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Words of Wisdom

It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings – Unknown

OOTB Program Lineup 2016/17

May 21, Meeting - Members **Nancy Garrard** and **Karen Sama ski** will share their experience at the Annual Harrogate Knitting and Stitching Show in the UK. Members show and tell their artwork and their results from the Transfer Images Playdate and the Dying Workshop.

Monday, May 28, 2018, Playdate, Techniques for using scraps and threads to make new fabric and block technique with **Linda Palaisy**.

June 18, Meeting - **Esther Bryan**, the Quilt of Belonging. Esther will share her story starting with an idea and ending with the completion of Canada's largest ever textile art project. A book written by Janice Weaver is available at Chapters/Indigo online, Esther will also bring some books to the meeting. Members show and tell.

July 16, Meeting - Members sharing and show and tell.

August 20, Meeting - Members sharing and show and tell.

September 17, Meeting - **Debra Boyd-Chisholm** - Fibre Fling report. Membership renewals. Members show and tell.

October 15, Meeting - we welcome designer, creator and lecturer of Traditional Beadwork, **Naomi Smith**. Members show and tell.

Fibre Fling 7

Another Successful Fibre Fling Show!

Out of the Box's 7th annual Fiber Fling show was another resounding success! Our group exhibited a huge variety of beautiful fiber art works, we inspired our many guests (and each other) with our creativity and inventiveness and we raised a good amount of money for a worthy charity.



This year's show displayed 118 pieces in the art exhibit area that were made by 37 of our group's members. The sales table area featured 839 smaller works of art created by 26 of our members. Although sales numbers are only one measure of the success of a show, this year we sold \$2,625 pieces in the art exhibit area and \$8,993 in the sales table area. In total, our gross sales of art came to \$11,618.

Approximately 900 people attended the 2-day show and they profusely expressed their appreciation for the incredible diversity of approaches, colours, textures, styles and techniques taken by the group's fiber artists. Many of these visitors said that they came to Fiber Fling every year or, if it was their first time attending, that they will be back again and again!



A huge thank you is due to the 50 volunteers who put the show together over the last six months. Their contributions included hanging the many art works to their best advantage, arranging a diverse group of 3-d pieces and preparing a beautiful and enticing sales table display area. Behind the scenes, several unsung volunteers waded through hundreds of emails and reams of paperwork to track and coordinate the registration, drop-off/pick-up and sales of almost 1,000 art pieces. Also, several volunteers made many updates to OOTB's web site and Facebook pages. Another small group of volunteers took care of all of the financial transactions needed for the show. During the show, a team of volunteers greeted our guests, answered their questions and kept an eye on the art. A one-on-one survey was even conducted during the show, which helped us learn how people heard about this show and gave us 40 new email addresses to contact about future OOTB shows.



Several new volunteer roles were created this year. Six brave OOTB members ably directed the parking situation outside on Friday, which helped to alleviate the biggest wrinkle of this year's show. Our communications volunteers increased our social media promotion of the show and several of our members appeared on the local cable Rogers English and French daytime shows. Bravo everyone!

As always, the Kitchissippi United Church 'Grannies' worked tirelessly to give our guests a lovely high tea on Saturday and to provide refreshments on Friday in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's work with Aids-affected women and families in Africa. All of the funds raised by the Grannies', including all of the show's ticket sales, and all of the money from the sale of an anonymous OOTB member's art, raised \$5,110 for this worthy cause.



Having successfully overcome the unique challenges of parking issues, gale-force winds, and a rookie convenor, well done everyone. We'll see you all again next year!

Debbie Boyd-Chisholm
Fiber Fling 7 Show Convenor

Quotes from our guest book

"Magnificent talent!"

"Incredible creativity, colour and inspiration. Thank you"

"A nicely inspiring show. Glad I came."

"Loved the art -- it is all inspiring."

"Great show"

"Love the variety of techniques & styles. Thank you for your work."

"Wonderful show! Such inspiration."

"So beautiful and Inspiring."

"I look forward to your show every year!"

"Another wonderful show!"

"Lovely show & a treat to discover all the local talent!"

"Amazing display of creative energy, love and passion. Thank you for a beautiful afternoon & congrats to all the wonderful artists. Look forward to next year."

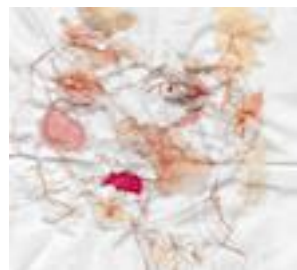
OOTB Website

Artist Gallery

This area of the website has many gaps. If you'd rather not use photo of yourself, we would happy to post a photo of your work instead. Have you done or thought about doing a self-portrait as a stitched project (think

Mary Pal technique)? This might be an interesting way to show it.

Here are some sample I've seen online of various styles of stitched or quilted portraits or self-portraits:



Don't worry about the size – we will resize and crop as needed. Please send your photo to Rose Wilson at wilsonrosalie01@gmail. Rename your portrait photo as follows: FirstnameLastname-portrait.jpg , (e.g.RoseWilson-portrait.jpg

Focus on Fibre Links

Some of our members have gone 'Fibre/Textile' travelling to some exotic locations and shared their experience with us at our meetings. Here are a few ways to learn more about this type of travel and perhaps to dream of your own trip.

The first tour can be taken from your armchair to a map of India and the fabrics used in outfits unique to each state of India and a description of many of the fabrics. There are also additional links that may be of interest.

The second site includes photos and short videos of past trips and lists of upcoming trips to Europe, Africa, Mexico, North and South America including some Canadian destinations.

The third site offers a Creative Arts Safaris range of tours, focusing on the arts and culture of a place with a particular emphasis on textiles, sights and local cuisine. The tours travel to exotic locations for the sheer pleasure of being there and the opportunity to soak up rich cultural experiences,

Here is the link to the OOTB Resource page to check out these sites. <http://www.out-of-the-box.org/resources.html>

Playdates

Out of the Box has again organized three members' Playdates for the winter of 2018. The dates, topics and leader member(s):

For the next session in 2018:

Monday, May 28, Linda Palaisy's Techniques for using scraps and threads to make new fabric and her block technique.

Image Transfer

On April 30, 2018 the focus of the Play date was to pick a good picture and transfer it to a piece of fabric or canvas.

Lynn showed us samples of photos transfers she had done on canvas and different mediums that could be used to apply to the photos.

After we applied the medium on a photo or image, we placed the photos on a canvas and with our fingers pressed the image on the canvas. A few hours later, with a little bowl of water and a sponge and we rubbed the image to remove all the paper. Once that was done, we could see the photo or image on the canvas. What a surprise!!!

While we waited for the transfers to dry Lynn showed us how to use napkins and plastic (Saran Wrap) to create cards and we experimented with this technique.

We enjoyed learning these two new techniques for possible use in our own creations. Thank you so much, Lynn

Volunteers – Planning Committee

We are looking for one or two volunteers to join the Planning Committee at the end of June or if you prefer to start in September that is fine as well.

At the end of June, Madeleine Rousseau will resign after three years and Lynn Keeler will begin working on organizing Playdates instead. So Cheryl Brooks will be volunteering in this fun and creative position and would love one or two others to join her!! Joining the Program Committee involves coming up with ideas for and organizing our monthly meetings ie. Inviting outside artists to do presentations, inviting specific members to speak about their art and show slides or coming up with subjects we can each talk about concerning our own art.

The other part of the job is to organize one or two Workshops per year.

Cheryl
Coordinator

Deserres Discount Now Available



OOTB members are now entitled to a 10% discount on a host of regularly priced items plus other bonuses at DeSerres art stores. Just take the two following steps:

1. Visit a local DeSerres store with your OOTB membership card to get your Creative Club card. (OOTB has already applied for our group membership).
2. Activate your card at <http://www.deserres.ca> using your email address.

As well as the 10% discount, you earn 100 bonus points upon card activation plus earning 1 point for every dollar you spend applied to their rewards programme. Note too that DeSerres offers free shipping on orders over \$39.

Member discounts are also available from other businesses. Please check the Resources section of the website. <http://www.out-of-the-box.org/resources/pdf/Discounts.pdf>

Team for June 2019 Show At MVTM

Grateful thanks to Meredith Filshie, Rita Rottman, and Garrie Bea Joyce for agreeing to coordinate the OOTB show at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in June 2019. They bring considerable organizational experience coupled with artistic flair to this important role.

OOTB's immensely successful *Colour Unboxed* show held Dec 2016 - late Feb 2017 has given our group a welcome entrée to the museum and with the coordinating help of Meredith, Rita, and Garrie, we can build on that solid foundation. Following a brief announcement of this team at the May meeting, more detailed information will be presented by them at the June meeting.

Wendo Van Essen Summer Shows

- I'll be vending at the Tulip Festival on Victoria Day weekend. May 19-21 Lansdowne Park, The Art & Culture Tulip Experience
- Then I'll be at Fibrefest in Picton May 26
- Then the Kawartha Yarn and Fibre Festival June 9 in Fenelon Falls.

Botanical Art

There is a wonderful exhibit of botanical art at the Museum of Nature and the Agricultural Museum which might be of interest to members. If you go, take a look at what uniform framing can do to enhance a display. A useful idea if you ever decide to work in a series!

From Meredith Filshie

Yarn Forward

Sad news - Yarn Forward is closing when their leases are up. We're running out of places to shop!

Planning Committee

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