

## *OAG Newsletter: May 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](mailto:oagnewsletter1@gmail.com)*

### President's Remarks

May is here. That means that the 2012-2013 membership year of the OAG is coming to a close. It has been a wonderful experience working with the membership and the executive. It is with much gratitude that we wish all the executive members that are stepping down a hearty thank you for your time and efforts that you have put forth on the OAG's behalf. Stephen Stephen; Newsletter, Teri Anne Ryerson; Publicity and Programs, Sue Ann Soullier; Secretary, David Murray; Market Coordinator, Carolyn Penny; Webmaster.

I would like to welcome our new members that joined in April.

May is a busy month for the OAG. May is our Annual General Meeting. May is the election of Executive members. May is our Pot Luck. May is our Silent Auction. May is our last meeting before the summer break and the summer season of exhibitions and sales.

A big thank you to Valérie Sauvé for her wonderful presentation on our new Downtown Fall Market at St Paul's University on Main St. Check for details. It looks amazing.

I would like the guild to start its preparations for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for this time next year. Please contact me to volunteer for this committee. I for one smell cake.

Christopher Koster will be working on the OAG website over the summer. He will be melding the old and the new together to give the guild a new and polished face to our members and the public.

Christopher is not only going to redesign our website, he has been nominated to be our Webmaster. I encourage all our members over the summer to take pictures of their products and sales. We can use these new images to revitalize our website. He has some amazing ideas that are very user friendly. Be prepared for September.

I would also like to thank all those who volunteer and make our guild and meetings run smoothly. Janet Kettles, Jeanne Davy, Anita Vermette, Jackie Dupuis, Barb Nolan, Rachel Foster, Kathleen Murphy. And a big thank you to all of you for setting up our meeting room and putting away the table and chairs.

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the good weather either here at home, on golf course, the lake or abroad. Enjoy the good company of family and friends. Remember to keep the creative juices flowing.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year will be something to celebrate. See you all in September.

Liz Fournier, **OAG President** [oagpresident@gmail.com](mailto:oagpresident@gmail.com)

### Vice President's Remarks

I would simply like to start off by reminding every one that this Thursday is our pot luck social with auction. Please bring some finger foods, and a donation from your product line for the raffle table.

Also this Thursday we have the elections. Please keep in mind that as an incentive all exec members are exempt from membership dues.

Positions up for this term are as follows:

Secretary - **Available**

Web master - Thank you **Christopher Koster** for filling these shoes.

Newsletter - Thank you **Christopher Koster** once again.

Publicity - **Available**

Social Media (**new position** on the exec team to help with publicity)

Programs - **Available**

Market Coordinator Lester B Pearson

Market Coordinator Red \_\_\_\_ Thanks to **Valérie Sauvé** for having created this opportunity.

Market Coordinator St FX ( It is my understanding that a team of two have volunteered to run this show , but their names have slipped my brain at this time) thanks for filling this position.

This is your chance to join the exec team and have a say in the future of our Guild.

See you all on Thursday

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

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*The Ottawa Valley covers over 7,645 kilometres*

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## Programs

I hope that you have enjoyed guest speakers that I have arranged for the last 2 years. What started out as a temporary job, turned into a 2 year gig. It was fun, but I must pass the baton and hope that someone else enjoys booking guest speakers for next year. I will pass along any suggestions and people who I meet along the way to whoever takes over Programs. ~Teri Anne

Teri Anne [oagprograms@gmail.com](mailto:oagprograms@gmail.com)

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*Glaciers retreated from what is now the Ottawa Valley region 12,800 years ago,  
leaving the area covered by the Champlain Sea for thousands of years.  
Ten thousand years ago the water retreated and land emerged .*

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:oagmembership@gmail.com)

Shauna Rae Saroufim and Hon Voong

Membership Coordinators

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*More than half of the Ottawa Valley is wilderness.*

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## Publicity

After 6 years on the executive (sometimes filling 2 roles at a time) I have decided to step down. The rest of my life commitments are piling up and I can no longer fill these roles to the best of my ability. Thank you for putting up with me and my push for new forms of publicity, making our newsletter electronic, facebook etc... Hopefully it wasn't too much change for everyone.

I won't disappear completely and will still help where I can.

Thank you,  
Teri Anne [oagpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:oagpublicity@gmail.com)

## Visa/Mastercard

Bring on the warmth and the sun for the summer sales!

That said...as this is the last meeting before the summer break make sure you have enough slips to carry you through your summer shows. I will have Visa/Mastercard slips and mini imprinters with me at the meeting. The Guild does not mail out slips so to save yourself unnecessary trips to my house 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

Cheques will be prepared the third week of June, July, and August. If you wish to have your cheque mailed to you please include a stamped, self- addressed envelope. Letter sized envelopes are preferred as paperwork is easier to fold and is these envelopes are processed more easily by the postal system.

- ⑤ **A reminder to members that you are able to use the credit card service at any show you are in, provided you have paid your 2012-13 membership fees and you market in at least one of the Guild shows during the year (Christmas LBP, Red, St FX or Spring LBP 2013).**
- ⑤ **Please ensure that your name is imprinted or written on the slips so I know who they belong to**
- ⑤ **Ensure that all the information is clearly legible and in the right spot. If I cannot read it I cannot process it.**
- ⑤ **Copies of how a slip should be filled out are available from me.**

**\*\*\*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!**

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 (ie 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. If I don't see you – have a great summer!

Alex Johnston  
Crisp Designs  
811 DeSalaberry Street  
613-745-6705

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*Renfrew County, in the Ottawa Valley, is the largest county in Ontario.*

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## Market Update

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com)

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*There are over 900 lakes and four major river systems in the Ottawa Valley.*

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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\*\*

**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.

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*More than 400 species of animals live in the Ottawa Valley.*

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# Recipe of the Month

## Broccoli and Cheddar Cheese Soup From Woman's Day

### Ingredients

- ⑤ 2 slice(s) of bread, cut into 1/2-in. pieces
- ⑤ 2 tablespoon(s) olive oil
- ⑤ 2 stalk(s) celery, chopped
- ⑤ 2 clove(s) garlic, finely chopped
- ⑤ 1 onion, chopped
- ⑤ 1 medium russet potato (about 8 oz), cut into 1/2-in. pieces
- ⑤ 1 bunch(es) broccoli (about 1 1/4 lb), stalks peeled and thinly sliced
- ⑤ Kosher salt and pepper
- ⑤ 1 cup(s) lowfat milk
- ⑤ 1/4 teaspoon(s) freshly grated or ground nutmeg
- ⑤ 6 ounce(s) extra-sharp Cheddar, coarsely grated

### Directions

1. 1. Heat oven to 400°F. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the bread with 1 Tbsp oil. Bake until golden brown and crisp, 5 to 7 minutes; set aside.
2. Heat the remaining Tbsp oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the celery, garlic, onion, potato, broccoli stalks, 3/4 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until just tender, 5 to 6 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cut the remaining broccoli into small florets. Add the florets and 3 cups water to the vegetables, cover and bring to a boil. Once boiling, the broccoli should be just tender; if not, simmer 1 to 2 minutes more.
4. Remove from heat and, using a handheld immersion blender (or a standard blender, working in batches and returning to the saucepan), purée the vegetable mixture. Add the milk and nutmeg and simmer to heat through, about 2 minutes. Add the cheese and stir until melted. Serve with the croutons.

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*The white trillium, which grows throughout the Ottawa Valley, has been Ontario's provincial floral emblem since 1937. Its white blossom is associated with peace and hope. .*

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## Website

If you would like to have your artist bio on the OAG website, please send you bios to [oagwebmaster1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

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*The Ottawa River is 1,271 kilometres long.*

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## 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](http://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](http://www.mcbeadcreations.com) (613) 224-2143

### Displays

Roy Sims Displays [www.roysimsdisplay.com](http://www.roysimsdisplay.com) (613) 749-7588 / [RoySims@roysimsdisplay.com](mailto:RoySims@roysimsdisplay.com)

### Business Cards and Printed Media

[www.vistaprint.ca](http://www.vistaprint.ca)

### Graphic Design

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

### Uline

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

[www.uline.ca](http://www.uline.ca) **Phone: 1-800-295-5510 Fax: 1-800-295-5571**

## Appendix A: Contact Names

<b>Position</b>	<b>LastName</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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Membership Coordinator	Hon Voong		oagmembership@gmail.com
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Credit Card Director	Alex Johnston	613-745-6705	oagccard@gmail.com
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