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Words of Wisdom

“I couldn't sew on a day like this. There's something in the air that gets in the blood and makes a sort of glory in my soul. My fingers would twitch and I'd sew a crooked seam. So it's ho for the park and the pines.”

— [L.M. Montgomery, Anne Of The Island](#)

OOTB Program Lineup 2015:

Until mid-May – 12x12 Colour Challenge ‘Magenta’ window display at Wabi Sabi

May 18, 7:00pm – Guest: Calligrapher Richard Draffin

June 8, 9:30am-3:30pm Member Playdate: landscape postcards with Juanita Sauve

June 11-12, 9:30am-4:00pm – OOTB class: Intro to Eco Printing with Wendy Feldberg held at Wabi Sabi

June 15, 7:00 pm

– Using recycled materials in your work, member demo

– Juanita Sauve on making fabric postcards

July 20, 7:00pm – Member drop-in – bring in summer projects

Looking for OOTB helpers

We are urgently looking for more volunteers to help the **Program Committee**. This is the Committee that organizes the speakers and monthly programs, plans the playdates and workshops. If you can help - talk to Connie ten Bruggenkate or Lynn Ruff.

We need helpers in the **publicity and communications areas**. This means writing articles for community newspapers and our newsletter, taking photos or videos for our website and for shows. The big event is the annual Fibre Fling show but there are other events during the year and general publicity for OOTB. There are some good resources already available for volunteers. Talk to anyone on the Planning Committee.

A number of Planning Committee positions will become vacant in the near future. If you would like to (co-) chair the Show or the Planning Committees or be responsible for the Library, please talk to anyone on the Planning Committee.

Together we make OOTB a strong and vibrant organization for artists. A big thank you to all our Planning Committee members, many of whom have been on the Committee for years and for all of you who have volunteered on the Show and Program Committees and helped in the library and for special events this past year.

Nancy Garrard

Program Committee – looking for new members

Program Committee is still looking for people interested in joining the committee. I (Connie) am leaving the committee as of September because my aging parents will be needing more help. If you would like to join us and plan workshops and/or monthly meetings for Out-of-the-Box please let us know. I will be available until September to help someone become familiar with what we do.

Connie ten Bruggenkate connietb@sympatico.ca

PLAYDATES

What is a Playdate?

A Playdate is a date with your artistic self. It is an opportunity for our members together, practice art and share ideas. Each Playdate starts with a practice exercise led by an OOTB member. The exercise consists of design, creativity and techniques that the Playdate leader uses in his or her art. Playdate participants can choose to participate in the exercises, or work on their own projects.

Where, How Many, Time and Cost

Playdates take place at the Kitchissippi United Church Hall, located at 630 Island Park Drive in Ottawa. There is free parking in designated areas and members can bring a lunch to eat in a communal kitchen. Coffee, tea and milk are provided throughout the day.

There are two sessions of three Playdates with a total of 6 Playdates per year.

Playdate days start at 9:30 am and finish at 3:30pm. The cost of each session is \$10.00 per Playdate or \$25.00 for all three.

You can register for Playdates at OOTB meetings or by e-mailing Lynn Ruff at lynnandjack@hotmail.ca

Our June Playdate "Landscape Postcards" with Juanita Sauve is full with three people on the waiting list. Presently, I am organizing the Playdates for 2015/16 and will have them confirmed to advertise in the June newsletter. I will be at the June 15th Monday night meeting for anyone who wants to sign up for a Playdate.

Lynn Ruff

Eco Printing Workshop June 11, 12th, 2015

Registration for the Eco Printing class is full. As you may have noticed (email sent to members), there was a price increase for the Eco Printing workshop June 11th and 12th. There was a misunderstanding about the teaching costs with the result that the fee for the two-day workshop at Wabi Sabi is now \$210. We have a few people on the waiting list but a few people also withdrew from the list. Therefore we are unfortunately not scheduling a second class in July. If you are keen to learn Eco Printing you can contact Wendy Feldberg directly at <http://www.wendyfeldberg.ca/> and she may be able to arrange a lesson for you.

Working with Cheesecloth Workshop with Mary Pal

Program Committee is planning a workshop with Mary Pal on October 29th and 30th, 2015 at Kitchissippi United Church. For those of you who aren't familiar with her, Mary is a former member of Out-of-the-Box living in Almonte who is known for her cheesecloth portraits. Her work has been featured in books, in Quilting Arts Magazine and on Quilting Arts TV. OOTB Members who have taken classes with her say she is a wonderful teacher. This class will be on using cheesecloth for making landscapes, portraits or other subjects. Take a look at her website at <http://marypaldesigns.com/>. The cost for the two-day class will be \$145. You can buy the items on Mary's supply list or you can pay her a \$20 kit fee to supply them for you (payable at the workshop). Registration will be restricted to a limited number. Anyone who is interested can contact me at connietb@sympatico.ca and/or give me their \$145 at the OOTB meeting on Monday to secure their spot.

Connie ten Bruggenkate
Program Committee

Postcard Project for Fibrefest's 20th Anniversary

In honour of the 20th year of Fibrefest, OOTB members are encouraged to make postcards from fibre using any and all fibreart techniques. These postcards will be shown at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum during Fibrefest and sold as a fundraiser for the museum. Postcards must be 4" by 6". OOTB will provide a cellophane envelope for each postcard and a special label to record the artist name and title of the piece. Juanita Sauvé will be demonstrating her postcard techniques at the June meeting and we encourage all members who have done postcards or received them to bring them for show and tell at the June meeting. Envelopes and labels will be available at the June, July and August meetings and all postcards must be turned in by the August meeting. We thank you in advance for your enthusiastic response to this request. The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is a wonderful asset to our community.

Colour Unboxed

Our show at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

The show opening on Dec. 20, 2016 is 84 weeks away! It is never too early to start thinking about what you will want to submit for the show. The Museum would like our preliminary list of art pieces early in September of 2106. The 112 Colour Challenge pieces will take up a good amount of wall space but there will be room for lots more. It would be interesting to have a number of three dimensional pieces as part of the show. So as you are planning your artistic work calendar, don't forget this wonderful opportunity we have!

Away with Words

The Stittsville Library show in November this year will have the theme "Away with Words". Several old dictionaries will be available at the next couple of OOTB meetings. Members will literally rip out pages from the dictionary and use words found on the page or literally the pages to inspire or use in their artwork.

"Stuff" available for sale, trade or whatever

Hand-made lace - A member of Kitchissippi United Church has some handmade lace that she would like to donate to OOTB artists. If anyone is interested in this lace, please talk to Nancy Garrard.

Library - I recently received several boxes of arts & craft books and magazines from a family friend who is downsizing her home - I am donating 3 of the boxes to Out of the Box and will have the books & magazines for sale at our May 18 meeting. The proceeds will go to the OOTB Library. Magazines are 3 for \$2 (mostly Piecework and Threads, from the 1990s), books range from \$2 to \$5 (dyeing, knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, some painting, some dried flowers, and more).
Anne Warburton

Spinning Wheel

Laura of Lola Dot in Almonte sent this message, with a photo of a spinning wheel a customer is selling. Her name is Ruth Hammond, and if you're interested, you could get in touch with her directly at:



Ruth Hammond
613-256-2662
hammond Ruth@xplornet.ca

Threadworks

THREADWORKS has a new and very informative website. Many wonderful resources and the full galleries of the 2010 and 2013 Traveling Art Exhibitions are there for you and just a click away! Your artwork is welcome for THREADWORKS 2016... "**FLASHBACK!**"

<http://www.threadworksart.ca/index.php>

THREADWORKS is a project of the Ontario Network of Needleworkers which OOTB is a member of. Its mandate is to mount, every three years, a juried exhibition of exceptional creative needlework stitched by artists from across Canada.

Since its inception in 1987, Threadworks is sponsored by the Wellington County Museum and Archives. After the inaugural opening exhibition at the WCMA, the show travels the Province of Ontario for up to three years and is exhibited in many museums and galleries.

Threadworks 2016

The theme for the 2016 Exhibition is **FLASHBACK**. Your submission will be most welcome. What does that word bring to your imagination? Just how far back does it take you? Whether it's to your own youth, your Grandmother's time or pre-history, anything other than this minute or tomorrow qualifies. Here are a few suggestions for you as you think about your Exhibition entry planning: Fashion, Art Deco, Architecture, Environment/Nature/Fossils, Summer Camp, Holidays, Music (e.g. song titles), War, Hippies, Home, Death, Grandma's influence/Ancestors, Weddings, Babies...

The Show co-ordinators are Elizabeth Duggan Litch and Sharron Begg, and you can send them an email using the form on the THREADWORKS [Contact Page](#). The 2016 Jury liaison is Kathleen Bissett. Click [here](#) to view/download the official "FLASHBACK" Call for Entry (PDF). The online Entry Form will be available on this site starting January 1, 2016. For a quick peek at just what the THREADWORKS Exhibitions can offer the Canadian viewers at galleries all across Ontario and beyond... please visit the online gallery below!

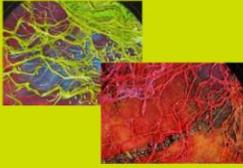
Threadworks 2013

The 2013 theme is **WATER**, and the show was juried by Judy Martin, William Hodge and Sylvia Naylor. Please visit the [Threadworks 2013](#) page to learn more and view the complete online gallery of works.

The WATER Exhibition is still travelling! It opens next on May 16, 2015 at the Woodstock Art Gallery, running until July 4, 2015.

In Town and Out of Town Shows

Two Perspectives

TWO PERSPECTIVES—DEUX PERSPECTIVES	
May 10th — June 7th, 2015	
Pat Caffery	Marie-France Gosselin
	
<p>Gallery 200 The School of Dance 200 Crichton Street, 2nd Floor</p>	<p>Vernissage: Wednesday, May 13th 5:30 — 8:00 pm</p>

Vernissage is this evening at Gallery 200, 200 Crichton Street, Second Floor, The School of Dance from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. You are all welcome.

Thousand Island Quilters

<p><i>Waterways</i> Quilt Show & Sale May 22nd - 24th, 2015</p>  <p>Presented by Thousand Islands Quilters Guild Brockville Memorial Civic Centre Magedoma Drive Brockville, Ontario www.thousandislandsquiltersguild.com</p>	<p>Friday May 22, Noon-6pm Saturday May 23, 9am-5pm Sunday May 24, 10am-4pm</p> <p>Admission \$6 Free Parking • Buses Welcome</p> <p>Exhibition More than 200 pieced & appliquéd bed quilts, art quilts, wall hangings, décor items</p> <p>Demonstrations Quilt construction techniques, tools & gadgets</p> <p>WaterWays Challenge The guild's 2015 challenge, vote for your favourite.</p> <p>Raffles</p> <p>Guild Boutique Beautiful hand-made quilts & quilted items for sale</p> <p>Merchant Mall</p> <p>Viewers' Choice Awards Voting Friday and Saturday only, winners presented Sunday, May 24th at 2pm</p> <p>Tea Room Provided by <i>Loaves & Fishes</i> www.loavesandfishesbrockville.com</p> <p>Directions From Highway 401 travelling East or West, take exit 696; Turn North on Stewart Blvd./County Rd. 29; Turn East on Parkedale Ave.; Turn North on Milwood Ave.; Turn East on Magedoma Dr.; Watch for our signs www.thousandislandsquiltersguild.com</p>
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Ottawa Artwear

Some members of the Ottawa Artwear group are having a sale of wearable art at Amica at Westboro on June 6. The sale will include some gently used items as well as accessories, and will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The address is 491 Richmond Road, just west of Westboro village. Note the Farmers Market will also be open that day. For more information, please call Frances Taylor at 613-836-3988 or send her an e-mail at frances_taylor@sympatico.ca

Thanks
Frances Taylor
Richmond Village Art Club

RICHMOND VILLAGE ART CLUB	
ART SHOW	
	
	<p><u>FREE ADMISSION</u></p> <p>Dining Hall, Agricultural Fairgrounds 6107 PERTH ST. RICHMOND</p>
	
	
	
	
<p>SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH 11:00 AM — 4:00 PM</p>	
<p><u>Sponsored by:</u></p> <p> Cydney Green  Ben Wightman</p> <p>Scott Moffatt Councillor, Rideau-Goulbourn</p>	
	
	
	

Art on the Grass



Call for Artists and Craftspeople for Art on the Grass:

The West Carleton Arts Society will be holding their third summer arts festival, **Art on the Grass**, on Saturday August 22, 2015 in the village of Carp. **Art on the Grass** is designed to engage the community in all things art-related.

You are invited to apply to show and sell your own original art work or original handmade crafts or give a demonstration of your craft at **Art on the Grass**. Craft-related organizations are invited to apply.

Details:

This is an open non-juried show for artists and crafts people to be held outside on the Carp Fairgrounds.

All work offered for sale must be original and created by the applicant. Spaces are approximately 10' x 10' and can be shared (3 persons maximum per site). Parking will be free and near your booth. Fee is \$40 per full space for WCAS members; \$50 for non-members. (Cheques may be post-dated to July 1st.) No commission will be charged on sales. There is no fee for community organizations not selling their work.

Each artist is responsible for his own display (tables, tents, grids etc). Show hours are 8 am to 4 pm, rain or shine, with set up time between 6 and 8 am.

Note that the Carp Farmers' Market will be open beside **Art on the Grass** from 8-1.

How to apply:

Please mail the application form below and fee, (and membership form if applicable) to reserve your Artist Space, by July 1st to:

West Carleton Arts Society
PO Box 367, Woodlawn, Ont. K0A 3M0

For more information contact Lis Allison (613 832-2156 lis@pine-ridge.ca)

Meetings

Meetings are normally held the third Monday of the month, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Citizen Main Floor Board Room, Baxter Road, Ottawa.

Submission deadline for the June Newsletter is June 7, 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

PC Convenor	Sally Rutherford & Nancy Garrard
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Membership	MaryAnne Toonders
Treasurer	Sandy Goldsmith
Web-coordinator	Sally Rutherford
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