

OAG Newsletter: October 2011

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

Presidents Remarks

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving weekend and didn't eat too much. I was out of the country and it was not Thanksgiving in the country I was in.

Welcome back to our second meeting of the year. We have a wonderful guest speaker and of course our now regular information session. Don't forget to let your friends know that they are welcome to attend our meetings and if they like it they can join us.

Our markets are doing extremely well and only a couple of vacancies (at least last time I checked) so if you are interested, and your membership dues are paid up, make sure you fill in an application and give it to the market coordinator for that market. We are having three markets again this year in different parts of the city so there is lots of chance for exposure to new clientele.

Remember that at the Lester B. Pearson fall market there will be the best booth award of the Trish Nevin plaque and also a monetary award. What better incentive is needed to compete with yourself or your fellow artisans and make your booth look the best it can. The customers will come into the display areas and say 'WOW!' and as a bonus you might even get your fellow artisans to vote for you. You even get your picture taken!

As you know each year we replace half of the Executive committee with new members. That is not until May but it is never too early to find out what each position entails and if you are interested to volunteer to help out to learn more and then volunteer to take on one of these positions.

You filled out areas of interest on your membership forms and we are slowly getting around to getting in touch with each of you. If you have not been contacted yet don't take it as no interest from us. Please feel free to approach any of us and ask if you can help. You must be at least 18 and have been with the guild a year to hold an Executive position but that doesn't mean that you cannot help out beforehand so that when you are eligible you can step right in with confidence.

November's meeting will be our annual fall social meeting with a pot luck and silent auction of items donated by Guild members. These items are hand-made by guild members. The money goes to the local food bank as our charity of choice.

We have been promised that we will have our regular room this time. It was rather crowded last month but it was cozy wasn't it? You probably got to know some new people.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting on the 20th of October at 7:30.

Catherine

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)

*Halloween is also know as All Hallows Eve, Samhain, All Hallowtide,
The Feast of the Dead and the Day of the Dead*

Programs

About prototypeD Urban Workshops:



PrototypeD (pD) is Ottawa's newest creative outlet for hobbyists, professionals, students, entrepreneurs, techies, hackers and artists wanting to explore new avenues of creativity through access to creative tools, resources, and technology. This workshop provides the opportunity for members to access tools and resources and network with creative individuals. With an eye toward harnessing the hidden potential of technology, pD is open on a membership basis to Ottawa's most creative—people who value access to high-tech tools such as CNC (Computer Numeric Controlled) machines, 3D inkjet printers, laser engravers, high-speed processing computers, and the space to pursue their goals. For more information, visit prototyped.org.

About Janak Alford

Janak Alford is a Master of Architecture Graduate from Carleton University. By day he is a mild-mannered computer software developer for the Government of Canada, but by night he works within prototypeD in 'modding' and 'hacking' everyday high tech hardware to begin to build his own design tools, including handheld inkjet printers, jewelry engravers, 3D printers, and laser cutters. With a unique view to technology, and educated in computers exclusively through the University of Google, Janak hopes to build sophisticated, high tech design tools for artists and architects alike which assist in linking traditional design methods and technology for a mere 1% to 2% of their current cost.

Teri Anne

Halloween is correctly spelt as Hallowe'en

Membership

We would like to welcome the new members who have joined the OAG for the 2011 season.

A HUGE welcome to Rosamond Bain, Margaret Chwialkowska, Justus Cohoe, Jeannette Corlett-Black, Evelyn Duberry, Rain Kazymierchuk, Oliva Lai, Marcus Lamoureux and Carolyn Brodeur, Moira Law, Isabelle and Francis Meunier, Bill Musgrove and Sigrid Bruggemann, Laura Pipes, Zachary and Gilles Raymond, Melissa Saunders, Alyssa Spaxman, Kenny Fuller, and Bruce Moreland

We now have a total of 128 members and growing! If you know of anyone who is a wonderful craft person and you think they may enjoy the benefits of joining the Guild, please be sure to pass on the Guild contact and meeting information.

Diane Lalonde oagmembership@gmail.com

Membership Director

In Mexico, they celebrate El Dia de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead starting the evening of October 31.

Publicity

The Publicity team will be pursuing both tried-and-true and new opportunities to promote the three fall markets for 2011. This includes continuing previously successful tactics such as postcards, submissions to local event websites, applications to be featured on local radio stations and TV stations, article submissions to local papers, Facebook events and posters available for download in the members section of the website, under 'market flyers'.

New this fall: we will be offering Guild Gold to be used as prizes to local radio stations and web sites and the development of a spokesperson roster. If you are interested in doing interviews (for newspaper, radio or television), please contact OAGpublicity@gmail.com. We are also looking for members who are able to loan us samples of their work to bring to the television interviews as an example of what can be found at the shows.

Thank you,
Laura and Teri Anne

The OAG is on Facebook!

Visa/Mastercard

Gearing up for the busy market season, limbering up my fingers for inputting as I type!

Please make sure you send/deliver your slips to me within the week of taking the sale. I am receiving too many slips well beyond the sale date. This can create problems with clients not remembering that they purchased from you and challenging the sale, or the chance of the card being rejected because it was lost/stolen, or the expiry date passing. All of these issues create more unnecessary work. If you do not live near me to deliver slips, you can mail them to me at 811 DeSalaberry St, Ottawa K1J 6Y5 (please wrap slips in a sheet of paper, or your folded SASE envelope, to block their visibility). Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

This month at the general meeting I will be speaking for approximately 5 minutes about the use of the credit card program and various parts associated with it. Further details regarding the program can be found on the members side of the website.

- I will have imprinters (\$25) and slips (\$2.50/25) at the September meeting.
- Imprinters plates (\$6) will be ready for pick up for those who ordered them. If you wish to order one in the future a sheet will be at the executive table. First line says “Ottawa Artisans Guild” second line is your name/business name.
- Delivery of your cheques will be at the monthly meetings, if you will not be at the meeting please ensure to send a stamped, self addressed envelope for that month.

Imprinters

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, but to save time and energy please ensure all information is legible before sending slips to me.

- **A reminder to members that you are able to use the credit card service at any show you are in, provided 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.**
- **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 few numbers.**

*****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!**

Alex Johnston
oagccard@gmail.com

The world's largest giant pumpkin in 2011 was a record smashing 1810.5 pounds!

Market Update

MARKETS
FALL (East) – November 12 & 13, 2011 Lester B. Pearson High School (2072 Jasmine Cr)
Annual Christmas Craft Show & Sale - Rockland - November 19 & 20, 2011 River Rock Inn, 2808 Chamberland Street, Rockland
Christmas Craft Show & Sale – Riverside South - December 3 & 4, 2011 St. Francis Xavier High School – 3740 Spratt Road at Limebank Road

Lester B. Pearson Fall Market

For all those who have offered assistance with this market, I thank you for your assistance. At the time of printing this newsletter, there are 3 booths available on a first come basis. Vendor Market packages will be available at the October 20th meeting along with a full floor plan, booth assignment, table rental requests and task assignments will be available at the meeting. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact David Murray by phone ([613-729-3250](tel:613-729-3250)), fax ([613-729-9093](tel:613-729-9093)), e-mail (oagmktcoordlbp@gmail.com) or post (144 Anna Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1Z 7T9).

David Murray

Rockland Christmas Market

Well we did it. The market is full and we will now set up a waiting list in case someone has to withdraw.

We will have 30 booths with an excellent variety of artisanship to show the people of Rockland and the nearby communities.

Julie and I are looking forward to providing the best support and promotion to the market that we possibly can.

See you in Rockland

Roger

Roger Laplante A/Coordinator Rockland Market oagmktrockland@gmail.com

St Francis Xavier High School Christmas Market

The Riverside South Show will be held on the first week-end in December, Dec. 3 & 4, at the St. Francis Xavier High School, 3740 Spratt Road at Limebank Road. Set up will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 2nd.

The show is currently full, however if you are interested a waiting list has been started, and it is suggested that you send your application to Judy Larkin (at the address indicated on the application), or bring it to the next meeting. Applications will not be available at the meeting. If you require an application it can be downloaded from the Guild Web Site. Promotional material is also available on the web site.

A tentative floor plan will be made available at the November member's meeting.

Judy Larkin, St FX Market Coordinator. oagmarketstfx@gmail.com

The record for the fastest pumpkin carver in the world is Jerry Ayers of Baltimore, Ohio. He carved a pumpkin in just 37 seconds!

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/polly---flanette---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

Halloween is one of the oldest celebrations in the world, dating back over 2000 years to the time of the Celts who lived in Britain .

Recipe of the Month

Pumpkin Bars (from allrecipes.com)

Ingredients

4 eggs
1 2/3 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
1 (15 ounce) can solid pack pumpkin
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt

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1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/4 cup butter, softened |
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon milk

Directions

1. In a mixing bowl, beat eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin. Combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Pour into an ungreased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 25-30 minutes. Cool completely.
2. For icing, beat cream cheese, sugar, butter and vanilla in a small mixing bowl. Add enough of the milk to achieve desired spreading consistency. Spread over bars.

A pumpkin is really a squash, and comes from the same family as the cucumber.

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.

The very first jack o' lantern was made out of hollowed out turnips.

Where to buy your STUFF

A number of people were talking at the spring market about where to buy certain items. I have added this section to outline a few of those. If you have any suggestions for our fellow guild members let me know and I'll include them in the future.

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

Appendix A: Contact Names

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Market Coordinator	Julie Laframboise & Roger Laplante	TBD	oagmktrockland@gmail.com
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