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## Words of Wisdom

"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere" Carl Sagan

## Program Lineup 2023- 2024

**Note, this is the earliest third Monday of the month so note the date of our meeting is April 15**

**April 15 meeting** – Garrie Bea Joyce: Considerations for a show's presentation, Fibre Fling update. Extended show and tell.

### 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

## From Wendo

Our next meeting is a a day away and I'm going to be bringing sales tags to those who would like to be part of the Fibre Fling MarketPlace. Each member is allowed up to 50 items to sell in MarketPlace. If you took part in the Fall Fling, we will be handling the Spring Fling in the same way. I've attached what the tags look like should you wish to purchase them on your own (from Dollarama) and what each tag is supposed to look like

with your data on it. Initials and numbers and price all go on the same little, tiny tag.

For Monday's meeting, Garrie will be speaking about how to hang your artwork, so the hanging committee has no issues when it's setup day.

Plus, Sandy and I thought it would be nice to extend our Show and Tell to really delve into what went into a piece. Bring any pieces you'd like to show a new technique with, any UFO's and any pieces you want some feedback on. Also, any favourite ways of doing things....if you've got a specific tool you like or something that you use that's unconventional but works like a charm. We'd like to get to know what members do for inspiration. And what's your happy place!

See you on Monday!

Cheers, Wendo

## Wool-Tyme News

Being that Canada Beading is a neighbour of Wool-Tyme, there are the occasional excursions across the parking lot:)! In case you haven't visited them recently, you might be interested to know that they have expanded their offering from Trailhead Company (formerly Trailhead Yarns). Trailhead is an Ottawa area company. The owner has created small batch, hand-dyed, unique tencel yarn that is spun in Canada and is suitable for hand stitching. Trailhead is committed to being an environmentally conscious company. You can find a great selection at Wool-Thyme of single Acorn Bobbins, curated Acorn Caches (5 bobbins of assorted colours), some kits and needle minders. Interestingly, those of you who know about Sue Spargo's wonderful threads will find that her company is also carrying Trailhead products.

Wool-Tyme is also now carrying the Gentle Arts line of overdyed embroidery threads. A wide range of beautiful colours!

For knitters, Wool-Tyme will be celebrating Local Yarn Store Day on Saturday, April 27th. They will be partnering with Nita Beer on the event, calling it Pint and Purl. More details will be on their web page closer to the event.

Finally, on May 8, Wool-Tyme will be one of only two Canadian stops on the "berrocoyarn" and "westyorkshirespinners" First Designer Tour with world renowned British designer Sarah Hatton. Sarah will be teaching a workshop for a new and original shawl. There will also be a "Meet and Greet" with a trunk show in the evening.

Check their website for more details: [wool-tyme.com](http://wool-tyme.com)

Meredith Filshie

## **Art in the Neighbourhood Show**

From Jackie Kavanagh



I'm a member of Art in the Neighbourhood and we have our Spring Art Festival on May 11 from 10-4pm at the Jim Tubman Chevrolet Rink in Ottawa.

## **OOTB Brown Bag Challenge**



We are pleased to announce a brown bag challenge for OOTB artists. The idea is to challenge other members to create a piece of art using the bag's 6-8 contents. The bags should be anonymous, so don't identify yourself.

Please note that not all items inside need to be fabric related but should fit inside a small brown bag. You can draw on your stash to complete your piece but concentrate on integrating the 6-8 items contained inside your bag.

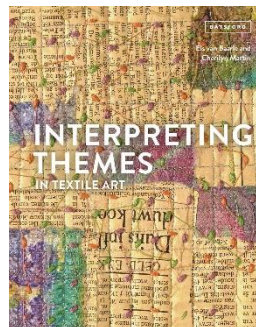
Those members who would like to participate are asked to bring a small brown bag with 6-8 items inside to the May 20, 2024 meeting.

The bags will be placed together on a table and chosen at random by participants. Your pieces of art should be ready to be shown at the September 16, 2024 meeting. Remember, you must donate a bag to get a bag.

Please contact Andree Faubert or Nancy Scott if you have any questions.

## **Book Review**

### **Interpreting Themes in Textile Art by Els van Baarle and Cherilyn Martin**



A succinct review of this book would be "two visions of a theme". However, it is much more than that. The works of Els van Baarle and Cherilyn Martin are highlighted in this 128 page book, along with stunning photos. These two artists demonstrate how working with a common theme can be interpreted in many ways, using

different techniques, be they dyeing, embroidery, rusting, found objects or collage. Both women end up with truly unique art pieces.

Chapter 1, The Creative Process, covers basic design and color theory. The following chapters introduce the themes that both artists started with and provide tips and techniques to apply to your own work. Intriguing chapter titles such as Graven Images, Walls, Pompeii, Yesterday in History, Book as Object, and Articles in Everyday Use, engage our curiosity, and prompt us to explore our own travel photos, memories and environment for inspiration.

Nan Davies

## **Announcing:**

### **Second annual artists' Professional Development Conference**

OOTB member Katharine Fletcher has organized this second annual artists' conference and wants you to register! It'll be a really fun and inspirational day (\$75.00 registration fee includes 4 speakers, snacks, coffee/tea/tisane/pop -- and a yummy lunch!)

What: artPontiac Professional Development Conference  
When: April 27, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
Where: Café 349, 349 Main Street, Shawville (yummy food!! art gallery!)

Why? To inspire us all in our artsy lives: Four speakers cover four topics: animation arts [Ryan Hobbs of Mercury Filmworks]; Community involvement & artists' residencies [Ceramicist Paula Murray]; Responding to Calls to Artists [Pamela Stewart of Carleton Place Gallery]; and Instagram for Artists (Bryan Chen, JR Art Labs)

Cost: \$75.00 for the day includes speakers plus coffee breaks in a.m./p.m. and a delicious homestyle luncheon

How to register? Contact [info@artpontiac.com](mailto:info@artpontiac.com)

Tips?

- a) ASAP as seats are limited to 30!
- b) the picturesque Quyon Ferry is open!
- c) More information? (YOU DO NOT need to be an artPontiac member, btw!) <https://artpontiac.com/en/>

### **Ottawa Book Arts Show & Sale\***

OOTB new member Katharine Fletcher is one of 50++ book binders/handmade journal makers, paper makers who is a vendor at this Book Arts show and sale.

Where? Carleton University, MacOdrum Library

When? May 25 from 9:00-4:00

What: all-day everything about handmade books show & sale

Why: Showcase book arts & inspire artists everywhere

COST? FREE for attendance and to register as an artist with a table

How to register? Sign up to reserve a free table at the Book Arts Show and Sale on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cbbagottawa-book-arts-show-and-sale-vender-sign-up-only-tickets-814641353217>.

### **Planning Committee**

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