

Thank you for your inputs to the newsletter. Feel free to email anything you would like included.



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Presidents Remarks

I would like to welcome any new members and guests and also to welcome back the rest of the membership. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and that you have re-cooped after all the markets. I apologize for any problems with getting access to the members only part of the website but we have a few bugs we are trying to work out.

We had a very successful fall line-up of markets. There were two new ones this year both of which show quite a bit of promise for next year. Don't forget to sign up for the Spring market at Lester B. Pearson. If you know of any artisans who would like to join us as members and do the spring market let us know. We always welcome new members.

We are planning something new this year. At each meeting we are planning on having a short info session on subjects that will be of interest to all. Each session will touch on things we would like to know (i.e. suppliers, how to obtain or make table skirting, etc.) and things we should know (rules and regulations, quality guidelines, labeling, etc.). It will be of great help to any new members and a handy reminder to older (not older age-wise) members.

We will be starting to look for a couple of new Executive members. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested please let one of the Executive know. The two positions are Webmaster and Market Coordinator. When shared the Market Coordinator position can be really fun and not much work at all. One person would be the lead (or Executive member) with whoever you need to help you. That way it is easy to get these tasks done. Both positions are a way of helping the whole Guild. The Website is a wonderful way of making our presence known to the community. The Markets are also a venue in which you can acquire a much larger customer base. Think of them as free advertising for your products. What more could you ask for? Think hard about volunteering with either of these two positions. The rest of the Executive are there to give you a hand. No task is too daunting!

See you on the 20th.

Catherine

General Meetings

Europe is the second smallest continent with roughly 4 million square miles.

GENERAL MEETINGS the 3rd Thursday of Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, and May.

Time: 7:30

Location: Cyrville Community Centre (4355 Halmont Dr)

The Vatican City is considered to be the smallest independent state in Europe.

Membership

Membership Applications:

When the Membership Applications were completed, many people did not tick off whether they wanted to have their name, business name, e-mail address, website available to the public. If this section is not checked, your business information will not be published via the OAG website.

Name Tags

I will be ordering name tags for our new members. If there are existing members who require a replacement name tag, please let me know at the next meeting. The fee is \$7.00 for a replacement tag.

Diane Lalonde

Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey by population, is the only city in the world which is built on two continents (Asia and Europe).

Publicity

The Publicity Team has posted the Spring Show flyer on the OAG website. Please distribute copies of this to friends and family.

The OAG is on Facebook!

If you are using Facebook, don't forget to join the Ottawa Artisans Guild group. Connect with other members and share invitations to our events. Search for "Ottawa Artisans Guild" and join the group. Please feel free to invite guests to the events that have already been created for the Fall. If you are participating in these shows and would like photos of your work included on the Facebook Event page, please email them to oagpublicity@gmail.com or oagnewsletter1@gmail.com.

Visa/Mastercard

Welcome back! I hope that 2010 was a successful year for you and that 2011 proves to be even more fruitful! Our credit card program is running well. In December the per transaction rates were increased and the interest charges that Visa/MC charge were averaged out to ensure that we are able to cover our banking costs in the future. The banking fees have increased over the last two years and I have received notice that certain individual fees (deposits, withdrawals and cheques beyond our first 15) will be increasing effective February 1st. . It was prudent that we made the change in light of this new information. I will strive to continue the service you expect while keeping operating costs as low as possible to maintain our affordable program.

As I will not receive our last banking statements from either institution until mid-month, I will provide an overview of our costs in the February newsletter.

REMINDER:

Please take down:

- the entire 16 digit credit card number
- expiry date
- the 3-digit number on the back of the card (called a PIN #).

The procedure of forwarding your slips to the credit card coordinator within 2 days of the show (to ensure that they will not be rejected by the credit card company) still stands. Authorizations that members obtain are merely a hold on the customers account for 5 days. There is no guarantee after the 5 days. The longer the time between the transaction and the processing by me – the greater the chance the client may contest it.

Credit Card Products:

As per every meeting I will have mini imprinters (\$25) and Visa/MC slips (\$2.50/25) available at the meeting. You can still place orders for imprinter plates (\$6) that will be available for you at the Spring show

New Members

As a member of the Guild you are able to use the credit card service at any show you are in over the year, provided you renew your membership and you market in at least one of the Guild shows during the membership year.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: oagccard@gmail.com

If you need to contact me or I need to contact you it will come from this email address.

Please do not send complete credit card numbers through the email. This should be done over the phone unless it is a matter of confirming a couple of numbers.

Alex Johnston

The Spanish brought the Turkey from the Americas to Europe. The English then called it Turkey, thinking it to be a type of guinea fowl, which they called a Turkeyhen, or Turkeycock, because Turkisk merchants brought it from Turkey. In Turkey they call the bird the 'American Bird'.

Market Update

MARKETS

SPRING (East) – April 2nd and 3rd

Lester B. Pearson High School (2072 Jasmine Cr)

Lester B. Pearson Market:

Planning for the Spring Show is well under way. There are still spots available for the Lester B. Pearson Market. The application is available on the website and has been emailed out to members. To ensure a spot in the show, please bring a copy of your application, along with your cheque to the January meeting.

If you have any suggestions or feedback from previous shows and experiences, please send them directly to us at our gmail address lbpspringmarket@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Laura & Teri Anne

St Francis Xavier Wrap-up

For most of us I am sure that the St FX Show was our last of the season. We certainly lucked out on winter weather for the December weekend. Overall, as our FIRST show in a new area, it ran pretty well...Those completing evaluations indicated they were pleased with the facility, its airiness, the layout of the floor plan and space etc. We had a few first-time glitches, most notably blowing the electrical circuits on Friday night! The attendance was disappointing despite our advertising but I think that we need to give the show a chance for 2-3 years to "take root" in the area. It is interesting that some of you noted that despite low attendance (407 counted) those who came spent money and several of you had good sales.

The Councilor for the area, Steve DesRoches opened the Show and shopped with his family and said that he was pleased that a QUALITY show had started up at the South end of town, so that his constituents did not have to go in to Lansdowne for quality hand-made products! He also offered to connect us with the community websites in the Ward and to give us some publicity in his Newsletter to residents. In fact, he mentioned us in his December message, saying that he had officially opened our Show.

I have spoken to the School VP and to the Church group as well as to the Board. All were pleased with how it went and will welcome us back. I am in the process of booking for 2011, having received the green light from our Executive. More to come about the 2011 Show at the January meeting, and in subsequent Newsletters.

Judy Larkin, St FX Market Coordinator.

Members Corner

**** Reminder to go to the bulletin section on our website as regularly as you can. Items are posted to the bulletin section that are not included in the newsletter, it is important for you to go read these advertisements for potential shows and other items of interest****

Wed by Hand: Ottawa's Alternative Wedding Show

A number of our members are participating in this exciting show at the Glebe Community Centre. Please tell your friends, family and come by for a visit.

February 6, 2011 - 10am-5pm

www.wedbyhand.com

Glamour in the Glebe - Jewelry Show

Glebe Community Centre - May 6 -7, 2011

Food Cupboard: Please remember to bring the following to the next meeting, and leave by the refreshment table. NON perishable food, egg cartons, clean 500ml plastic containers, with lids, cleaned plastic bags, single serving glass juice bottles, with lids. Thank you Janet

To all you sewers: I have a friend who is looking for cotton---cotton/polly---flanette---scraps. The auxiliary from her church group, uses them to make quilts and baby clothes for the 3rd world countries. Come and see me at the break and will show you pictures of some of the finished quilts.

Please the bags of fabric by the refreshment table. Thank you Janet

Helping with Furniture: I have friends involved with "Helping with Furniture" They supply new Canadians with furniture etc to help them start life in Canada. What I am looking for is -- Childrens linen, Towels blankets books all either new or gently used. Also tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, pencils crayons, teddy bears and anything else a child would like. If you have any of the above please bring them in to a meeting and leave by the coffee table, or contact me at 613-745-2767 Thanks Janet

80 to 90 percent of Europe was once covered in forest, but this has been reduced to 3 percent in Western Europe

Recipe of the Month

Mulled Wine

When the winter weather strikes, nothing is cozier than a toasty mug of mulled wine. Mulled wine, the vine's version of a classic hot toddy, is a traditional holiday treat in many Old World countries. Mulled wines have been warming people for centuries, they are wines that have been sweetened, spiced and slightly heated - offering a delightful alternative to traditional coffees, ciders and toddy's at holiday gatherings or just on a cold winter's night.

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- One bottle (750 mL) of red wine (suggestions: Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot)
- One peeled and sliced orange (keep peel to add zest to taste into cooking pot)
- 1/4 cup of brandy
- 8-10 cloves
- 2/3 cup honey or sugar
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp fresh or 2 tsp ground ginger (allspice can be substituted)

Serves 4-6

Preparation:

Combine all ingredients in a large pot or a slow cooker. Warm the ingredients on low to medium heat (avoid boiling), for 20-25 minutes. Stir occasionally to make sure that the honey or sugar has completely dissolved. When the wine is steaming and the ingredients have been well blended it is ready to serve. Ladle the mulled wine into mugs (leave seasonings behind).

Europe is designated as a continent for political reasons. There is no geographic basis for this.

Website

ARTISAN BIOGRAPHIES ON WEBSITE

Please send Julie a short biography/description of yourself along with three images of your work (in jpg format) for her to add to the website.

Thank you
Julie

ACCESSING MEMBERS ONLY SECTION OF THE WEBSITE

- Click on “Members Login” at the top of any public section page.
- Enter your Username: This the first four letters of your last name and the first letter of your first name i.e.: Paul Hughes would be hughp
- Enter your Password: This is the last four digits of your telephone number.
- Click on “Submit Query”
- To read the newsletter click on “Newsletter” and then click on the issue you want to read.
- To return to the public section click on “Member Log Out”.

Website Trouble-Shooting (i.e. “What to do if you have a problem”)

- If your last name is only 3 letters long, i.e. Henry Lee, your login would be leeh.
- If you try to log into the website and you get an error page, you are not logging in incorrectly, and the website is not broken, the Domain Server is Down. This means that the company that hosts (looks after) our website is having troubles. This is comparable to Bell Canada having problems, and your phone does not work.
- NOTE – you now have to use the leading 0’s. so ignore previous instructions that say to drop the 0 if your phone number is 613-333-0234 your password would be 0234.

The first municipal dump in the world was in Athens, around 500 BC.

Where to buy your STUFF

A number of people were talking at the spring market about where to buy certain items. I have added this section to outline a few of those. If you have any suggestions for our fellow guild members let me know and I’ll include them in the future.

Lighting for Shows

The “Puck Lights” from Costco are around \$15 for 4 lamps. They are becoming available at more and more stores (Canadian Tire, Zellers, etc.) but believe Costco sells them at the best price.

Bags

Pritchard Packaging - www.pritchard.com (613) 723-8989
110 Bentley Ave, Bldg 3, Door 27, Nepean, ON K2E 6T9

Necklace and Jewelry Findings

McBead Creations
www.mcbeadcreations.com
(613) 224-2143

Displays

Roy Sims Displays
(613) 749-7588 / RoySims@roysimsdisplay.com
www.roysimsdisplay.com

Business Cards and Printed Media

www.vistaprint.ca

The thermometer was invented in Italy

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