

OAG Newsletter: April 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

I can't believe another month has gone by so quickly! Didn't I just get the last newsletter?

Happy belated Easter to everyone.

Henry and I wish to thank you for the many condolences on the passing of Henry's mum (96 1/2) last month.

We had a rather eventful last couple of weeks. First a leak in the water system in the house, then a flood in the barn and to top it off a fire in the boiler at the house. That is three things so according to lore no more bad luck can happen – right? - or is it Murphy's law. Oh well, fortunately no one was hurt and no damage that can't be fixed fairly easily, other than we have had no heat since the fire (bbrrrrrr).

Now to the good news.

Our annual spring market was this month and I trust everyone had a very successful one. I personally really liked the changes in setup. Each market keeps getting better and better as we gain more experience.

Don't forget our elections are in May. Please let one of us know if you are interested in being on the Executive and helping out YOUR Guild.

The May meeting will also be our put-luck and silent auction with the ticket sales being donated to the food bank.

It has been a long time since we updated the By-laws and as times change we find that the By-laws are becoming outdated. We also thought it would be good to have them a little more generic in order to be able to adapt to future changing times without having to redo them every couple of years to keep them current. We have been working hard on updating these and will have a draft copy ready to send you shortly for your perusal and comments. Many thanks to our volunteer committee for their time and efforts in reviewing them and making suggested changes and additions/deletions.

See you at the meeting.

Catherine
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)

The start of the spring in the Northern Hemisphere is indicated by vernal equinox which occurs on March 20 or 21. Conversely the Southern Hemisphere sees it as the beginning of autumn.

Programs

This month we are happy to have one of our own members, Janet Kettles join us to speak about the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB) is a national, non-profit, registered, charitable organization that was founded in 1984. The mission statement is: "To assist visually-impaired Canadians with their mobility by providing and training them in the use of professionally trained Guide Dogs." Thank you,

Teri Anne oagprograms@gmail.com

The reason that there's more daylight during spring is that the earth's axis tilts towards the sun at this time of year.

Membership

We now have 156 members, and continuing to grow. A warm welcome to our newest members Olga and Peter Byrne; Matthew Hill; Rysha Colp; Joan Bruce-Nibogie and Walter Nibogie; Julie Bedard; Rebecca Menard; Alla Litvin and Christopher Grummett; and Manon Villeneuve.

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. You can find the forms on our OAG website under Membership, and click on [Membership Form](#).

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

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

Diane

Some of the plants that have strong associations with spring include dandelions, daffodils, lilies, primroses, hyacinths, tulips, azaleas, iris and lilacs.

Publicity

Thank you to all of the Guild members who helped to promote the spring show by sending out messages to your friends, family and customers, putting up posters, handing out post cards, and inviting people to our Facebook event - your support is invaluable.

Each market we learn about new places and ways to get the message out there to promote our shows, and we have taken note to explore some new discoveries this fall. Thank you to those who provided us with new leads.

A special thanks to Carole Renaud who has volunteered to help Anita Vermette and Lorraine Houle with French translation requests. If there are others who are interested in helping in this way, please let us know.

Thank you
Laura & Teri
OAG Publicity

Visa/Mastercard

Prepare for the summer! I will have extra Visa/Mastercard slips and mini imprinters with me at the meeting (and the May meeting). To save yourself postage or unnecessary trips over the summer it is advisable to ensure you purchase enough slips now. Slips are \$2.50/25 or \$5.00/50, imprinters are \$25.00.

- **A reminder to members that you are able to use the credit card service at any show you are in, provided your membership is paid for 2012-13 and you market in at least one of the Guild shows during the year.**
- **Please ensure that your name is imprinted or written on the slips so I know who they belong to and that all the information is clearly legible. If I cannot read it I cannot process it.**

With regards to the imprinters: we have found that adding 3 strips of duct tape to the area at the very top (back) of the unit where the credit card is placed helps enormously with the machines imprinting all the necessary information from the card (i.e. card number and expiry date). The problem is the credit card ends up resting lower than your name plate and the rollers miss information. If you are unsure what I am talking about here please feel free to talk to me at the meeting.

If you have any questions about the credit card service please feel free to approach me at the meetings.

Alex Johnston

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Many wild spring flowers often bloom in the forest before the forest floor is shaded by hardwood trees after they get their leaves.

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

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Ottawa Artisans Guild Spring Market of 2012 at Lester B. Pearson High School has happened. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that took on "Task Leadership" responsibilities. It made my job much easier and hopefully gave opportunities to others to add their special flare to the market operation. I also appreciated the help of every vendor as they made their contribution to the smooth running of the market. As market coordinator, I welcome the 10 new members that marketed for the first time with the Ottawa Artisans Guild.

At this market, there were a number of changes to the traditional market layout that may or may not have been an improvement in helping you, as vendors, display and sell your products. Every vendor was provided with a feedback form to comment on what worked well and what could be improved. If you have not provided your feedback, please make sure your thoughts are sent to the market coordinator (oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com) before April 20th.

The application for the fall market has been put on hold in order to incorporate any suggested improvements in the application process and market organization. I am particularly interested in knowing how the publicity options worked for you as a vendor. Publicity is the most expensive component of the market. Knowing what works and does not work for you will help direct those funds appropriately in the future. Applications for the Fall Market will be available by the May general meeting.

David Murray
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Some Ontario and western Québec spring flowers include: Red Trillium, Spring Beauty, Trout Lily, White Trillium, Marsh Marigold and Jack-in-the-Pulpit.



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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 Members:

1. Duncan Ceramics Kiln, Model DK820-1 (240 volts, 24 amps, 2345 max temp, 5760 watts, 2 zone controller) In excellent condition, inside & out. Comes with stand, kiln shelves, stilts, various cones & original owner's manual. Just plug in and start firing. \$ 400.00

interested parties, please contact Rain Kazymierchuk at [613 989-6081](tel:6139896081) or rainsartinmetal@yahoo.com

2. Brother 5 thread Industrial Serger with sewing table. Excellent condition, have used it for 8 years. Price: \$650. Original price was \$1800 Please contact Revia Fisher-Titus at r.d.titus@rogers.com if you are interested.

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----flanellette----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

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.

Spring fever is not just a myth – the body may experience physiological changes due to changes in diet, hormone production and temperature ore Easter.

Recipe of the Month

Black-Eyed Pea and Tomato Salsa

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1/4 cup prechopped red onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped poblano chile
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 (15.8-ounce) can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained

Preparation

Place all ingredients in a large bowl, and toss to combine.

Laura Zapalowski, [Cooking Light](#)
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Spring is when birds return home after migrating in winter. About 1800 bird species migrate.

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.

April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month. The Romans called the month Aprilis. It may come from a word meaning 'to open', or it may come from Aphrodite, the Greek name for the goddess of love.

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
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Business Cards and Printed Media

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