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## Words of Wisdom

“Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion” - Rumi

## Program Lineup 2024- 2025

- January 20: Zoom Meeting with Robin Whitford and Lara Wellman. – How to Run a Business
- January 20: Playdate with Lynne Cullen – Introduction to Creating Altered Books (Techniques)
- February 17: Zoom Meeting – Share a Tip for Making Art Easier (techniques, supplies, or design tips) and Editing Your Art Photos
- March 19: Meeting – Piece by Piece and Banner Projects Due, Fibre Fling Review, and Presentation on Photographing Artwork Using Everyday Lighting and Props
- March Workshop (tentative March 4) – Robin Whitford: Intro to Oxford Punch Needle
- April 21: Meeting – Fibre Fling Review
- April 25-26 – Fibre Fling
- May 19: Meeting – New Challenge to Be Started During the Meeting

## Welcome to 2025!

As we kick off the year, it's time to start thinking about Fibre Fling! Whether you plan to exhibit your art, volunteer, or have items for sale in the marketplace, now's the time to get organized. Be sure to note the important deadlines and don't hesitate to ask questions—especially if you're new. Fibre Fling has been a long-standing tradition, and sometimes we forget to mention the finer details.

On a different note, we regret to inform you that the workshop with Denise Labadie has been cancelled due

to travel issues. We'll be exploring alternatives with Canadian artists, so please send any suggestions our way!

Looking ahead, we're excited to have Robin Whitford and Lara Wellman lead a Zoom session on How to Run a Business in January. Even if you don't own a business, we're sure you'll find their insights invaluable.

Lastly, start thinking about the tools and techniques you use that make your art-making process easier. From clever tape tricks to innovative methods, we'll be compiling a list of creative hacks in February—so start jotting them down!

Looking forward to a great year of art, learning, and collaboration!

Wendo and Sandy

## Leaving Marks III

Leaving Marks III, the current show of the Fourward Fibre Artists, is now on at Cafe 349 in Shawville, Quebec. There are about 70 pieces on display plus some artwork by a few Pontiac area artists, so lots to see. Meredith Filshie, Nancy Garrard, Karen Samanski and Wendo Van Essen were pleased to see several OOTB members at the January 12 vernissage.

The show is on until February 1, 2025, and if you have time to go, think about having a delicious coffee (beans are roasted on the premises) or a meal. The Cafe is open from 9 to 2, Mondays-Saturdays. The atmosphere is great, the food is delicious and the prices reasonable. You might want to make a reservation if you plan to go. If anyone is interested in the possibility of having an exhibition, any of the Fourward Four would be pleased to give you the contact information.

Meredith (Filshie)

## Intro to Oxford Punch Needle Workshop

with Robin Whitford

The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 10:30am-3pm. The cost, which includes supplies, is \$75.

The location is the Ottawa Public Library Emerald Plaza location, 1547 Merivale.

Robin has developed a new course and can now offer you the choice of designing/hooking a small piece or punching a chicken as illustrated below.

If you want to attend, please contact me and indicate if you want to punch a mat type piece or do a chicken (see the picture below).

If you want to do a mat piece, Robin can lend us frames and needles for the duration of the workshop. Intro to Oxford Punch Needle Workshop with Robin Whitford

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**Planning Committee**

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**Play Dates**

The Introduction to Altered Books play date on January 20th is now full. If you'd like to be placed on the waiting list, please email Patricia at [palderson2015@gmail.com](mailto:palderson2015@gmail.com).

Our next play date will be in late March, topic to be determined. If you added your name to the list of possible leaders, and are available then to share your talent, please email Patricia.

Thanks!