

About Us (Mission Statement)

The Out of the Box Fibre Art Group is a cooperative association of artists who are passionate about creating innovative, thought-provoking works of art, and promoting fibre art through exhibitions, education and professional development.

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. Since we are a co-op organization, we place strong emphasis on activities that support active participation of the membership in 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 meet once a month to share ideas, techniques and inspiration, and from time to time hold open fibre art workshops.

Membership

Membership requires active participation. Our yearly membership fee is \$20.00. Please contact Joanne Batchelor for more information about joining our group. For more details, visit us at 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.**

Really Bad Weather & Meetings

If there is any weather condition that makes travel risky, members will be notified by e-mail by 4:00 pm the afternoon of the meeting. If you do not have email or cannot access email at work, please partner with someone who has access. Members should NOT call the Citizen for this information as nobody there would have it. (They lend the facility to organizations free of charge and do not want any involvement in administrative matters.) As a last resort, you could call Meredith Filshie at 613 727-3886.

Submission Deadline for the April Newsletter is May 9, 2008.

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Dates of Meetings with Program Topics

2008	
April 21	Karen Samanski – Travels Abroad
May 19	Presentation on her process, her transition from traditional to art and trunk show by Cathy Breedyk Law
June 23	Bridget O'Flaherty – Marketing and Promotion of your Quilting Business
July 21	TBD
August 18	Garage Sale and Social
September 15	Wendo Van Essen – Felting Demo

From your editors:

We thoroughly enjoy putting this newsletter together for your enjoyment. However, please remember it is YOUR newsletter and it is only as interesting as you make it. So remember to let us know what news you have, what shows you participate in, what books you read and how you like them and would you recommend them, workshops you take and what you learned, questions you have and perhaps responses to the questions others have asked. We look forward to your contributions.

SHAKE THE KNOWLEDGE TREE:

Last month, Cynthia Sanoy asked for information about photo transfer to fabric.

I have used photo transfer with some success. The method I used is the special paper that you print on and then heat transfer onto fabric. I used two different kinds, one where the paper had to be peeled after it had cooled and then one where you have to peel the paper off while it is still hot. In both cases the results were acceptable (not rubbery), although the "hand" of the fabric was slightly altered, but then I did not expect to sew through the transfer. One thing to remember with this method is that the image will be flipped, unless you flip the original prior to printing.

Minutes – Out of the Box March 17th, 2008

1. Bev opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.
2. Everyone was asked to vote on their choice for the Black & White Challenge winner.
3. Another great Show and Tell. I believe they get better each month. What talented artist we have in OOTB.
4. Wendy Fraser gave an extremely interesting presentation including a trunk show on her Wearable Art including tips on the techniques she has found most valuable.
5. Beth announced the Summer Academy of the Arts will be part of Algonquin College's summer program again this year.
6. Meredith shared with the members present the future plans for OOTB as developed by the Planning Committee and explained the use of the Grid for programs. She encouraged all members to sign up to be part of the success of future programs.
7. Elena announced the winner of the Members' Choice for the Black & White Challenge was Kit Vincent and the winner of the Picket Fence prize was Heather Dubreuil.
8. The meeting adjourned.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Janet Rice-Bredin: www.botanicalartquilts.com/
Submitted by Cynthia Sanoy:
<http://www.paperairplanemovie.com/>

MEMBERS' WEBSITES

Heather Dubreuil www.curlylocks.ca.
Karen Goetzinger www.karengoetzinger.com
Joan Harrison www.enterprisingrabbit.com
Elaine Quehl www.equarelle.ca
Wendo Van Essen www.fibreartbywendo.com

News from our members

Wendy Feldberg's 2008 exhibitions:

- Snapdragon Gallery, Bank St. and Third Avenue, Ottawa
- City of Ottawa, Gloucester Gallery, Orleans. May 1 - May 27. "In Stitches"
- La Tulipe Noire, Wakefield, Quebec, June 1 - July 31
- "Art in Our Gardens" Glebe Studio Tour, 20 Wilton Crescent, July 5 and 6. With Shlomo Feldberg (metal art and jewelry) and Karen Goetzinger (mixed media and fibre art)
- The Carnegie Gallery, Dundas, Ontario, August 1 - August 31. "Unclothing and Uncovering: Revealing Art in Textiles" (travelling exhibition) With Karen Goetzinger and Carmella Karijo Rother.

Heather Dubreuil sent the following information:

The Beaconsfield Quilters' Guild Show will be held May 9, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., May 10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and May 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Centennial Centre, 21111 Lakeshore, McGill/MacDonald Campus, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC. There will be vendors, a raffle quilt, challenge, tea room. The admission is free. For further information, visit their website at www.beaconsfieldquiltersguild.com. Note that there is also a small show of previous ribbon-winners in the Media Room of the Beaconsfield Library, 303 Beaconsfield Blvd., April 28 - May 30.

The CQQ Salon 2008 (Quebec's biennial provincial show) will take place Thursday, May 22, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m., Friday, May 23, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the College André-Grasset, 1001 Crémazie Blvd. East, Montreal, QC. There will be workshops, demos, vendors, a boutique, a raffle quilt, challenge. Admission is \$8.00. For further information, visit their website at www.cqq.ca.

Algonquin Summer School of the Arts

Visit the Algonquin College website www.algonquincollege.com/summerarts for information on this years Summer Academy of the Arts at Algonquin College. These week-long courses will be running during the month of July. If you know friends from out of town that would be interested they can stay in the residence at the special rate of \$54.95 per night for a 2-bedroom suite, with fridge and microwave. This price includes breakfast as well. For those in town there will be a special parking rate available for the week of \$18.65. Beth Cameron is the Coordinator for the program again this year so if you have any questions you can always ask her as well.

From Picket Fence Fabrics

We received the following letter from Jennifer Hodge and we wish her the very best in her new location and for the future:

Dear Out of Box Members:

After 5 years in my current location Picket Fence Fabrics will be moving to 71 King Street West in Brockville (on the corner of St. Andrew Street).

With this move I will have little time to spend on extracurricular activities so I will not be renewing my membership with Out of the Box in the fall. I truly enjoyed the visits to the Out of the Box, car-pooling with the "Out of Towners", and so very much enjoyed how Out of the Box members support each other in everything we do.

I hope that I can still receive the newsletter to keep up with what everyone is doing. I trust that you will find an enthusiastic participant to fill my space and look forward to meeting you in my travels this summer.

We will open at the new location on May 5, 2008, with an opening event planned for mid June. Hours will be Monday - Saturday 10 - 5 and Sunday 12 - 4 (seasonal-call ahead). Do drop in this summer for a visit and enjoy Brockville's beautiful waterfront.

All the best in whatever you do.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hodge
Picket Fence Fabrics

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