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OAG Newsletter: February 2013

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

As it is St Patrick's Day as I am writing this: "**Top o' the Mornin' to you!**"

A hearty welcome to our new members that joined in February.

Spring is here and our Lester B Pearson Spring market is just around the corner. April 6th and 7th.

Don't forget to bring your item to donate to the Silent Auction we hold in May, the proceeds go to the Gloucester Emergency Food cupboard.

Keep in mind that half of our Executive positions come due. We are in need of a new Secretary, Newsletter, Publicity, Market Coordinator and Programs coordinator and St FX coordinator. Feel free to ask any of the Executive member about the positions and if it something that you are interested in volunteering for. Remember this is **your** guild.

The Executive have been working on providing markets for our members. We have in the past few years expanded in the East, in Rockland and in the west at first in Lakeside Gardens and more recently at St Francis Xavier High School. With the challenges of having enough participants in these markets and someone to volunteer as market coordinator I want to pose one question to the membership:

Does any one feel that they do NOT have enough marketing opportunities?

I invite you to come to the meeting Thursday March 21 to discuss this.

Have a wonderful Easter.

Liz Fournier, **OAG President** oagpresident@gmail.com

Vice President's Remarks

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Francis Meunier, **OAG Vice-President**

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)

Meeting Reminder

I would like to start our meeting promptly at 7:30. The doors open at 7:00pm. By coming a few moments earlier there will be plenty of time to register, buy the ever important 50/50 tickets, new member juring, and meet with Membership, Market or Credit Card coordinators.

A gentle reminder to help set up chairs and table for the meeting and to stack and return chairs before leave at the end of the meeting. As the old saying goes: **Many hands make light work.**

Thanks, Liz Fournier

With a population of more than 12 million, Ontario is home to one in three Canadians.

Programs

The scheduled guest speaker has cancelled. In place Teri Anne will do a talk on how to write a resume. Please bring a paper and pen to take notes as there will not be any handouts or emailed documents sent out.

Teri Anne has over 14 years of experience successfully preparing public and private sector proposal responses including resumes tailored for each opportunity.

Thank you,

Teri Anne oagprograms@gmail.com

Ontario is Canada's second-largest province, covering more than one million square kilometres (415,000 square miles).

Membership

Membership applications are due by the end of May for our 2011-2012 season. It would be a great help if you could bring your completed form along with a cheque for membership fees to the May meeting. The form is available on our OAG website under Membership, and then click on Membership Form.

Please keep in mind, if you change your e-mail address please send a note to oagmembership@gmail.com. You will then continue to receive our monthly newsletter.

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

Shauna Rae Saroufim and Hon Voong

Membership Coordinators

Ontario's waters have a surface area of 177,398 square kilometres (68,490 square miles), including 250,000 lakes and about one-third of the world's fresh water.

Publicity

We have created a Facebook event. Please invite your family and friends and feel free to "share" it on your own personal Facebook sites.

I have other obligations and commitments that have made it unable for me to provide the same level of publicity support I have in previous years. We luckily have Edda Brown who has volunteered to help and will be working with Catherine ten Den to publicize the OAG Spring show.

Thank you,

Teri Anne oagpublicity@gmail.com

Visa/Mastercard

IMPRINTER PLATES:

Please see me at the meeting to pick up your imprinter plate if you ordered one. I will also have more mini imprinters and slips available at the meeting.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Please see me at the meeting if you need a copy of the authorization and our Merchant Number for credit card purchases. I have copies to stick in your cashboxes. I do not post these in newsletters or on the web for security purposes but am happy to provide them when requested.

REMINDER:

Please take down:

- ⑤ the entire 16 digit credit card number
- ⑤ expiry date
- ⑤ 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 might contest it.

Don't accept cards 4519 03 – these are gift cards and I can't do anything
Credit cards have 16 digits spaced in 4's and have an expiry date!

SHOWS

- ⑤ Please ensure that YOUR NAME, THE CREDIT CARD #, EXPIRY DATE, AND AMOUNT ARE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE SLIP, there are too many slips after shows to process for me to have to struggle with inputting. Double check them before they are handed in to me. Thanks for your cooperation.
- ⑤ Please do not staple slips all together. Preferably hand them in an envelope . Please see me if you need one.
- ⑤ When taking credit card orders and the customer is not there to sign the slip, **DO NOT WRITE THEIR NAME ON THE SIGNATURE LINE!** Just indicate whether the order was placed by phone, fax or email. For obvious reasons writing their name on the line could be construed as fraud.

Full instructions on how to use the credit card system and how to correctly fill out a slip are on the website. Log in and click on "Markets" then "Credit Card".

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 your membership is paid for 2011-12 and you market in at least one of the Guild shows during the membership year.

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.

*Most of Ontario is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone.
Some of Western/Northern Ontario is in the Central Time Zone.*

Market Update

MARKETS
Spring (East) – Spring – April 6 & 7, 2013 Lester B. Pearson High School - 2072 Jasmine Crescent, Ottawa.
Annual Christmas Craft Show & Sale - Rockland - November 9 & 10 2013 River Rock Inn, 2808 Chamberland Street, Rockland
Christmas Craft Show & Sale – Riverside South – November 30 & December 1, 2013 St. Francis Xavier High School – 3740 Spratt Road at Limebank Road

Jurying Process

All members wishing to market through the guild must have their products juried. The jury records are valid for 5 years. To remain current, products must be re-juried. The jury process involves presenting three examples of your products to the jury committee. All those that have not been juried since 2008, please make arrangements to complete the jury process. A full list of members and their jury status will be available at the market desk at guild meetings or you can contact the OAG Market Coordinator, David Murray (oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com).

The jury committee will be available to jury products at Guild Meetings as follows:

September, October – Jurying available

November - No Jurying on this social night

December - No meeting

January, February, March, April – Jurying available

May – No Jurying on this social night

June, July, August - No meetings

The Jury committee is looking for additional members to assist with the jurying process. If you are interested in assisting with this, please contact Rachel Foster at (K.F@sympatico.ca). If you have questions about the jury process, you can contact the OAG Market Coordinator, David Murray (oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com).

Lester B. Pearson Spring Market - April 6 & 7, 2013

The LBP Spring Market 2013 will have the completed floor-plan and market packages available on or before the March 21, 2013 guild meeting. All packages will be sent by e-mail to those that provided one. Listen for the market broadcast on The Jewel 98.5 radio during the week leading up to the market. The market poster/flyer is available on the web site in PDF & JPG formats for you to use as you wish to promote the event to your customers. Postcards have been prepared and are now available for you to use. Pick up copies at guild meetings or contact David Murray to pick them up. Enjoy your spring market. If you have questions about the market you can contact the OAG Market Coordinator, David Murray (oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com).

Lester B. Pearson Fall Market - November 9 & 10, 2013

The LBP Fall Market 2013 is scheduled for November 9 & 10, 2013. Application will be available at the LBP Spring Market 2013.

St. Francis Xavier Fall Market - Nov 30, Dec 1, 2013

The Ottawa South Fall Market 2013 is being organized for November 30 and December 1, 2013. We will need a Market Coordinator in place by May 2013 in order to keep this market on schedule. A timeline of market task responsibilities is available to assist those that volunteer for this task. If you are willing and able to assist, please contact you can contact the OAG Market Coordinator,

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The flag of Ontario is the Red Ensign. It includes the Union Jack, representing Ontario's ties to Great Britain, and the Coat-of-Arms of the Province.

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**

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/poly---flannelette----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

Some Craft Shows require Vendor Insurance – (Information from Terianne)

VENDOR INSURANCE LTD

As representatives of one of Canada's largest insurers, we provide short term liability insurance as required by shows, shopping centres, festivals and other venues requiring short-term liability insurance with limits up to \$5,000,000.00.

Our typical clients are The Western Fair in London, the Agricultural Society fairs (OAAS) the Auto Show, and the CNE along with hundreds of individuals.

We offer bilingual as well as same day service.

Thank you for your interest.

Helene Brunet, President
Registered Insurance Broker (RIBO)

Toll 1-888-708-6667
e-mail: vendorinsuranceltd@bellnet.ca

Message from Liz Fornier

I just came by a web site <http://investottawa.ca> It had a calendar of events and seminars. There are several seminars and lectures that are low cost or free. This could be of interest to our members.
<http://investottawa.ca/>

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.

The official flower of Ontario is the trillium, a delicate white three-petalled flower that grows in profusion in the wild woodlands of the province in early spring.

Recipe of the Month

Guacamole

Ingredients

- ⑤ 3 avocados - peeled, pitted, and mashed
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 roma (plum) tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- ⑤ 1 pinch ground cayenne pepper (optional)

Preparation

In a medium bowl, mash together the avocados, lime juice, and salt. Mix in onion, cilantro, tomatoes, and garlic. Stir in cayenne pepper. Refrigerate 1 hour for best flavor, or serve immediately.
Allrecipes.com

*Amethyst, the rich purple semi-precious stone, is the official gem of Ontario.
Large deposits are found in Northwestern Ontario.*

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.

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. Thank you, Carolyn

The Eastern White Pine, Ontario's official tree, was an important source of income and trade during days of early settlement, and continues to be a valuable resource for Ontario today..

Where to Buy Your Stuff

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

Graphic Design

Ivin Deschatelets Communication Visual / Visual Communication (613) 794-8262 / ivin@magma.ca

Uline

Shipping Supplies Specialists (boxes, packing, bags, tape etc.)

www.uline.ca **Phone: 1-800-295-5510 Fax: 1-800-295-5571**

Appendix A: Contact Names

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Market Coordinator, Lester B Pearson	David Murray	613-729-3250	oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com
Market Coordinator, St Francis Xavier	TBD	TBD	OAGMarketSouth@gmail.com
Market Coordinator	Francis Meunier	TBD	oagmktrockland@gmail.com
Membership Coordinator	Shauna Rae Saroufim	TBD	oagmembership@gmail.com
Membership Coordinator	Hon Voong		oagmembership@gmail.com
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