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## Words of Wisdom

“Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor”  
Truman Capote

## Program Lineup 2025

- **April 21:** Meeting – *Fibre Fling Review, Busy Hands Projects: Twigs and Yarn Brooch, Fabric Balls*
- **May 19:** Meeting – *Jayni Bloch (member spotlight), Post Fibre Fling update*
- **June 16:** Meeting – *Bring in a small art piece - we'll chat about them in small groups*

## 🌸 April Meeting Invitation 🌸

Join us for a fun and hands-on meeting featuring two creative **Busy Hands** projects:

### 🧶 Twig Brooches & Fabric Balls

#### What to Bring:

##### 🌿 Twig Brooch:

- Embroidery floss
  - Yarn
  - Thread (regular & heavier)
  - Needles
  - Scissors
- (We'll supply the twigs!)

##### 🧺 Fabric Balls:

- Fabric scraps
- Scrap threads
- Embroidery floss
- Yarn
- Thread (regular & heavier)
- Needles
- Scissors

## 💖 A Big Thank You!

We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to the following members who are stepping down from their lead roles:

- **Membership:** *Andree Faubert*
- **Playdates:** *Patricia Alderson*
- **Fibre Fest Table:** *Meredith Filshie*

Your hard work and dedication have meant so much to us all!

## 🙋 We Need You!

With these roles now open, we're looking for enthusiastic members to step in and help us continue all the fun and creativity. If you're interested in volunteering, let us know at the meeting!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,  
Wendo & Sandy

## Play Dates

The upcoming Embellishing with Beads play dates on May 5th and 6th are full. Meredith generously added a second date to accommodate the enthusiastic response to this session.

Our next play date will be Dimensional Wet Felting with Laura Corkill. The exact date is yet to be determined but likely in July or August and will be held outdoors. More details coming soon.

Thanks,  
Patricia

## Library News

Don't forget to bring your borrowed items back to the April 21st meeting. We will continue to check items in online, so come early to avoid the lineup.

We have a new book suggested by member Norma Goldsmith: "*Marking Time with Fabric and Thread: Calendars, Diaries, and Journals Within your Fiber Craft.*"

If you have any questions about our library, please contact us.

Nancy and Carol

## Piece by Piece Autumn Challenge

We have 3 panels left to be picked by a member who is interested in being a part of this fabulous challenge. Sandy has put the Spring panels together and they look awesome! We will be showing the Summer and Spring pieces at the Fling. Here's your

chance to be a part of this Art! This is open to all members....not just those who haven't done one.

Let me know which one you'd like to do! It's due at the Sept meeting

Once all the panels are spoken for, I will be sending out the information to those who have signed on.

Cheers, Wendo

## DRAW

**Maggie Glossop, Anne Warburton, Kathy Lajeunesse, and Katharine Fletcher** are all members of the DRAW (Dumoine River Artists for Wilderness). DRAW is a project of the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-OV) aimed at raising awareness, through art, of biodiversity protection of the Dumoine River watershed, where this Last of the Wild Rivers tumbles into the Ottawa River northwest of Deep River. Maggie, Anne, Kathy and Katharine are part of an exhibition at **Shawville's Café 349** which has a lovely gallery, as well as an exhibition space which now is featuring artworks inspired during our 2024 DRAW art retreat. The show lasts until **May 3** so why not take a drive out to Shawville, visit the café and enjoy a delicious meal -- and check out the artworks! [cafe349.com/](http://cafe349.com/)

## Hintonburg Fabric Flea Market 2025!!

Mark your calendars: The 2025 Hintonburg Fabric Flea Market will be held on Saturday May 3 from 9:30 to 3:00. It will be held at the Fisher Park Community Centre, 250 Holland Avenue. Admission is \$3.



Over 70 vendors selling fabric, thread, notions, yarn, patterns and other treasures. I will be a vendor for the 9th year selling cross stitch fabric, pattern leaflets and books, as well as cotton fabric, ribbons, buttons and other must-haves. Want to try a new project but not spend a lot of money doing it? This may be the answer.

Check out their website:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFFM0505>

Hope to see you there!  
Sharon

## Japanese Embroidery Workshop

*If your guild might be interested in Japanese embroidery, have a look at Marian Preshing's proposed workshop:*



In this two-day workshop the student will be introduced to an ancient (1600 years old) form of embroidery from Japan. The instructor will provide tools, filament silk and metallic threads to be used during workshop to create a 3-inch X 3.5-inch design of two cherry blossoms, two leaves and 3 buds on a 7-inch square piece of kimono fabric. Kit fee \$25.00 per student. Maximum number of students in each workshop 17. Full details [here](#).

*For info on how your group might arrange for this workshop, contact Marian directly at [mpreshi1@telus.net](mailto:mpreshi1@telus.net).*

## FibreFest

We have been invited to do demonstrations at FibreFest again this year. We need someone to organise the volunteers needed for the 2-4 hour shifts along with the setting up of the table and getting members artwork for display. We'd like to give the few who consistently do this job a break so please consider helping out. This is a great way to get to know other members of the group and also to hear all the positive comments from people seeing our work! The show is Sept 6-7, 2025. Please contact Wendo if you'd like to take this on.

### Planning Committee

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