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Words of Wisdom

An intellectual is a man who says a simple thing in a difficult way; an artist is a man who says a difficult thing in a simple way. Charles Bukowski

OOTB Program Lineup 2019

July 15 – Bazaar Night

August OOTB meeting activity teaser:
You did WHAT on your holiday?

Bazaar Night

We are holding our very first Bazaar Night this July meeting; if successful, it could become an annual event

We ask that there be NO PRE-BUYING OR PRE-GATHERING before the meeting starts. We do want to give everyone an opportunity to buy, sell or exchange! Time will be allotted for everyone to walk around the tables and peruse what is available. You will be able to write your name on sticky notes (we will provide) that you can place on items you wish to buy or exchange. If more than one sticker appears on an item, it is up to owner of the item to sort out who gets it.

- Have you separated your items into FOR SALE (with a price and your initials), EXCHANGE (with sticker with your initials) and FREE?
- Have you set aside some change and some bags for your purchases?
- Is your APP ready to accept payments?
- Do you have enough change?

As you come in, remember to place your items on the appropriate tables that will be labeled: FOR SALE, FOR FREE, EXCHANGE

When the Co-Chairs declare the Bazaar open, the fun begins. See you on the 15th and bring money and your shopping cart.

PS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING AWAY ALL ITEMS THAT YOU BROUGHT AND THAT DID NOT FIND A NEW HOME.

Call for Art Work for Fibrefest display table.

We are hosting an outreach table again this year at Fibrefest in Almonte, on September 7 to 8th. The objective is to promote the OOTB group. Small pieces of art work are needed to display the talents of members and attract attention and questions from festival goers. Please think about showing a sample of your work. They will be collected at the August meeting. Arrangements can be made for pick up if you will not be at that meeting. For more information, please contact [kathy.lajeunesse](mailto:kathy.lajeunesse@sympatico.ca) at kathygregandbrian@sympatico.ca

Summer Fibrations - End Notes

The show is over and we think all participants should be pleased with the impact of our collective efforts. One Museum volunteer told us that there had been a really interesting number of visitors and we hope to have the final count soon.

We will have the visitors' comment book at the next meeting for those interested. The most frequently used words were "awesome", "inspirational", "amazing", and "beautiful". Many commented on the diversity and the colour. During pick-up on Monday, several members commented on how wonderful it is to see our art work on display, curated by an expert team in a wonderful setting. One gets a different impression of the wealth of talent and expertise. It is the same as many of us feel with Fibre Fling. While members see most pieces during Show and Tell, they look so much different and better when hung and when one can see them from different distances.

We were especially pleased with the number of members who participated in an exhibition for the first time as well as the overall number of members who submitted their work. In the end, we had 187 pieces on display! We hope that this experience has given "first-timers' confidence for future involvement.

Many, many thanks to all of you who contributed pieces and who helped with such efforts as distributing rack cards, other promotional efforts, helping with the take-in, keeping track of all the art pieces and their packaging,

and the dismantling of the show. It wouldn't have happened without YOU!

Garrie Bea Joyce, Rita Rottman and Meredith Filshie

Ontario Arts Council – Grant Information Session



Mississippi Valley Textile Museum & General Fine Craft are pleased to host an

ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL GRANT INFORMATION SESSION FOR CRAFT ARTISTS AND VISUAL ARTISTS

Thursday July 18, 2019, 7:00-8:30 pm
Mississippi Valley Textile Museum
3 Rosamond St E, Almonte, ON

Join Ontario Arts Council officers Zhe Gu and Lisa Wöhrle to learn more about grants to support visual arts or craft practices, including:

- Grants to create and exhibit your artwork
- How to apply online
- What to include in your grant application
- Peer jury process

Open to individual artists, collectives and not-for-profit arts organizations

FREE EVENT

Please RSVP by July 17 to let us know you are coming:
curator@mvtm.ca or (613) 256-3754



Amanda Sculptures



McCavour Thread

Visited L.A.Pai gallery last week. They recently had an exhibit of Amanda McCavour thread sculptures and there are still quite a few in the gallery. The webs site is lapaigallery.com. The artists website can be linked to from the gallery web site. Alternatively, it is amandamccavour.com. Her work is pretty exceptional.

Sally Rutherford

Almonte Home & Garden Tour



The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum is sponsoring the Almonte Home & Garden Tour, Saturday July 27 10 am to 5 pm.

You will be able to tour seven of Almonte's most interesting homes and three outstanding gardens. The tour is a fundraiser for the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum and the Extension of Almonte's popular Riverwalk.

In the 1890s, Almonte was a thriving mill town. Its six textile mills employed most of the town's residents, with the Rosamond No. 1 Mill being the largest woolen mill in Canada. This earned Almonte the title of "Little Manchester of Canada."

This tour highlights two estates built by members of the Rosamond family–The Glen and Pinehurst–as well as a lovely Victorian house that was home to two other mill owners. It also features one of the town's earliest stone homes, and a Victorian charmer that was home to a family that operated Almonte's Iron Works, where repairs were made, and parts fashioned for the area mills and farms. Also featured is a delightful brick home, typical of many nineteenth-century Almonte houses, beautifully renovated for today's living. And for something completely different, we are delighted to have a brand-new addition to the town: a home designed by Almonte architect Peter Mansfield for his own family.

The tour also includes three outstanding gardens: two in the town and one in the Almonte "suburb" of White Tail Ridge. While all are completely different in style and approach, they are all inspiring examples of what can be created on a standard lot with some imagination, creativity and hard work.

Tickets are \$30 and include free admittance to the Textile Museum. They are available at the Textile Museum, online at mvtm.ca, at Almonte Home Furniture, the Blossom Shop in Carleton Place, the Gallery Gift Shop in Arnprior, Talisman Flowers in Kanata, Canada Beading Supply Ltd. in Nepean and Wabi Sabi of

Ottawa. For information on other ticket outlets or to purchase tickets call (613) 256-3754. The Museum is located at 3 Rosamond St. E. in Almonte.

Stittsville Library Show - November 2019

OOTB will have a small show again at the Stittsville Library for the month of November 2019. The theme this year is "Recycled, Reborn". For this theme I would like you to use recycled materials. You could use something like used tea bags, plastic bags, papers, recycled fabrics, scraps of thread etc. It would be nice if your piece was made of 100% recycled materials but if this isn't possible please make the main design elements of the piece with recycled materials. We will start with one piece per person for now until I get an idea of how many pieces I have. Please note that the wall is white at the library so make sure the background of your piece is not white in order for it to show well.

Pieces can be any size as long as no side is longer than 24 inches. And you can use any technique as long as there is some fibre included. Please have your piece ready to hang with wire if it is hard mounted or a rod if it is soft mounted. No alligator clips please because they don't hang well at the library. Three dimensional pieces are also a possibility because we have a glass display case. Pieces are to be brought to the October OOTB meeting. I will send out an email in October asking for information for the label cards to be put on your work.

I will need a few volunteers to help with hanging up the show on November 1st and for takedown November 30th. This year we will be hanging up and taking down in the morning, exact time to be determined. It would be nice if you have a new piece but if you have one that is already in this theme, that will do too. *Remember that if you make a new piece you will be able to display it at Fibre Fling in April 2020 too.* So start thinking now about what you want to contribute. And if you already have something in mind you can let me know. I look forward to seeing what we can put together for this theme!

If you have any questions email me at: connietb@sympatico.ca

Connie ten Bruggenkate

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