

OAG Newsletter: February 2012

Thank you for your input in the newsletter. Feel free to email anything you would like include to Stephen J Stephen at oagnewsletter1@gmail.com

President's Remarks

Well another month has gone by and winter is almost over. So far we have had a very mild winter. I spent the first of February in Mexico (a little too hot) for our daughter's destination wedding. It was actually nice to get back to the cold.

We are gearing up for our spring market and have quite a few applications so far. If you are interested in joining us please get your application to David Murray as soon as possible. It promises to be a wonderful show.

As usual we have elections every year to be held in May where we alternately replace half of our executive members. It is done this way in order to keep some consistency. Regular or spouse members in good standing for one year may hold office.

We are looking for members who would like to volunteer to fill the vacation positions. The positions available for this year are President, Vice-President, Membership, Publicity and Programs. Please look at the by-laws on our web-site to see the duties of each of these positions.

We welcome interested parties to get in touch with any member of the executive to let us know of their interest and we also welcome those people to shadow the present incumbent to learn more about the respective position.

If you have not been a member for a year and you are interested in being on the executive we encourage you to speak to us or to shadow the person who holds the position you are interested in to get a good feel. We always welcome general members to our executive meetings.

We are having an audit done on our financially records and this will get done as soon as our auditor can get a break from tax returns as this is the season. I feel like I just filled out my 2010 return just the other day. Imagine having to do 2011 already?

At the February meeting I have been asked to bring forth a motion to determine if the membership feel it is appropriate to award the members of the Executive committee the equivalent of the spring market registration fee (\$60) towards one market during the fiscal year as an added incentive. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on this item at the February meeting.

See you on Thursday

Catherine

General Meetings

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)

*Instead of the traditional 365 days in a year, a leap year consists of 366 days.
The extra day is falls on February 29.*

Programs

This month we would like to invite Grace Hudson from LiveWorkPlay to discuss their organization. LiveWorkPlay has been helping the community welcome people with intellectual disabilities to live, work, and play as valued citizens. This means living in a real home, being a part of a welcoming community, enjoying healthy relationships with other people, and making a meaningful contribution to society. The same things everyone wants and needs!

Thank you,

Teri Anne oagprograms@gmail.com

Leap years occur nearly every 4 years .

Membership

A warm welcome to our newest member Talin Waugh. We now have a total of 144 members and growing! Please mark May on your calendar as the month your membership applications are due for the 2012 year.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact me at oagmembership@gmail.com

Diane

Leap Years are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.242199 days to circle once around the Sun .

Publicity

The Publicity team has been busy advertising your Spring Market. We will be sending out a press release shortly to all local papers and radio stations. We will also be doing numerous webpostings, and email will be sent out for you to use as a template and forward onto family and friends. A Facebook event has been created and there is a poster on the website that you can distribute to contacts.

We have done our part, now it is up to you.

Please spread the word, invite your friends to the facebook event, forward the flyer and distribute the email to your contact list. If you would prefer to use old fashioned publicity that is also ok. The flyer is available on the website for you to print and send out to friends and family. Another option is to contact David

Murray and indicate that you would like copies of the flyer or the postcard to ensure you get the numbers you require: oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com.

Thank you
Laura & Teri
OAG Publicity

Visa/Mastercard

Due to a family obligation I will not be at the February meeting but have made arrangements with the Treasurer, Liz Fournier, to have the cheques picked up on Wednesday so that she may deliver them at the General Meeting.

I will leave slips for sale with her also, but imprinters and plates I will have available at the March General Meeting.

Please ensure that you mail slips to me in a timely manner. I have had a number of possible chargeback inquiries as clients forget purchases when they show up much later on the credit card statement.

OVERVIEW OF 2011

Number of slips processed: 2336
Income generated: \$934.40
Banking fees charged: \$710.90
Total Deposits: \$159,883.00

<u>Year</u>	<u>#of slips</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Bank Fees</u>	<u>Total Deposits</u>
2010	1665	\$529.50	\$519.89	\$106,915.56
2009	1466	\$439.80	\$518.15	\$82,053.77
2008	1318	\$391.85	\$449.73	\$74,455.61
2007	1645	\$411.25	\$368.68	

The monthly bank fee will be increasing in March 2012.

Visa/Mastercard rates:

In 2011 we used the average rate for the two credit cards accepted:

Visa 2.44% Mastercard 2.65%

CC Charges collected by Paymantech: \$4017.40

CC Charges collected by OAG: \$4001.85

This has resulted in a loss of \$15.55 (compared to loss in 2010 of \$62.65)

If you would like any further information or speak to me about an issue please feel free to contact me.

Alex Johnson

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.

The Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a day on February 29 nearly every 4 years, we would lose almost six hours off our calendar every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days!

Market Update

MARKETS
Spring (East) – April 14 & 15, 2012 Lester B. Pearson High School (2072 Jasmine Cr)
Annual Christmas Craft Show & Sale - Rockland - November 2012 River Rock Inn, 2808 Chamberland Street, Rockland
Christmas Craft Show & Sale – Riverside South - December, 2012 St. Francis Xavier High School – 3740 Spratt Road at Limebank Road

All applications for the OAG Spring 2012 Show (April 14th & 15th) should be submitted to the Market Coordinator by February 16th so that the setting of the floor-plan task assignment can be completed for the March 15th meeting.

Flyers and post card notices of the OAG Spring 2012 Show will be available at the next two OAG meetings. These have been prepared to assist venders in their promotion of the event. Be sure that you take what you can distribute prior to the show. The electronic version is on the OAG web site for downloading, printing and distribution as you see fit.

David Murray

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Julius Caesar introduced Leap Years in the Roman Empire over 2000 years ago.

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****

For Sale by sealed bid - closing April 1, 2012

The OAG has a 4 drawer, upright, metal filing cabinet available to OAG members. It is currently in the OAG storage unit but is no longer required. The buyer is responsible for removing it from the locker. The funds received from this sale will be donated to the Food Bank. The sale will be by sealed bids. Buyers are asked to put their name, contact information and amount offered into an envelope addressed to David Murray (144 Anna Avenue, Ottawa K1Z 7T9). The envelopes will be opened April 1, 2012. If you are the successful bidder, you will be contacted and arrangement made to collect the funds offered and provide access to the locker.

Made 4 You, Kingston's well known artisan co-op, is hosting "For the Love of Craft!" in Memorial Hall in Kingston's historic City Hall, right above Market Square, on Saturday February 4th, 10am-4pm. The show will feature music, hands-on activities for all ages, and a sale of crafted items from over 40 vendors. Held in conjunction with FebFest and Artignite, For The Love of Craft! will raise funds as well as awareness for the Creative Arts program at QECVI. Admission to this event is free. This is a juried show and we are looking for vendors, though due to limited space we will not be able to accept all vendors who apply, so make sure to send pictures and descriptions that make your work stand out. Full tables (6 ft.) are \$55, half tables \$30.

Please make sure to send your application to made4youkingston@gmail.com by Thursday January 12.

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

WANTED: I am looking for a new company or individual to come in once a month and do a general clean of my house. If you have someone to refer please send me an email terianne.rverson@gmail.com. Thank you, Teri

An OAG member has noted that the "Michaels" store on Hazeldean Road is starting an "OOPS" service like the one done in Kingston: bare frames for sale at \$8.00 each. These are rejects for various reasons - minor flaws, wrong size, outdated stock, etc. The first sale was Saturday January 14, 2012 and subsequent sales will be done every 2-3 weeks thereafter. The member has no connection with Michaels other than as a customer.

Michaels also has a "Frame Express" service: they will take ANY frame and add a custom mat, glass, backing and hardware fairly cheaply - \$72 for finishing a 16x20 frame matted for a 12x16 photo for instance.

According to the Guinness Book of Records, there are record holders of a family producing three consecutive generations born on February 29 and of the number of children born on February 29 in the same family.

Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Pie

CRUST

- 1 $\frac{1}{3}$; cups chocolate wafer crumbs (can use store-bought ready-made chocolate crust or use a graham cracker crust)
- $\frac{1}{3}$; cup butter, melted
- $\frac{1}{3}$; cup sugar (can use less)

FILLING

- $\frac{2}{3}$; cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 4 large egg yolks
- 3 cups half-and-half
- 8 (1 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate baking squares (grated or chopped very small)
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla

TOPPING

- 2 cups whipping cream (measure 2 cups before whipping)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar (or to taste)
- grated semisweet chocolate

Directions:

1. Set oven to 350 degrees F (middle rack).
2. To make crust: mix together all ingredients.
3. Press into bottom and up sides of a 9-inch pie plate (1-quart capacity).
4. Bake for 12 minutes: cool completely.
5. For filling: in a 3-quart heavy-bottomed saucepan (make certain to use a heavy saucepan for this as it will scorch on the bottom) stir together $\frac{2}{3}$ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, cornstarch, salt and egg yolks.
6. Whisk in half and half cream; bring to a boil slowly over medium heat, whisking constantly, then add in the finely chopped chocolate until smooth and melted; cook about 1-2 minutes, whisking constantly until thick (filling will be very thick).
7. Remove from heat and add in butter and vanilla.
8. Cover the top of the filling with plastic wrap (lay the plastic wrap directly on top of filling) and cool slightly (about 1-1/2 - 2 hours).
9. Spoon the filling into the crust and cover lightly with plastic wrap.
10. Refrigerate pie for a minimum of 6 hours (don't try to cut into the pie before the 6 hours it will not hold together!).
11. Just before serving whip the cream and spoon on top of pie, the grate chocolate on top of the whipped cream if desired.

Read more: <http://baking.food.com/recipe/chocolate-cream-pie-141345#ixzz1mPHynPtz>

According to an old Irish legend, St Bridget struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men – and not just the other way around – every 4 years. This is believed to have been introduced to balance the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how Leap Day balances the calendar.

Website

If you would like to have your artist bio on the OAG website, please send you bios to oagwebmaster1@gmail.com. Bios should be no more than three paragraphs in length, and can include up to three photographs. It is recommended that one good quality photograph of you (head shot) be included, though this is not mandatory. Please ensure all photos are clear and high quality.

Any other requested changes for the website should be directed to oagwebmaster1@gmail.com. Updates are done on Saturdays; if you wish to verify that changes you have requested have been made, please check on Sunday.

Thank you, Carolyn

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.

In some places, Leap Day has been known as “Bachelors’ Day” for the same reason. A man was expected to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money, if he refused a marriage proposal from a woman on Leap Day. During the middle ages there were laws governing this tradition.

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

Business Cards and Printed Media

www.vistaprint.ca

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