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Words of Wisdom

"It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation." Herman Melville

Program Lineup 2023- 2024

March 18 meeting – Fibre Fling information update, Makers Lodge Trunk Show

April 15 meeting – Garrie Bea Joyce: Considerations for a show's presentation, Fibre Fling update

May 3-4 - Fibre Fling

May 20 meeting – Alice Vander Vennen guest speaker, Fibre Fling debriefing

May 21 - Nature Narratives Workshop with Alice Vander Vennen

June Playdate on Bookmaking – date tbd

June 17 meeting – Book Arts, Presentation by Wendy Feldberg

July 15 meeting – Giveaway night, ATC swap

August 19 meeting – A possible field trip

News from Wendo and Sandy

Banner Renewal:
We've met and will have a mock-up by the summer

Journal/book making playdate

We'll find a place and date in June, after Fibre Fling, to reschedule our Journal/book making playdate. Details will be in the April newsletter.
Andrée

Spring Fling Raffle: Art Donations Wanted

Our Fall Fling raffle raised over \$500 for two food banks so we thought we would do another at our spring show. It has been a tradition with the spring show to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Food Bank so donations are going to great causes.

We hope that 10 members will donate something beautiful which they value between \$50 and \$100. These will be displayed at Fibre Fling with a box clearly identified with each art piece. If any artist is interested, we could have a brief artist profile on display as well as business cards. Interested people would buy tickets either \$5.00 for one or \$10.00 for three. They would complete their tickets with name, telephone number and e-mail address and place each completed ticket in the box associated with the item they hope to have. If they bought 3 tickets all could go in one box or be divided amongst several. A draw would be made from each box 30 minutes before the close of Fall Fling.

Please contact Meredith Filshie at mfilshie@rogers.com if you have questions or if you are willing to donate a special item

Publication Notice:

Sharon Johnson's Story with OOTB Connections

On March 20, 2024, a day after the official Spring Equinox, my newest story entitled Yearning For Second Spring will be published at the Abbey of the Arts. Part of the story involves the OOTB Critique evening held on the Spring Equinox last March.

Many comments from that evening were instrumental in helping me shape the final bead and fibre artwork. The piece, also titled Yearning For Second Spring, was shown at Fibre Fling in April 2023.

I wrote this story with its artwork-in-progress reflections to honour the OOTB contributions and express my gratitude. The community input lifted the work beyond anything I alone could have conceived. The input inspired the time and effort needed for its true completion.

This story's LINK BECOMES ACTIVE on [March 20, 2024](#).

To immediately read the earlier story of my beaded artwork Mary As The Greenest Branch, [Click here:](#)

I welcome any feedback you care to offer.

Alice Vander Vennan

NATURE NARRATIVES Workshop

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 9:30am -3:30 Kitchissippi United Church
Cost \$85.00 payable upon registration

Learn some new techniques which might lead you to take your art in different directions!

There is still room for those interested in participating in this workshop. Several members who have already taken one of her workshops have signed up for this one as they found Alice's approach to three dimension assemblages inspiring and one of the best they have ever taken. In **Natures Narratives**, Alice brings together textiles with natural and found objects. All supplies will be provided (although you are welcome to bring some of your own) and you should be able to take home a beautiful framed 10"x10" finished piece. Check out her interesting art: alicevandervennen.ca

Confirm your interest with Meredith Filshie: mfilshie@rogers.com by April 21st, 2024. Send a cheque or do an e-transfer to Marilyn White. Her address for a cheque made payable to Out of the Box is #1804, 200 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON K1N5Y1. For an e-transfer to Marilyn: financial.ootb@gmail.com. If you have any questions about e-transfers, use the same address.



Your registration will only be guaranteed once Marilyn has received payment.

Note: if there are still spaces unfilled by April 1, we will be contacting other organizations to give their members an opportunity to participate.

Meredith Filshie

Fibre Fling 2024!

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.
Kitchissippi United Church 630 Island Park Drive

Fibre Fling 2024 is 8 weeks away, I hope your artwork is almost completed and that you are preparing to register it on the form that MaryAnne Toonders sent out.

Cheryl Ford is still collecting names of volunteers and will turn no willing person away so please have a look at the form that she sent out and figure out a spot that you would fit in.

Helen Gordon again has created a lovely rack card that we will distribute across the city. Cathy Haley will ensure that it is posted on social media.

Meredith Filshie is organizing the raffle to raise funds for the Ottawa Food Bank and the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Wendo Van Essen and Sandy Goldsmith will be sending their instructions on organizing your items for the Marketplace in the near future.

These are only a few of the people who are working to make Fibre Fling 2024 happen – we need YOU to join the crowd. Make art for the exhibition, make art for the marketplace, donate to the raffle, volunteer to help organize, put up or take down the show or help during show days, forward the electronic versions of the rack card to everyone you know, talk to your neighbours and friends! There is something that each of us can do to make sure that we have yet another success – and spend time with lovely people who love fibre art while you are at it.

There is a lot of information on the OOTB website: <https://members.out-of-the-box.org/fibre-fling/>

For anything you do not find there, any and all questions are welcome. Please email me at: fibrefling2023@gmail.com

Sally Rutherford
Fibre Fling 2024 Convenor

Web site URL

Having trouble getting to OOTB's web site. You may be accessing the old website. If the background colour is goldish it the old one.

The correct link is out-of-the-box.org

Please change your bookmark for the site.

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