

May 17, 2023 Minutes of Monthly General Meeting

Chair: Margo Murley Recorder: Sheila Hamilton Formatted by: Elfi Berndl
Zoom Admin: Margo Murley



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In Attendance Gail Gibson Kara Kivioja Margo Murley Olga Draznin Sophie Tepperman Sandra MacKenzie Susan Brunton Susan Schillemore Kathy Lakatos Sheila Hamilton Visitors / Guests Elizabeth R, Tatania		Regrets Adriana P.B. Allison Durno Amanda Ring Amna Nawab Andre Beaumont Anthony Savanorato Athena Antiochos Barbara Anderson Christina Henninger Doris Moneweg Eleanor Mayne Elfi Berndl Janet Porter Julie Liut Leah Stone Linda Ewing Liz Kennedy Mary Davie Mary Dunn Michelle Zikovitz Nancy Martin Peggy Spurgeon Saima Malik Shiva Moghaddasi Teresa Clarke Val Firmin	Honorary Members Joan Colnett Jo-Ann Rootham Kate Deutch
Business - Agenda Items		Information / Follow Up	
1	Welcome & Members Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new member Susan Brunton • Welcome to Elizabeth R who is considering becoming a member • Welcome to visitor Tatania • Amber Bole – Celebration of Life Aug in Alberta – see at end of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will still be an event planned in Toronto in the Fall. 	
2	Upcoming Classes / Guild Get Togethers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still meeting in Guild Hall, Tues am, Wed pm, Thursday afternoon • Spinning meet up for Wed night over the summer • Margo planning spindle spinning intro class over the summer 	
3	Review of Past Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple Syrup Festival – see post event report end of minutes • Arts Summit – see post event report end of minutes • Spring Sale – short discussion – post sale report will be ready for June meeting • Doors Open – short discussion- very well attended, see post event report end of minutes 	
4	Upcoming Events to participate in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Summit – Sunday Sept 10 th waiting for more details – Elfi to lead • Culture Days at the Library – Sept 2023 need to confirm what we are bringing doing, need to finalize what Kids Crafts we are bringing – Margo to lead on kids crafts 	
5	Specialty Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proposed by Burr House Use Committee - Margo & Michelle • now proposed for some time in the fall. • People to volunteer to help get priority for pop up shop sale space • Questions on how to market to bring in people 	
6	Craft Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spindle Spinning Classes with Margo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ suggested Wednesday evening in July • Christmas Decorations for November Sale - group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gail and Allison working on planning ideas for small item decorations that could be made for the sale. ○ Additional ideas should be discussed with Allison 	
7	Photo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone with access to post on website and Facebook need to receive consent 	

	Consent	<p>before posting photos of other members. Verbal consent is OK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members would prefer not to have their photos published. • Discussion to consider posting notice during public events at Guild locations regarding photo access. (No photos without consent) • Consider if we need to post anything at the guild sales
8	AGM	<p>Wed June 21, 2023 AGM Annual General Meeting @ The Burr House Tea Room Timing to be confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question raised about if we are going to have food or not. • AGM – formal portion of our Annual General Meeting – format determined by requirements set out in ONCA as we are an incorporated non-profit organization • Agenda & financial summaries will be sent to members 10 days beforehand
9	Nancy Price Tribute for Fibre Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founding member of the BHS&W Guild, Nancy Price passed away recently. It was suggested a tribute in the shape of an article be submitted to Fibre • Focus. Possibly link to 150th anniversary of Richmond Hill. Older members who knew Nancy could be interviewed to get/confirm historical details. • Find photos to support article. • Need someone to write article.
10	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone interested in weaving with pantyhose Eleanor Mayne has a friend who wants to donate her

Presentation - All About Spinning

Margo Murley led presentation on spinning, preparing fibre and different types of weaving. Good discussion and support from other spinners in attendance. Lots of interested from new potential members.

Show & Share 8:30 – 9:00

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Upcoming Events, Meeting Dates & Programs 2023:

- **Wed June 21, 2023 AGM Annual General Meeting In Person @ Burr House Tea Room**
- **Sunday Sept 10, 2023 Heritage Summit @ Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts**
 - celebrating the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Richmond Hill in 1873
 - prepare a table & be present at the request of the Richmond Hill Historical Society

Roles & Responsibilities 2023 May 2023

Executive Officers: President Margo Murley margo@murley.ca
Secretary: Janet Porter has put her name forward for 2023 - 2025 Treasurer Elfi Berndl elfiberndl@gmail.com
Membership Coordinator Peggy Spurgeon peggy@spurgeon.ca Guild emails BurrHouseW@gmail.com
Past President: Michelle Zikovitz mzikovitz@yahoo.ca

Conveners / Committee Chairs

Archives & History:

Burr House Building Booking Coordinator: Michelle Zikovitz

FaceBook: Elfi Berndl

Guild Sales: Sheila Hamilton

Librarian: Olga Draznin

Monthly Meeting Programming : Vacant

ONCA Project Team (to 2024): Elfi Berndl

Sheep to Shawl 2023: Vacant

Social / Housekeeping: Vacant

Spinning Chair: Margo Murley

Studio Head: Vacant

• **Looms & Equipment: Vacant**

• **Inventory: Vacant**

Weaving Chair: Vacant

Website Team: Janet Porter Michelle Zikovitz

Workshop Coordinator: Kathy Lakatos

Study Groups / Interest Groups

Tuesday Weavers Drop In

Wednesday Night Drop In

Thursday Afternoon Drop In: Margo Murley

Saturday Spinners: Margo Murley

Rigid Heddle Weavers

Dye Group

Wet & Needle Felting

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Joint Burr House Use Committee: Margo Murley, Michelle Zikovitz

City of Richmond Hill: Michelle Zikovitz

Richmond Hill Arts Council: Richmond Hill Historical Society,

Ontario Handweavers & Spinners – Shiva Moghaddasi

Website

FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/BurrHouseSpinnersWeavers>

email to all Guild Members Burr House Fiber Arts – All Members burrhouse@googlegoups.com

etransfer of funds to Burr House Spinners & Weavers Guild BurrHouseW@gmail.com

Membership enquiries, general correspondence BurrHouseW@gmail.com

Amber Bole Celebration of Life – Aug 2023 Alberta

Hello Everyone. We want to inform you and invite all of you to Ambers' celebration of life. Please pass on this invitation to anyone that might be interested. Thank you, The Family of Amber Bole

A Celebration of Life



Amber Alisa Bole

July 18, 1975—February 24, 2023

Amber always brought joy and laughter wherever she went. This will be a time of sharing and laughter to commemorate the beauty of her life.

Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Hillcrest Cemetery, Hillcrest Mines, Alberta
Reception to follow at Hillcrest Miners Club

Note: This will be an outdoor memorial.

Mountain weather can change quickly, so please bring appropriate clothing.

Please RSVP to:
JJ@bole.ca



2023 RH Mayor's Maple Syrup Festival – Sat April 1st 2023

Updated: May 17, 2023 Prepared by: Sheila Hamilton & Michelle Zikovitz

Venue: Inside/Outside

Held at the Richmond Green Arena – This is a large space and the main back doors near our location were open so volunteers need to wear layers in order to accommodate changing temperatures. First time this event held at the Richmond Green

Area around table: Lots of space around the tables for demonstration set up. We had excess space as one group beside us did not show up, but would still have had a fair bit of room

Table: Standard 6 ft Table provided – no table covering

Electric outlet – unknown

Place for Guild Standing Banner – Yes

Set up Time: Set up could be the day before –Set up on the day of was 2 hours before doors opened to the public. We started set up an hour before. Day of parking was not close to the main doors.

Duration of Event: 4 hours

Type of Presentation:

This was a demonstration and talk to the public only event, no “crafts for kids

Items shown on the table:

Spectrum book & Dye samples, other samples of weaving from the Guild Supply (Cedar Trunk)

Demonstration supplies were also on display (Reed, Fibre, Yarn, Fleece, Rag Shuttle)

of Volunteers: 3

Attended: Michelle Zikovitz (lead) Allison Durno, Sheila Hamilton.

Type of Event: (Child heavy/**Split between Adult & Child**/ Adult heavy)

Family friendly event, lots of kids who will interact with the volunteer demonstrators. Lots of opportunity to talk about journey to make cloth.

(3 aggressively touchy kids)

Venue was busy and there were sometimes crowds watching the demonstrators. But not that many in depth conversations.

Food Service? – concern for samples

Food is served so need to be careful about what gets touched.

Demonstrations/Equipment brought

There was a Rigid Heddle loom, Spinning Wheel and Basket Weaving demonstration – all personal items of the members

Marketing Opportunities

Postcards for the Spring sale available and handed out.

Need to have general guild info card that can be handed out. (Work on for September)

Suggestions for what to do next time:

- Need to have general guild info card that can be handed out. (Work on for September)
- Need to have a new/interested person contact sheet (in the works with Peggy/membership)
- Need to have a current printed listing of classes and workshops at our outreach events. This could be in a plexi display stand that people can photograph, if we don't want to print. Need to finalize “non-member” pricing and process before publishing lists.
- If we are to do any kind of “make and take” will need volunteers just for that project.
- Possibly ask for two tables and bring more samples and activities for children and adults to try.
- Was quite surprised at the number of children and adults who had no idea of very basic paper weaving? Could do something as simple as that
- Samples of knitting ,crocheting and felting would be good additions to our display tables. –

2023 Richmond Hill Cultural Summit – Wednesday April 26th 2023 Draft 1

Updated: May 19, 2023 Prepared by: Sheila Hamilton

Venue: Inside/Outside

Held in the lobby of the Richmond Hill Center for the Performing Arts.

Area around table: Not a lot of space as hallway setting and near outside doors that were unlocked.

Table: Standard 6 ft Table provided – table covering and name plaque

Electric outlet – unknown

Place for Guild Standing Banner – Yes

Set up Time: Set up time was 5:30pm for a 7pm doors open, plenty of time to do set up. Helpers were available to carry things if necessary

Duration of Event: 4.5 hours (from set up to take down)

Type of Presentation:

This was a demonstration and talk to the public only event, no “crafts for kids”

Items shown on the table:

Spectrum book & Dye samples, other samples of weaving from members. Drop spindles, electric wheel, Rigid Heddle loom on stand

of Volunteers: 4

Attended: Margo Murley, Sheila Hamilton, Janet Porter, Teresa Clarke
(2 for set up, 2 for tear down, but needed all 4 at peak point of the evening)

Type of Event: (Child heavy/Split between Adult & Child/ **Adult heavy**)

Family friendly event, but not a lot of kids. Lots of opportunity to talk about personal connections to the arts, description of how the Rigid Heddle works.

Venue was busy and there were sometimes crowds watching the demonstrators.

Food Service? – concern for samples

Food is served so need to be careful about what get's touched.

Demonstrations/Equipment brought

There was a Rigid Heddle loom, Electric Spinning Wheel and Drop Spindles– all personal items of the members except RH loom and stand

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2023 RH Doors Open - Saturday, May 13, 2023 10AM-4PM

Updated: May 19, 2023 Produced by Kathy Lakatos

Venue: Guild Hall, Burr House Spinners and Weavers Guild, 530 Carrville Avenue, Richmond Hill

Studio was open to the public to see the studios of both the Burr House Spinners and Weavers Guild Weavers and the Hillpotters Guild. This event is organized by the City of Richmond Hill

Setup: Michelle Zikovitz attended a meeting where we got instructions on our duties, as participants of the Doors Open day. We received material from the town with outdoor signs for the event, postcards to hand out, sheet to keep attendance count. This was picked up on Tuesday by Michelle Zikovitz and left at the Guild for the organizers. Some dusting and vacuuming was done during the week, looms were moved to ensure adequate space for people to be able to move around as well as being able to use our looms for demonstration. The loom covers were removed, and some finished pieces were displayed, as a sample of the various objects the guild members create. The setup was done mostly on Friday morning.

Event day:

The event lasted 6 hours, with approx. 150 people attending. There was a steady flow of people starting right at 10am, including lots of families. Attendees were very interested in the equipment and the methods of weaving cloth on the various types of looms, and the spinning process. The number of attendees far surpassed any other such event.

Demonstrations:

From 10am-1pm the 100" loom was being used by Sheila Hamilton and Janet Porter They allowed a few people to try the process.

From 1pm to 4 pm Sheila Hamilton was showing her rug loom to attendees.

From 10am – 4pm Gail Gibson demonstrated spinning, Allison Durno demonstrated a rigid heddle loom and allowed attendees to weave on her loom, Kathy Lakatos showed the use of an 8 shaft loom.

To be done after the event:

The material from the city needs to be returned with the information collected on the number of attendees. Gail Gibson is going to do this. The studio was mostly reset to its original configuration after 4PM on Saturday.

Volunteers:

Lead: Gail Gibson, Kathy Lakatos

Cleaning: Julie Liut

Setup: Michelle Zikovitz, Gail Gibson, Kathy Lakatos, Susan Schillemore

Saturday demonstrators and liaison with attendees:

All day: Gail Gibson, Kathy Lakatos, Sheila Hamilton, Allison Durno

Part of the day: Janet Porter, Olga Draznin, Suzan Schillemore

Information: List of contacts was collected, people interested in various activities. This needs to be used for possible new members, added to the list for our sale info, course interests. Gail Gibson will pass this information to the appropriate people.

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