



The Ontario Handspinning Seminar has been sharing, promoting and educating handspinners since 1964.

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Fall Newsletter 2019

A Whorled Tour of Fibre

Exploring Luxury Fibres from Around the World

Our keynote speaker will be Linda Cortright, the editor of Wild Fibers Magazine

June 7 - 9, 2019

Western University, London, Ontario

Keynote Speaker

We're excited to announce that our keynote speaker this year will be Linda Cortright, the owner and editor of Wild Fibers magazine. Linda has travelled the world exploring the animals who provide us with fibres and the guardians of these animals. In particular she has worked to bring cashmere to the attention of the world. Linda is one of the founders of the Pangong Craft Center in Ladakh India. The Center provides a warm, well-lit space for 80 semi-nomadic women to spin, weave and knit the cashmere from the goats they raise, providing them with an income as an alternative to working on a road crew. Linda will speak about cashmere, silk and qiviut as well as other fibres, their habitats and origins.

Linda has the exclusive rights in North America for the showing of the documentary film "Shepherdess of the Glaciers". This is an award winning film that depicts the life of a cashmere goat shepherdess in the High Himalayas of Ladakh India. The film will be shown during the Seminar.

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Receiving the Newsletter

The newsletter is posted on the Ontario Handspinning Seminar website www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca. Anyone who has attended the Seminar in the past three years or who has requested information about the Seminar in the past two years will receive an email to notify them that the newsletter is available on the website. Anyone who does not have a computer or access to email will receive a copy of the newsletter in the mail.

Accommodations

Our accommodations will be in Essex Hall, one of Western's newest residences. Essex Hall features furnished suites. Each suite contains four single lockable bedrooms, two bathrooms, a lounge and a kitchenette. Information on booking accommodations will be contained in the Spring Newsletter.

Seminar 2019 Registration

An email notification will be sent when the Spring 2019 Newsletter, including workshop details and registration information is available online at www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca. The Spring Newsletter will be mailed to those not able to receive email.

Vendors Contact

The sales area has easy access for set-up and take-down by the vendors. Booth space is allocated on a first come, first included basis. Anyone wishing to reserve space in the sales area should contact the Salesroom Convenor Kate Gutteridge at kategutteridge@rogers.com. Vendors from last year's Seminar will automatically receive an application. Vendor registration will be completed online. All accepted vendors will be listed on the Seminar website.

2018 Seminar Awards



Baggie Challenge Award

Awarded to Carol Desrochers for her Hat and Mitts.

Created from the fibres provided in the 2017 baggie and chosen by ballots cast by the Seminar attendees.

Handweavers Guild of America Award

Awarded to Meg Cheesman for her "Canada 150" Brioche Shawl.

The award recognizes a work which embodies a unique interpretation, demonstrates a fresh individual approach and personal creativity. Judged by an appointee of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Board of Directors.



Modelled by Julia Lee



Modelled by Diane Martin

Founders Award

Awarded to Diane Martin for her knitted shawl, scarf, small shawl, hat and mitts, handspun from 500 gm of fibre from Wellington Fibres. The fibre is 50% Romney and 50% Mohair.

This award honours the founders of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar: Edna Blackburn, Ted Carson and Dorothy Kirk. Chosen by ballots cast by the Seminar attendees from display items made from 100% handspun yarn.

Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Award

Awarded to Kitt Fisher for her woven, knitted and felted picture.

Presented in recognition of an article on display that demonstrates the best use of handspun yarn in a handwoven article. Judges are provided by the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners.

WOW Award

Awarded to Kitt Fisher for her woven, knitted and felted picture.

Judged by the Display Committee of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Committee and given to the item which makes them say Wow!



New to the Seminar Award

Awarded to Elaina Marcotte and Dallas Coughlan.

Refund of registration fee plus \$50.00, awarded to the first two people to register who are attending the Seminar for the first time.

Free Registration for 2019

This was our final Sunday morning door prize and it was awarded to Stacy Robb.

A big Thank You to our vendors who generously donated the door prizes awarded during our Sunday morning activity.

2019 Display Categories

Everyone is encouraged to bring an item to put into the Display. This is an opportunity for us to exchange ideas and to indulge in a bit of “Show-and-Tell” – a chance to see what others have been working on since the last Seminar. No matter what your level of experience, it is nice to be inspired by each other. This also is an opportunity to have a close look at items that might be in the Fashion Show. Items on display will be eligible for the WOW award and items made from 100% handspun will be eligible for the Founders Award.

For all categories the following guidelines apply:

- Seminar participants are limited to one entry per category
- Only entries made entirely of handspun yarn are eligible for the Founders Award
- Entries in all the categories must have been completed in the last year.

Categories:

- **Simple 2-ply skein:** Your goal is to produce a consistent, balanced yarn.
- **3 or more ply skein:** Your goal is to produce a consistent, balanced yarn.
- **Novelty skein:** Your goal is to construct a yarn which boasts a decorative element. This may be a spinning technique (crepe or bouclé for example) or it may consist of additions to your spun yarn (beads, feathers etc.). The choice is yours...so have fun with it.
- **Spindle-spun skein:** The 2 or more ply yarn must be spun and plied on a hand spindle.
- **Garments:** Projects may include sweaters, vests, jackets, shawls, etc.
- **Accessories:** Projects may include hats, scarves, socks, mittens, etc.
- **Other:** Projects may include dolls, tea cozies, placemats, household items, etc.

2019 Awards

New to the Seminar Award: This award will go to the first two people to register who are attending the Seminar for the first time. The award will be the registration fee, along with \$50.00.

Founders' Award: This award honours the Founders of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar. Edna Blackburn, Ted Carson and Dorothy Kirk established the first Handspinning Seminar gathering in 1964. The \$100 award is presented to the person with the best article on display made from 100% handspun. Chosen by ballots cast by the Seminar attendees.

WOW Award: This \$50 award recognizes an article that inspires the viewer to say... "WOW!" **All articles submitted for display are eligible.** The WOW award is decided by the 2019 Seminar display convenors.

Baggie Challenge: The \$50 award recognizes an item created from fibre received in the baggie at the 2018 Seminar. Chosen by ballots cast by the Seminar attendees.

Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Award: This award for \$100.00 is presented by the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners. The award is given in recognition of an article on display that demonstrates the best use of handspun yarn in a **handwoven article**. Judges are provided by the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners.

Handweavers Guild of America: This award of a gift certificate and a handwoven ribbon is presented by the Handweavers Guild of America in recognition of "a work of handweaving, spinning, dyeing, or basket making, which embodies a unique interpretation, demonstrates a fresh individual approach and expresses personal creativity," as judged by an appointee of the Ontario Handspinning Seminar Board of Directors.

2019 Baggie Challenge



If you attended the 2018 Seminar, you would have received a lovely triangular bag, which contained your baggie challenge. Your challenge is to create an item of "headwear" to be displayed at the 2019 Seminar. You must use at least some of every fibre in your baggie and you must dye some of the fibre with the Kool Aid provided. You may also use additional fibres and dyes from your stash if you wish.

Fashion Show

On Sunday morning, we are pleased to offer our ever-amazing fashion show. Fashion show items may be made using any technique and fibre type. This event is a wonderful way to have your handspinning seen by your peers and to gain inspiration from others.

Scholarships

The Ontario Handspinning Seminar organization has developed two different scholarships; the Ontario Handspinner's Research Scholarship and the Re-Inspired Scholarship. Detailed information and application forms are available on the website. www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca/scholarship.html

The Handspinner's Research Scholarship: The Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc. has funds available for an annual Scholarship to be awarded and used for the exploration and development of new techniques, equipment and/or related research of interest to handspinners and dyers. A specific plan of study must be included with the application. Recipients are required to share the results of their experience with the participants of an Ontario Handspinning Seminar within three years of receipt of the scholarship. Those interested are encouraged to apply before the January 31st deadline.

Re-inspired Spinner Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to allow the individual to further their education and knowledge of handspinning in order to re-inspire them in their craft. This is to be accomplished by attending a workshop, class or course which pertains to spinning or dyeing handspun fibre or other related areas. A cash award of up to \$250.00 will be given to the successful applicant. The applicant must send their application to the Secretary of the Board of Directors at seminarsecretary@gmail.com by January 31st, a description of the intended course or workshop they would like to take and a description of what they hope to learn from it. The recipient is required to share the results of the experience with the participants of The Ontario Handspinning Seminar within two years of receipt of the scholarship. This can be done by a short oral presentation or visual display in a format in which they are comfortable.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website, or a print copy can be provided upon request by contacting the Board Secretary.

Legal Stuff

The Ontario Handspinning Seminar Inc. is not responsible for damage to or loss of personal property. We do take every precaution to protect your equipment and materials on display. Workshop and display rooms will be secured at all times when Seminar participants are not in attendance.

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