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Words of Wisdom

"I think the deeper you go into questions, the deeper or more interesting the questions get.

And I think that's the job of Art."

Andre Dubus III

Program Lineup 2023- 2024

September 16th meeting - membership renewal, Brown Bag reveal, Fall Fling particulars, Fibre Fest

October 21st meeting - next Piece by Piece challenge reveal/sign-up, Brown Bag reveal

From the Co-Chairs

Hello members!

Now that it's membership renewal time, please renew online or come to the meeting prepared to renew then. Remember that if you'd like to take part in our ever-popular Fibre Flings...(both fall and spring) you need to be a member in good standing in September.

We have decided to reschedule the brown bag reveal to the October meeting. I for one have been so busy with Fibrefest that I'm a little behind in finishing mine. Phew!

Fibrefest this year was a fabulous event. If you taught at Fibrefest, say a few words on how your class went. If you took a class, bring your project and show it off!

We'll be showing off the new Out of the Box banner on Monday and talking about how everyone can get involved in doing a piece of the banner.

We'll briefly present our plans for the upcoming meetings and events on Monday

See you Monday!

Wendo and Sandy

Radical Stitch exhibition at the National Gallery

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Brown Bag Challenge

The Brown Bag Challenge Reveal has been moved to the October meeting. Once you have shared your challenge piece, it will be collected to show at Fall Fling.

Membership

As you probably know, the membership year starts in September. We hope that you will renew your membership once more. The only one change this year is the cost of membership for 2024-2025 which is now \$60. At one meeting a month, this represents a cost of \$5 per meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

The process to renew remains the same. A form must be filled out (electronically or on paper) and the membership fee paid - by e-transfer, or cheque or cash at the September meeting.

Here is the link to the electronic form. If you wish to fill out a paper copy, please see below. It has been attached.

To pay by e-transfer, please send your e-transfer to Financial.OOTB@gmail.com You can pay by cash or cheque at the September meetings.

Please note that to be able to participate in the Fall Fling, you must have renewed your membership by the September 2024 meeting.

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September Play Date - Name Tags Revisited

Last chance to join in the fun! Register today via email to Patricia (palderson2015@gmail.com) or at our September meeting

Thursday, September 19th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ottawa Public Library, Emerald Plaza branch
\$25 payable to financial.ootb@gmail.com

More Play Dates in the works!

Our aim is to offer a play date every two months and we're sorting out dates and availability of the members who have stepped up to share their talents. The potential schedule for the next few months includes a needle felting session in November with Wendo, and possibly an altered books experience with Lynne Cullen, one of our newest members, in January. Details to follow, with lots more in the planning stages for spring. Thank you, volunteers!

Fibre Twine Art Installation

In Summer 2024, Fibre 15 mounted the exhibition "Impermanence" in the woods surrounding the Arbor Gallery: 29 artworks were installed in trees, on boulders, in the garden and elsewhere, with the intention of observing how nature transformed the pieces over time. This exhibition ends in early Autumn, but the Fabric Twine Art Installation will continue the spirit of the exhibition with a new piece that invites public contribution.



Ottawa-area fibre arts collective Fibre 15 and the Arbor Gallery invite the public to collaborate on a temporary fibre art installation on the grounds of the Arbor Gallery in Vankleek Hill! On September 21, members of Fibre 15 will lead a demonstration on making fabric twine and begin a sculptural piece that the public can contribute to – using their own fabric twine – over time. The more contributions, the more multi-faceted and colourful the artwork becomes!

Free

<https://www.facebook.com/Fibre15>
<https://arborgallery.org/>

Anne Warburton

Library News

I am happy to announce that Carole Reid has joined me as OOTB co-librarian. Her experience includes working in a federal library and knowledge of online cataloguing. She is a welcome addition to a very busy position!

Nancy Scott

November 2024 Stittsville Library Show

The month of November is quickly approaching and with it so is the next Stittsville Library show! The theme this year is "Threads through Time". All artwork submitted for the show should contain some vintage fibre (lace, yarn, floss, fabric/textile etc.) or be adorned with some vintage sewing accessories (buttons, pins, findings etc.). Time to get creative (pun intended) and explore how you can incorporate some vintage materials into your artwork. The display walls at the Stittsville Library have room to accommodate approximately 18 to 20 pieces of artwork depending on their sizes. As a bonus this year, the Librarian has informed me that the library will be hosting their 50th anniversary on November 23rd. This will bring many more people to the branch while our artwork is on display!

To reserve a spot in this year's show, please send an email to: chaytor.wendy@gmail.com

Thank you,
Wendy Chaytor & Janet Stanley

Intro to Punch Needle Workshop

Robin Whitford will do an "Introduction to Punch Needle" workshop Tuesday, March 4. Robin is an official Oxford punch needle instructor with a lot of experience working with different materials.

Robin will supply her own Oxford Pinch needles and frames for members to use during the workshop. Pre-stretched linen plus variety of yarns to complete the project will be included.

She will design a project to enable participants to complete it during the workshop. More info on cost, location and hours to come.

Please contact Nancy Scott at opus1300@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Planning Committee

PC Convenor	Wendo Van Essen, Sandy Goldsmith
Education	Patrica Alderson (playdates)
Secretary	Cheryl Ford
Membership	Andrée Faubert
Treasurer	Marilyn White
Web-coordinator	MaryAnne Toonders
Newsletter	Helen Gordon
Facebook/Instagram	Cathy Haley haley.cathy@gmail.com
Library	Nancy Scott & Carol Reid
Publicity/Marketing	Louise Dalonzo
Exhibitions/Shows	Connie ten Bruggenkate, Andree Faubert, Wendy Chaytor, Madeleine Rousseau, Sally Rutherford, Wendo Van Essen, Sandy Goldsmith
Contacts: co-chair@out-of-the-box.org	

OOTB Membership 2024/25

Welcome returning and new members to Out of the Box (OOTB) Fibre Artists for an exciting 2024-25 season.

There are two steps to completing your membership:

1. fill out the membership form below
2. pay the \$60 fee.

Please note: to participate in the Fall Fling sales event, your registration needs to be completed by or on the end of September.

*Required

1. **email address** * _____
2. **Last Name*** _____
3. **First Name*** _____
4. **Renewal/New*** - tick applicable item: Renewing ___ New Member ___

Fee and Payment

The OOTB membership fee for 2024-2025 is **\$60/year** and due in Sept. each year, (membership year) September 1 to August 31.) Renewals may begin as early as August for the upcoming membership year. Please contact our Membership Coordinator if assistance is needed to complete the form.

Payment can be made by e-transfer, cheque or cash.

- E-transfer **\$60** to Financial.OOTB@gmail.com Please include your name and that it is membership you are paying in the e-transfer description).
- bring your cash or cheque (made out to "OOTB") to the next meeting.
- At the meeting receive your new membership card with a password to the Members Only website. The password will be changed in the fall of 2024.

Complete the rest of the form and if you are a new member send an email to Membership Coordinator to ensure you are added to our mailing list.

Your membership Renewal/Application is not complete until payment is received.

5. Payment Method

How will you make payment? – Circle one: E-transfer Cheque Cash

OOTB Membership Roles and Responsibilities

The goals of Out of the Box are to promote fibre and textile arts and to foster a spirit of cooperation and encouragement among members.

OOTB members are expected to work together to support the group's goals, fellow members, and activities. Specifically, this means that members will:

- actively volunteer their time and talents within the group as they are able
- respect all OOTB members' skills, contributions and artwork
- contribute to and share OOTB resources, including library books and equipment
- support guest and OOTB speakers and workshop leaders
- honour all OOTB guidelines for exhibitions, shows, workshops, play dates and meetings.

If an OOTB member fails to respect these roles and responsibilities, the Planning Committee reserves the right to take action, such as, excluding a member from participating in a show or workshop.

(Established July 16, 2019)

6. I have read and agree to the Roles and Responsibilities of OOTB Members *
Tick if you agree - **I agree** _____

OOTB Waivers

By selecting 'Yes' to the waivers, you are agreeing to the OOTB terms and conditions.

- a) **Contact Information Waiver** - Do you consent to the distribution of your contact information to other members via email or the Members Only website?
- b) **Photography Waiver** - Do you consent to the use of photographs/videos/artwork for any OOTB promotional or educational purposes including gallery applications, posters, brochures, newsletters, social media, website, catalogs and any other promotional outputs?
- c) **3. General Waiver** - I hereby release and discharge Out of the Box from any and all claims, demands, lawsuits, liability damages, loss cost, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature which arise out of a result from

attending or participating in an OOTB sponsored event whether or not foreseeable, including and without limitations, personal injuries to the attendee.

7. Waiver Permissions (See descriptions above) *

Circle only one per row.

- a) 1. Contact information via email? Yes No
- b) 2. Photography Waiver Yes No
- c) 3. General Waiver Yes No

Contact Information Please use capital letters.

8. **Street Address*** _____

9. **City/Town*** _____

10. **Province*** _____

11. **Postal Code*** _____

12. **Phone Number *** _____

Artist Gallery Webpage

The following information will appear on the public pages of the website in the Artist Gallery. Your name, a small image of you or your work, your interests, links to your online presence. Guidelines for submission are on the Members Only area of the website.

13. Do you consent to your name and interests listed on the Artist Gallery web-page? *

Circle only one: Yes No

Your Fibre Interests - Provide a short list: (i.e. Felting, embroidery, sewing, beading.)

If there are no updates to your interests or social media accounts to what's currently posted on the Gallery, respond by saying '**No changes**'

14. Your fibre interests _____

15. Website Address (optional) _____

16. Blog Address (optional) _____

17. Instagram Address (optional) _____

18. Facebook Address (optional) _____

Artist Gallery Image

Provide an introductory portrait photo of yourself, an update of your image, or if you prefer, a detail of one of your artworks. If you don't provide an image, we will use a fibre/textile image of our choice.

19. Are you sending an image for the Artist Gallery? Yes___ No___ Keep current image___

You will need to be signed in with a Google account in order to upload the image. if you don't have a Google account but have completed the form to this point, send the image by email to toonders@gmail.com. In the subject line state ':AG image'.

The photo needs to be 266w x 316h pixels to fit in the slide format so please make the photo taller than wide. Adjustments can be made if necessary.

20. **Signature:** _____