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OAG Newsletter: April 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

So this is Spring! I can see a slight red haze in the maple trees as they are starting the new cycle of life that spring brings, as the snow is blowing and swirling around.

I trust all our Spring Lester B Pearson marketers had a good show. Thankfully, the weather was better. Food Bank donations are listed under David's LBP report below.

We are moving forward with a revamping of the OAG Website with the very knowledgeable help of Christopher Koster. There will be more to come on that front.

As some of you may or may not know 2014 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Guild. I would like to strike a committee to plan some 40th Anniversary festivities for next year. Please contact me so we can get started.

We have had several members step and put their name in the hat for executive positions. We are still looking for members to fill the spots of Publicity, Programs, and Market Coordinator. I encourage you to consider these positions. We are an organization filled with very talented and capable individuals. I believe our 40th Anniversary year will be a very exciting one. We have some new ideas coming. Come aboard.

Teri Anne has another interesting young speaker for us this month. For those of us that attended last months meeting, we were treated to an excellent speaker and presentation. Thank you Teri Anne.

Just a reminder, our May meeting is Elections and our Pot Luck and Silent Auction. The ticket sale proceeds going to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. Remember to bring your items to donate.

See you on Thursday

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

Vice President's Remarks

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 jurying, 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

From the Ottawa River at Ottawa, Ontario, the Rideau Canal rises 84 metres (275 feet) to the Rideau Lakes, then descends 49 metres (161 feet) to Kingston, on Lake Ontario

Programs

TBD

Teri Anne oagprograms@gmail.com

The canal is 202 km (126 miles) long.

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

The canal includes lakes, rivers, locks, and 29 km of canal "cuts".

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

The Spring Show at Lester B Pearson High School saw 92 credit card transactions for a total of \$4,571.64. Last years Spring show had 164 transactions by credit card (\$10,724.00). If more customers used the ATM than their credit cards then that means more money in crafters pockets!

As the summer months are approaching (no meetings June, July, August) it would be worthwhile to ensure that you have enough credit card slips to carry you through. I will have Visa/Mastercard slips and mini imprinters with me at the meeting (aw well as the May meeting). The Guild does not mail out slips to members so to save yourself 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.

As long as your membership is paid for 2013-14 and you market in at least one of the Guild shows during the membership year (June 1, 2013-May 31, 2014), you are able to use the credit card program at any shows you do over the membership year.

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.

IMPRINTERS

Adding 2 or 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.

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.

SHOWS

- ⑤ Please ensure that YOUR NAME, THE 16 digit CREDIT CARD #, 3-digit pin, 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.
- ⑤ 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

Full instructions on how to use the credit card system and how to correctly fill out are available. Please email me at oagccard@gmail.com and I will email the information to you.

*****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!**

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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*There are 45 locks at 24 lock stations. only 2 are electrically operated.
Canal staff operate the others manually.*

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 is now history and earned the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard 13 boxes of food and \$597.53 in cash donations. There were a total of 756 visitors over the two days. The setup went very smoothly this market and, as a result, vendors could set up starting at 5:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. We had 44 participating vendors and current feedback is positive. If you forgot to submit your vendor feedback information and wish to have your comments considered, Send your feedback to 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. Additional information will be provided when available. If you wish to assist with any market management task, please contact the OAG Market Coordinator, David Murray oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com

The navigable depth is a minimum of 1.5 metres (5').

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 average time to fill a lock with water is about five minutes.

Recipe of the Month

Five Spice Beef Kabobs

Ingredients

- 1 pound beef flank steak or boneless beef sirloin
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 - 1 1/2 teaspoons Chinese five-spice powder
- 1 - 6 ounce carton plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh mint leaves
- 2 small limes
- Fresh mint leaves

Directions

1. Thinly slice steak across grain. If necessary, flatten slices with palm of hand or meat mallet to 1/4-inch thickness. In medium bowl combine beef, soy sauce, and five-spice powder; toss to coat beef. Thread beef on skewers (soak wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes before threading).
2. For charcoal or gas grill, grill kabobs on rack of covered grill directly over medium heat for 4 to 6 minutes or to desired doneness, turning once.
3. Meanwhile, in small bowl combine yogurt and snipped mint. From one lime, finely shred 1 tsp. peel. Juice the lime. Stir peel and 1 Tbsp. juice in to yogurt. Cut remaining lime in wedges, if desired. Serve kabobs with yogurt sauce, mint, and lime.
4. Serve skewers with yogurt sauce and lime wedges. Top with additional fresh mint.

Serving Suggestion:

Serve with fresh carrot ribbons. Use a vegetable peeler to make thin ribbons. Toss with a squeeze of lime juice and lightly sprinkle with five-spice powder.

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If using wooden skewers, soak in water 30 minutes before grilling.

Change up:

Another time substitute bottled barbecue sauce and chili powder for the soy sauce and Chinese-five spice powder. Substitute sour cream and cilantro for the yogurt and mint.

*The canal was built between 1826 and 1832.
Lieutenant-Colonel John By supervised the construction of the Canal.*

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 locks raise boats until they reach Newboro, the highest point in the system.

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**

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Market Coordinator	Francis Meunier	TBD	oagmktrockland@gmail.com
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