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## Words of Wisdom

The longer you look at an object, the more abstract it becomes, and, ironically, the more real. **Walt Disney**

## OOTB program line-up

**April 21**, 7:15pm – 'Tufter' Derrick Hewitt, who 'paints' with moose and caribou hair, and recap of Fibre Fling

**May 19**, 9:30am-3:30pm - Member Playdate (Wendo Van Essen, felting)

**May 19**, 7:15pm – Guest presentation by artist Elizabeth Veninga

**June 2**, 10am-4pm – Learn to see, Learn to draw, Elizabeth Veninga

**June 16**, 9:30am-3:30pm – Member Playdate (Suzanne Caron-Richer, paper)

**June 16**, 7:15pm – Members who participated in spring playdates show and tell their playdate experiments

**July 21**, 7:15pm – Member drop-in: bring one project you are working on to discuss design or technique 'issues'

**August 18**, 7:15 pm – TBA

**September 15**, 9:30am-3:30pm – Member Playdate (Garrie Bea Joyce, painting)

**September 15**, 7:15pm – Visual show of Fibre Fling 3, membership renewals

## Fibre Content 2014 Show

Submission deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

It's coming up quickly, but you don't have to wait for the deadline. You can submit any time!

The Call for Entry is available on the website home page <http://www.fibrations.org>

Remember it is wide open as to theme and size and can be something you created in the past 5 years that was not in the previous Fibre Content 2012 Show. All submissions are done online at the website. Your "submission buddy" is me, Robynne Cole; do not hesitate to be in touch if I can help in any way!

The purpose of this bi-annual show is to promote the work of fibre artists and local fibre arts communities in a professional manner, to highlight fibre art's intriguing nature and raise its profile in the art world generally. Your entry fee covers the costs of the show. Any surplus will go toward future show promotions.

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to showcase your talents. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Good luck to all. We welcome your efforts and involvement!

Robynne Cole, Assistant Manager for the Show  
Dwayne Wanner, Co-Rep SAQA Central Canada, and Show Manager

## Two Stittsville fibre artists exhibit in show

Stittsville News By John Curry – Metroland Art from two Stittsville artists were among the works on display at the annual "Fibre Fling 3" show and sale of the Out of the Box fibre artists group at the Kitchissippi United Church in Ottawa last Friday and Saturday. Both Jo-Ann Zorzi and Frances Taylor, both Stittsville residents, had work in this annual show which the Out of the Box fibre artists host in partnership with Kitchissippi United Church.

The show featured work by a variety of artists associated with the Out of the Box fibre artists group including several who had exhibited in the

exhibit of fibre art put on by the group at the ArtSpace Wall at the Stittsville branch of the Ottawa Public Library last year.

Jo-Ann has always been interested in art but spent most of her adult life as a scientist. But she has recently pursued her passion for art and particularly likes the tactile nature of silk fibre with which she creates her fibre pieces.

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*Nancy Leigh-Smith, a fibre artist herself, looks at a fibre art piece done by Jo-Ann Zorzi of Stittsville which was on display at the "Fibre Fling 3" show and sale held by the Out of the Box Fibre Artists group in partnership with the Kitchissippi United Church in Ottawa at the Kitchissippi United Church last Friday and Saturday. Jo-Ann Zorzi of Stittsville is a fibre artist who creates silk fibre wall hangings.*

Frances Taylor of Stittsville is now retired from a career with the federal government and is enjoying her time as a mixed media and fibre artist. She creates needle-felted artwork and wearable art using silk, wool and other fibres. She frequently uses hand-dyed silks and threads, hand embroidery, semi-precious stones and even recycled copper to achieve the colours and textures that she wants.

She draws her inspiration from her childhood images of the slate grey, blue/green North Sea where she grew up, from the fragile marshes and alvar landscapes of Eastern Ontario and from the landscapes of the Canadian Shield.



*Juanita Sauve, left, and Connie ten Bruggenkate, right, two members of the Out of the Box Fibre Artists group who exhibited in last year's display of art at the Stittsville branch of the Ottawa Public Library, flank a fibre art work done by Connie which was on display at the "Fibre Fling 3" show and sale at the Kitchissippi United Church in Ottawa.*

The Out of the Box fibre artists group, which has now grown to a membership around 70, was founded in 1997. It 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. Members include machine and hand embroiderers, art quilters, weavers, felters, doll makers, silk painters, dyers, mixed media and other types of artists. Members are drawn together by a love of texture, colour and creation of an atmosphere of mutual support and friendship.

The group's website can be found at [www.out-of-the-box.org](http://www.out-of-the-box.org).

### **Fabricland**

The Orleans location of Fabricland will be closing at the end of June for renovations. Re-opening date is unknown at this time. They are having an inventory clearance sale - all inventory is 50% off. There are some great bargains. All sales are final. The Kanata location will be closing its doors at the end of May when their lease expires. They are actively searching for a new location. The Ogilvie, Merivale and Walkley locations are unaffected (and are not part of any of the sales taking place).

**Events close to home**

**Jo-Ann Zorzi**

Jo-Ann will be at stop #2 of the Red Trillium Studio Tour; 109 Terraview Drive, Kinburn. The hours are 10AM to 5PM on May 10th and 11th. thanks,

**Kanata Art Club**

**AOE**

Make a connection with artist Karen Goetzinger on Sunday April 27 at the Shenkman Arts Centre from 1-3 pm.

Come be a part of the community art project, Significant Connections by sharing your sewing skills. Bringing your sewing machine (extension cord and thread) to help sew the hundreds of little origami forms into large hanging panels. It will be an exciting day at the Shenkman. Read below about Beau's Art!

**Beau's Art - Meet the Artists**

Beau's Art is an invitation to satisfy your curiosity and enjoy casual conversations with featured artists. This ongoing series takes place on select Sunday afternoons, when up to six exhibition spaces consecutively introduce new exhibits. In this informal setting visitors can relax, enjoy a sampling of Beau's beer and find out what motivated the artist, how they created their work and discover their unique vision.

The third Beau's Art will be held at the Shenkman Arts Centre on Sunday, April 27 from 1 to 3 pm.

[www.shenkmanarts.ca](http://www.shenkmanarts.ca)  
[www.karangoetzinger.com](http://www.karangoetzinger.com)  
[www.facebook.com/Artist/KarenGoetzinger](https://www.facebook.com/Artist/KarenGoetzinger)

**Events across Ontario**

From ONN

At the 2013 ONN AGM in Elora, a key emphasis was placed on communication between the Guilds. We need to do a little more, so to help this process ONN will be publish UPCOMING In-House Shows, Displays, Juried events, Workshops, etc. on a quarterly basis as follows:

GROUP OF EIGHT FIBRE ARTS  
April (TBA) Greenwood Gallery in Guelph.

OAKVILLE STITCHERY GUILD  
2014 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Show at the Wellington County Museum & Archives,  
April 5 - June 9, 2014  
Fergus

OUT OF THE BOX FIBRE ARTISTS, Ottawa  
April 4-5 Fibre Fling 3 is a fund raiser along with

Kitchissippi United Church for the Stephen Lewis Fund.  
The 12x12 Colour Wheel Challenge will be hung at this Show.

**PETERBOROUGH**

April 5 Fibre Arts Festival sponsored by the Peterborough Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild  
Location: Peterborough Library

**TORONTO GUILD OF STITCHERY**

Blythwood Road Baptist Church, Toronto  
April (Dates TBA) 2-Day Workshop – Margaret Vant Erve *Picket Fence Garden*  
23-24 May, 2014 2-Day Workshop – Jette Roy Finlay-Heath *'Katie's Hyggelit Tray Cloth'* - a class in Danish Whitework Embroidery

CEG LONDON 2-29 May,  
Annual selected exhibition at the London Central Library

CEG KITCHENERWATERLOO 10 May,  
ONN AGM and Conference  
St. John's Anglican Church, Kitchener.

**CEG GUELPH**

May (Dates TBA) 2-Day Workshop – Richard Box (UK)  
Contact Heather Van Riesen at [hvanriesen@cogeco.ca](mailto:hvanriesen@cogeco.ca) to go on to waiting list. More details will follow.

FIBREWORKS, Kingston  
17-18 May and 20-21 May, 2014 with Application Form and read Policy at <http://www.fibreworkskingston.blogspot.ca/>  
or [http://www.onnguils.ca/guilds/kingston\\_fibreworks/kingston\\_fibreworks.html](http://www.onnguils.ca/guilds/kingston_fibreworks/kingston_fibreworks.html)

TRACY LAWKO, (Toronto Guild of Stitchery) Guest Artist at St. Jacobs Quilt & Fibre Art Festival 27-31 May, 2014 The Village Silos, 1441 King Street North, St. Jacobs, ON

**CEG LONDON**

Location: TBA.  
2-6 June, 2014 \$350 for members; \$400 for non-members, Non-member registration 1 March, 2014  
*Fabric Images* with Susan Carlson  
*Beading* with Nancy Eha

**GROUP OF EIGHT FIBRE ARTS**

9-16 September, 2014 Fibre Content Show, Burlington. Details to follow.

**CATARAQUI GUILD of NEEDLE ARTS**

4 October, 2014 Kingston Seniors Centre Needle Arts Fair "Bye Gone Eras" featuring a private collection of antique sewing implements.

**GRAND GUILD of FIBRE ARTISTS, Cambridge**

October (Dates TBA) Location: The Button Factory, Waterloo Artbra Show & Sale in support of breast cancer awareness.

**Dupioni Silk for Sale**

From Carmello Rother

**Dupioni Silk For Sale**

3 batches, each a mix of 3 colour piles in photos

- available in 1, 2, or 3 batches of 17 metres each, a mix of colours in photos
- 2/3 of yardage is 45" wide, 1/3 is 52" wide
- only full width measurements are calculated; sections with pieces cut out, and smaller yardages, are bonus
- each batch \$340.

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**Meetings**

Meetings are normally 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.

Submission deadline for the May Newsletter is May 11 at 5:00 pm.

**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 for a nominal fee and do not want any involvement in administrative matters).

**Planning Committee**

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