

## **The Handspinner's Research Scholarship**

The Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc. may award up to \$1000 for this Handspinners' and Dyers' scholarship.

### **Purpose**

- to encourage and promote the skills of handspinning and dyeing,
- to encourage the sharing and cooperative learning nature of such educational programs as the Ontario Handspinning Seminar and other such meetings of handspinners / dyers,
- to encourage and assist in the exploration and development of new techniques, equipment or any other useful factors of the craft that may be of benefit to Ontario handspinners/dyers and all those involved in the craft whether or not they reside in the Province of Ontario,
- to encourage support to the Handspinning Seminar Committee in the development and implementation of an annual seminar program or other related endeavors
- to encourage and support educational groups in promoting and sustaining the crafts of handspinning and dyeing within the Province of Ontario

### **Guidelines**

- Individuals should have a minimum of five (5) years participation in the Handspinning Seminar within the past eight (8) years, which should include participation as a committee member, workshop leader, or Seminar attendee
- Current members of the Board of Directors are not eligible, but past members of the board may apply.
- No application may be made to assist with the completion of any other study program for any other group or organization.
- The scholarship is to be used in the exploration and development of new techniques, equipment, and/or related research of interest to handspinners and dyers, and a specific plan must be included with the application.
- Excellence of work presented, originality, and the potential for edification of handspinners and dyers in Ontario will be the key factors to be considered by the Selection Committee
- Travel to other areas in order to study outside the applicant's normal sphere of influence is encouraged
- The Selection Committee will consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc., plus one (1) individual with suitable credentials in the fibre arts field, and not connected with the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc.
- The decision of the Committee shall be final.
- The Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc. reserves the right not to make an award in any year.
- Applicants will be notified of the results by mail.
- The scholarship must be used for the purpose for which the application was made. If, for any reason, the scholarship cannot be used for the purpose for which it was awarded, within one year of the award, the Secretary of the Board of Directors must be notified in writing, and arrangements made to renegotiate or return the total amount awarded. Reasons for renegotiation may include sickness, cancellation of course, or seminar, etc.
- Any individual who has been awarded the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Scholarship may not re-apply for at least three (3) years after presentation of their award result to an Ontario Handspinning seminar
- No individual may apply on behalf of another individual.

### **Requirements**

- A current biography.
- A statement of plans for research of study with a detailed estimate of costs involved.
- A total of five (5) photographs showing at least five (5) pieces or projects completed by the applicant within the past three (3) years

- A complete photo identification list describing the projects and giving dimensions or size, materials, spinning, dyeing and construction techniques and date of completion.
- A letter of reference from an individual able to endorse the applicant's research or study plans. The applicant is responsible to ensure this letter is received by the Board of Directors with the application. No faxes or emails will be accepted. No reference letters may be from any current member of the Board of Directors.
- Permission in writing for the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc. to retain a set of photographs for promotion and archival purposes. These will only be required from the winner of the Scholarship.
- A commitment, in writing, by the selected applicant, to share within three (3) years of receipt of the scholarship, the results of same with the participants of an Ontario Handspinning Seminar, by means of a seminar, address or other means approved by the Board of Directors
- No presentation of the researched subject material may be presented to any other group or organization, or presented in any publication, either by the successful applicant or anyone else, prior to presentation at an Ontario Handspinning Seminar.

#### Application Deadline

- The deadline for submission of an application is January 31<sup>st</sup> of any year
- Applications must be directed to the Secretary of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc.
- When the selection process has been completed, each candidate will be notified in writing by the Secretary.
- If a decision is made to award the Scholarship, this decision will be announced at the annual Ontario Handspinning Seminar.

In the event that the Scholarship is not applied for or awarded in any given year the Board may, at its discretion, select someone it wishes to honor for long and outstanding service to the Seminar to receive the Scholarship.

#### Recipients

1993 -	Dee Burnlees
1995 -	Tricia Weatherston
2000 -	Harriet Boon
2001 -	Bridget Lewis