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Newsletter

April 2014

Presidents Remarks

**It looks like Spring might actually be here!
Welcome new members.**

The Ottawa Artisans Guild's first Student Arts and Craft Exhibition at Lester B Pearson was a great success. Two \$250.00 Bursaries were given to a grade 11/12 student and a grade 9/10 student. I am glad that I was not judging the exhibit; it would have been too difficult to choose just one winner. An exceptional amount of talent. David Murray has graciously offered to continue to organize this event next year. Thank you David.

The Gloucester Horticultural Society provided gardening information, several seed starting demonstrations and floral arranging demonstrations on both days. My seeds have germinated and are now ready for a new pot.

Perhaps the thing I like most about participating in our Markets, is the opportunity to spend a bit more time with your fellow marketers, your 'Booth Buddies'. You gain insight into their expertise, how they became involved in their particular artistic form and just how lucky we are to be in the company of not only talented people but kind and friendly folks. It is a good feeling.

I encourage you to attend this Thursday meeting. We have a few things to discuss and decide upon. First: we will vote on two charities to make a donation to this year. Second: we have been invited to be the Artisans at the newly renamed Gloucester Fair. It will take place in August at the Rideau Carleton Race Track. I will provide further details at the meeting. It will be held in a tent, about 38 participants, set up on Friday night, ability to drive to tent and security provided.

Joanne Dupuis has arranged for a Story Teller for our April meeting.

Sue Ann Soulliere has offered again this year to organize our display in the Main floor Show Case at the Shenkman Centre for the month of July.

Elections will be held at next month meeting. The meeting is third Thursday but it is an early one; May 15th. Elections, Silent Auction and CAKE!

See you on Thursday.

Liz



Guild Markets:

Lester B. Pearson Spring Market

March 29 & 30, 2014

The final market of the OAG 40th Anniversary was held March 29 & 30th and by all account is was a great success. We raised over \$416 for the Gloucester Food Cupboard in spite of the overnight snowfall. The joint participation with the Gloucester Horticultural Society worked well and they would like to repeat the experience in the future. They have suggested that they would increase the number of presentation they make over the market weekend.

At this market we had 13 vendors submit items for the "Showcase" display. This display at the entrance to the market provides another opportunity for you to present something you have created to the visiting public. Look for the article on "Crafter's Showcase" in this newsletter.

The Student Craft Exhibition had 16 entries that remained on display the entire market. The two winning submissions were awarded their prizes on Sunday morning to a welcoming group of attendees. It has been suggested that future exhibitions should include "People's Choice" and "Vendor's Choice" awards. The OAG Executive will propose plans to continue this Student Craft Exhibition at future spring markets and I am willing to work with Lester B. Pearson school staff to increase the number and diversity of submissions.

Marketing of your craft can be a challenge especially if you are new to the process. The OAG has a resource "Marketing with the Ottawa Artisans Guild" that is available to all members. A copy is on the OAG website and is also available from the OAG membership desk. It provides a starting point to help find what works for your craft and your personality to make marketing a rewarding experience for you and your customers.

As many of you are aware, this LBP market was my last as Market Coordinator. The requested reserve dates for future markets are listed below. If you are interested in being the Market Coordinator, having your guild membership fee waved and having free entry into the markets you manage; consider submitting your name for the position at the upcoming elections. A comprehensive package of the Market Coordinator duties is available on request. Let me know if you are interested at the address listed below. Elections will be held at the May 15th OAG General Meeting.

I wish, at this time, to thank all those who have provided assistance and support in helping me complete the duties of Market Coordinator since 2011. Thank you.

Save the date:

Reservations for the Lester B. Pearson High School have been made for:

Fall Market - November 8 & 9, 2014

Spring Market - March 14 & 15, 2015

David Murray
 LBP Market Coordinator
 oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com

Recipe of the Month

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please e-mail it to: oagwebmaster1@gmail.com



The Red Show

The fall Red market is now accepting applications. Cost of the market this year is 115\$; that includes a table and 2 chairs. There are 30 openings for artisans in this market and it is already half full!!! If you want to apply for this show you can find the application on the website. Market will be held the weekend of October 25th and 26th with a set-up Friday October 24th. Applications will only be found received with a cheque; instructions can be found in the application. Improvements for this year's market: Better identification from the street and from inside the University, no mail-out postcards with Canada Post.

Other suggestions? please forward your thoughts to: Valerie@fusecreations.ca.

Thanks, Valerie

Credit Card Report

The results of the Spring 2014 show at: Lester B. Pearson are as follows:

CARD	TRANS.	AMOUNTS
Visa	47	\$3050.43
Mastercard	20	\$1136.00
Totals:	67	\$4186.43

Ensure that your 2014-15 membership is paid up by end of May to ensure that you can use the credit card system over the summer and if you need to buy slips for the summer please see me at the meeting or call to make an appointment. The Guild does not mail out supplies.

See you soon!

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Ottawa South Show

Details for the Ottawa South Show will be available soon. We are currently working on a strategic partnership that will see the

show run together with a very popular and well attended community event"

Thanks,

Melissa

VP Presidents Remarks

hi just wanted to mention once again, elections are just around the corner. if you want to be a part of our exec please let me know. Positions include:

vice president
membership
market coordinator LBP
publicity assistant

see you all thursday

Miniature Sailing Ships

An Anniversary feature from the Archives

I was always fascinated by those miniature sailing ships resting inside the narrow-necked bottles...

Scroll back to Spring Market 1979, where Guild member Andrew McVey exhibited this art and demonstrated his techniques to the uninitiated for the first time.

Andrew built his first ship in the early 50's when he was stationed in Korea with the Canadian Armed Forces (a red and green junk which he still owned in 1979). By then he had perfected his art, spending more than 80 hours on most models. After much research, he had built versions of historic sailing ships such as the Mayflower, Bluenose, and Christopher Columbus's Santa Maria. They made him think of old times.



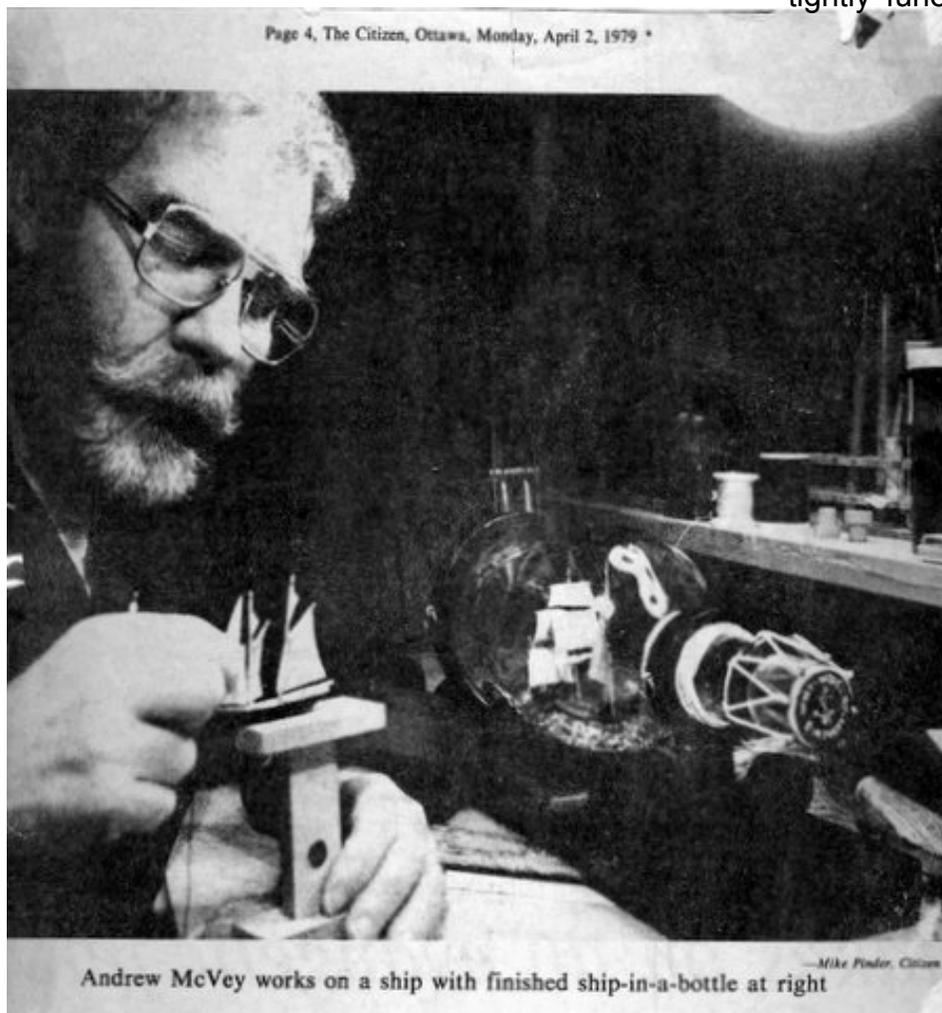
So, how did he do it? In his Orleans workshop, with hundreds of illustrations of ships on the walls, from a small piece of wood he carved a tiny hull, complete with cannon and gunwales, painted it, and then constructed the miniature masts and sails. With the masts on a tiny hinge and sails tightly furled, everything is inserted through the narrow bottle neck. The masts are then raised with long tweezers and finally glued in place. I am sure it is not as easy as it sounds! Unfortunately I have no record of Andrew's success at that market 35 years ago, but I am certain he attracted lots of curious and admiring onlookers.

"Lovers of ships in bottles are perhaps secret romantics"

Andrew McVey

Barbara Nolen

(with thanks to Ottawa Citizen archives)



Andrew McVey works on a ship with finished ship-in-a-bottle at right —Mike Pender, Citizen

Crafter's Showcase **at the LBP Market**

Now is your chance to show off that something special that you have made but have not had the opportunity to showcase. Please consider displaying your special treasure in the "Showcase" area set up at the LBP Market.

As part of the Lester B. Pearson Market we having a dedicated space set aside for the "Crafter's Showcase". For those not familiar with this, it is a space in which Crafters are encouraged to display a very special article, or articles depending on the amount of room available, that they have made, crafted. The idea of this space is to give the public, and of course other crafter's, a better idea of just what your talents are.

The article must, of course, have been made by the crafter and should be something special that you are not obliged to sell. It can be large or small, hang, or sit on a table. The space will be roped off so the public cannot handle the items and it will be located next to the reception table that is manned at all times.

All items will have a card showing the name of the crafter and your booth number in the show.

If questions are asked at the reception desk, the person would be directed to your booth for answers. These are not prizes and no judging will be made. This is where you, the crafter, get to show off. Your satisfaction is getting the public to see your talents. All crafters are encouraged to participate. This has been very popular with the public in past years and has garnered many questions about various crafts over the years."

Mark your market application appropriately or contact the Market Coordinator at:
oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com

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 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 social night

December - No meeting

January, February, March, April – Jurying available

May – No Jurying on social night

June, July, August - No meeting

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).

The Membership Records will be updated on a monthly basis as required.

General Meetings

General Meetings are held ever 3rd Thursday of:
Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, and May.

Time: 7:30

Location: Cyrville Community Centre
(4355 Halmont Dr)

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

Shipping Supplies Specialists

Uline (boxes, packing, bags, tape etc.)
www.uline.ca 1-800-295-5510
Fax: 1-800-295-5571

Web Design / Maintenance

IceWeb Solutions Inc.
www.IceWebSolutions.ca 1-800-917-4853
chris@icewebsolutions.ca

Visa/Mastercard Update

Effective October 1, 2013

Chase Paymantech has changed the authorization telephone number and our merchant number to provide better solutions and service.

I will have new crib sheets with the information available at the upcoming meetings as well as all the markets.

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

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Membership

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

Membership Coordinators

Meeting Reminder

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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

Programs

Questions | Comments please e-mail:
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