

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## **Karen Goetzinger**

Participating in the following shows:

### Old Ottawa South Art Festival

Windsor Park, Ottawa

Saturday September 16, 2006

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

(rain date Sept 17)

### Surface Tension

James Howe Gallery

Kean University, New Jersey, USA

November 1-22, 2006

You can view the pieces that will be in the show at

[www.sandrasider.com](http://www.sandrasider.com). (Click on "Curatorial" then on "Surface Tension")

### Mayor's Annual Art Festival

City Hall, Ottawa, Ontario

April 21-27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## **Karen Goetzinger and Carmella Karijo Rother**

Waterloo County Quilt Gallery

St. Jacobs, Ontario

October 4 - December 31, 2006

[http://www.quiltcapitalfestival.com/quilt\\_gallery\\_main.asp](http://www.quiltcapitalfestival.com/quilt_gallery_main.asp)

## **Karen Goetzinger, Carmella Karijo Rother, Wendy Feldberg**

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

Almonte, Ontario

July 31-October 28, 2007

## **Pat Lemaire, Jo-ann Zorzi, Marianne Leek, and Wendo Van Essen**

Participating in the Seaway Autumn Studio Tour,  
Prescott and environs.

September 30 – October 1, 2006

[www.sast.ca](http://www.sast.ca)

## **Heidi Pivnick**

Accepted into the Juried Show Textile/Art

It's Not a Deli Gallery

Queen St., Toronto

October 5 – 21, 2006

## **Elaine Quehl**

"Soleil II" juried into the International Quilters Association  
fall Judged Show "Quilts: A World of Beauty", Houston,  
Texas, November 2 – 5, 2006

## **Wendo Van Essen**

Participating in Wrapture

Britannia Art Gallery,

September 7 – 30, 2006

2728 Howe St.

Ottawa

613-721-1559

## **Book Reviews**

Thanks to Bev Hastings for providing the following review.

### The Zen of Creativity - Cultivating Your Artistic Life

John Daido Loori

Publishers: Random House Publishing Group

(2004)

ISBN: 0-345-46201-7

In this exploration of Zen and creativity, John Loori takes the reader on a journey exploring the core of our creative selves. His initial premise is that everyone is creative, we only need to understand how to access our creative spirits

and use them to their full extent: "creativity is our birthright. It is an integral part of being human".

Like most aspects of Zen, it is hard to describe this book - one has to read and experience it. It's content has had a great affect on my design work, how I approach each project and how I work my way through it. The Zen of Creativity is available at the Ottawa Public Library.

## **Calls for Entry**

### **The Grand National 2007: Fantasy**

Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW/AG) and the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum invite quilt artists from across Canada to explore the idea of Fantasy and participate in a thematic exhibition of quilts which celebrates imaginary worlds and dream-like visions.

May 12 – July 1, 2007

[www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca](http://www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca)

"You never find time for anything. You must make it."  
Charles Buxton

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## Upcoming Events

### **Bravo-est - Variations - Abstract**

Sussex Gallery - Former City Hall  
111 Sussex Drive  
July 7 to September 17, 2006  
Gallery open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily  
Information - 244-4261  
ottawa.ca/arts

**Pukka Gallery** invites you to the re-opening party in our new location on September 16, 2006. Join us for an evening of art and cake from 6pm to 10pm.  
430 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa ON  
www.pukkagallery.ca

### **Lafreniere & Pai Gallery**

Kevin Lockau  
Barefoot on Bedrock  
Mary Anne Barkhouse  
Night Beaver II: New Jewellery From the Old Frontier  
September 7 to 27, 2006  
Gallery hours: Monday to Wednesday 10-6; Thursday and Friday 10-7; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 12-5.  
13 Murray Street, Ottawa, ON K1N 9M5  
613-241-2767  
info@lapaigallery.com  
www.lapaigallery.com

### **Textile Society of America 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium**

Harbourfront Centre, Toronto  
October 11 – 14, 2006  
<http://www.textilesociety.org/downloads/2006symbookletfinal.pdf>

### **Quilt Co Quilt Show**

**Glebe Community Centre**  
September 30 and October 1, 2006  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
For more information, visit <http://www.quiltco.ca/>

### **Fabric Flea Market**

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Glebe Community Centre  
175 Third Ave  
Admission: \$2.00  
In support of Cambridge Street Public School  
- fabrics, patterns, needlework supplies, knitting/weaving yarns etc..  
- donations welcome  
contact Jane 819.595.0886 or [mcyoung@magma.ca](mailto:mcyoung@magma.ca)

### **Wrapture**

September 7 – 30, 2006  
Britannia Art Gallery  
2728 Howe St.  
Ottawa, Ontario  
613-721-1559  
Ann Bird, Dawn Dale, Kathy Gillis, Maggie Glossop, Roberta Huebener, Frankie Lemonde-Meunier, Angela Maxwell, Liz Minnes, Marie-France Nitski, Susan Rennick Jolliffe, Chandler Swain, Wendo Van Essen

## Workshops

### Workshops with out of town artists

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

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

#### **Bravo Studios Art Quilt Lecture and Workshop Series**

Ellen Anne Eddy  
Thread Magic I and II  
December 1 – 3, 2006

Melody Johnson  
Releasing the Creative Block  
January 26 – 28, 2007

Barbara Olson  
Responding to the Surface, 'Nature's Language'  
March 23 – 25, 2006

Registration for these workshops begins September 15, 2006. Please contact Jody Taylor at [bravoshow@sympatico.ca](mailto:bravoshow@sympatico.ca)

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Additional workshops are also planned with Karen Eckmeier (February 2007) and Phil Beaver (December 2007).

## Out of Town Workshops

### **Fibreworks Kingston: Weekend Workshops**

Penny Berens  
Sheer Delight  
October 13 – 15, 2006

Elaine Quehl  
Beyond Stippling  
November 17 – 19, 2006

Valerie Hearder  
Small Scale Landscapes  
March 9 – 11, 2007

Sandra Meech  
Creative Sketch and Stitch Books  
April 13 – 15, 2007

To register please contact Beth Garner, Fibreworks Kingston Registrar, at [garner@kingston.net](mailto:garner@kingston.net), 613-376-6150.

## **Websites**

Professional fibre artists in Western Canada:  
<http://www.fibreartnetwork.com/>

<http://www.fiberrevolution.com/>  
Inspiring fibre art by a network of professional textile artists combining their knowledge and experience in marketing to exhibit and sell their artwork. Fiber Revolution's goal is to provide greater visibility for their art while educating the public about fibre art

For hours of entertainment, try the colour scheme generator:  
<http://www.wellstyled.com/tools/colorscheme2/index-en.html>

View a videocast of the Festival of Quilts, Birmingham, UK on Bonnie McCaffery's website:  
<http://www.bonniemccaffery.com/wordpress1/?p=19>

## **Resources**

If you are looking for a Canadian supplier of Tintzi or foiling supplies, I found one on Salt Spring Island, B.C. this summer. You can order on-line.  
<http://www.stitchesquiltshop.com/>

## **Minutes of the August 21, 2006 Out of the Box Meeting**

Because August was an "open meeting", no minutes were recorded.

"Accidents should stop being seen as something that is separate from the world and instead be accepted as a part of the world and hence on equal footing with perfection."

Paul Virilio