



Ontario Handspinning Seminar

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Convenors:** Beth Fisher, Sandra Jager, Lindsay McKeever

DATES: June 16 - 18, 2017

LOCATION: Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, Kingston ON

SEMINAR THEME: Our Past Inspiring Our Future: 150 Years of Spinning in Canada

Join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, in Canada's first capital city. The seminar committee is finalizing details for workshops, speakers and activities that will explore and honour the history of spinning, fibre, and tools used through the past 150 years across Canada. Whether you are learning about some of these topics for the first time, or rediscovering information, there is no doubt that you will find inspiration for new adventures with spinning.

Book your room early and enjoy a whole weekend of historical and patriotic fibre features under one roof.

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Mailing Changes...

In an effort to save on ever-increasing postage and printing charges, the Newsletter is now being sent out electronically. Everyone who has attended the seminar in the last 5 years will automatically receive the newsletter electronically if they are able. If you do not have a computer, or access to emails, don't worry we will continue to send you paper copies in the mail.

All documentation will also be available on the website www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca as soon as it is released.

Accommodations...

Once again we will be having everything in one great location. Once you arrive, you can relax until it is time to return home. A block of rooms has been set aside for our use at the Ambassador Hotel on Princess St. (3 km. From the 401; take exit #613 – Sydenham Rd.).

The hotel rooms are \$110.00 + taxes = \$128.03 per night. Please book your room early – these rooms will be held for us until May 17, 2017.

For reservations call **1-800-267-7880** or e-mail reservations@ambassadorhotel.com and mention that you are attending the **Ontario Handspinning Seminar** to receive the conference rate. Parking is free.

Seminar 2017 Registration...

E-mail notification will be sent when the Spring 2017 Newsletter (including workshop details and registration forms) is available online at www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca. The Spring Newsletter will be mailed out to those not able to receive email.

Vendor's Contact...

The sales area has easy access behind the building 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 Kim Bushby at bushbykim@gmail.com. Vendors from last year's Seminar will automatically receive an application. All accepted vendors will be listed on the Seminar website.

2016 Seminar Award Recognition...

Congratulations and thank you to all participants who brought skeins and finished items to share. It is inspiring to see so many creative options for our handspun. Thank you to our judges who carefully reviewed items submitted for judging, and provided feedback for the individual to consider. Several awards were decided by vote of seminar participants, and we all enjoyed the Fashion Show.

2016 Competition Winners:

Novice – 2 years or less spinning; Intermediate – 2- 5 years; Advanced – spinning more than 5 years

12 skeins were submitted for judging.

Novice 2ply	1 st Christine Hullenaar	2 nd Pam Aoki	
Novice Spindle Spun	1 st Nancy Wilcox		
Intermediate 2 ply	1 st Susan Reeder		
Advanced 2ply	1 st Kitt Fisher	2 nd Jessie MacGregor	3 rd Pat Jarvis
Advanced 3ply	1 st Pat Jarvis		
Novelty	1 st Kitt Fisher		
Advanced Spindle Spun	1 st Kitt Fisher	2 nd Ina Muller	

Special Projects

Garments: Novice 2nd - Pam Aoki; Intermed. 3rd - Susan Reeder; Advanced – Roslyn Darling- 1st, Pat Jarvis – 2nd, Eileen Land – 3rd

Accessories: Advanced – Jessie MacGregor – 1st

Other: Novice – Nancy Wilcox – 3rd

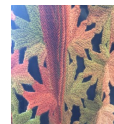
2016 Baggie Challenge Award - Betsy Walters



Created from the varied fibres provided in the 2015 baggie; chosen by participant voting.

2016 Founders Award - 100% handspun with a supported spindle; chosen by participant voting

Catharina Forbes
Also the HGA award



WOW award

Kitt Fisher – Tree of
Life Sweater

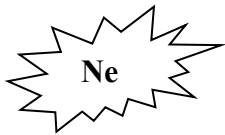
Showing and Sharing at the 2017 Seminar

2017 Baggie Challenge...

Start thinking about what you will create using last year's baggie challenge fibres. Bring your creation to the seminar and let us all see what you have made! A prize will be awarded for the best baggie challenge item (or skein) as voted by the attendees.

Here is last year's challenge again:

In your baggie, you found fibres from the workshops given in 2016. Play with them! **Your challenge** is to create a playful, unusual **item** or **skein** from the fibres given. You must use at least some of every fibre in your baggie. You may use additional fibres from your stash if you wish.



2017 Competition and Awards...

New this year, we are opting to **omit all competition** (except for the Founder's Award – chosen by seminar attendees' votes). We hope this will encourage each and every one of you to bring something you have created this past year to show us. No judgement—just an opportunity to see the creativity in each of us and to support each other's efforts.

We will still have a ballot for everyone to choose their favourite item in the display: the Founder's award! This award honours Edna Blackburn, Ted Carson and Dorothy Kirk who established the first Handspinning Seminar gathering in 1964. Participants vote, recognizing the best article on display made from 100% handspun.

As you ponder and explore spinning projects between now and June 16, 2017, set aside some items to share at the seminar. Participants will be asked to contribute no more than 1 item per category (4 categories for skeins and 3 for projects).

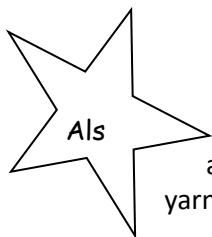
Skeins: There are 4 categories: 2 ply, 3 ply, novelty, spindle spun

Projects: Garments (sweaters, vests, jackets, shawls, etc);

Accessories (slippers, hats, socks, mittens, scarves, cowls etc.);

Other (dolls, tea cozies, placemats, decorative and household items etc.).

More specific details will be included in the Spring Newsletter and posted on the website.



Coach's Corner...

There will be an opportunity to sit down with an experienced spinner and get some feedback about a particular aspect of your spinning. What might you be interested in asking about? Novelty yarns? Singles? Plying? Effectively matching handspun to a project? More details to come...

2017 Fashion Show:

We expect this should be a highlight of the 2017 Seminar, since so many of you will be bringing your newly crafted items for display. You will be asked for details of your piece when you bring it in so that the announcer will be able to describe each piece fully.

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 (<http://ontariohandspinningseminar.weebly.com/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 2 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 to the 2017 Seminar Registrar, Elaine Horemans. (Address included in the header of this newsletter).

Looking ahead...

Book your accommodation. Follow along and join the conversations on FaceBook and Ravelry. Watch for details on the Handspinning Seminar website – including the Spring (April) Newsletter, workshop descriptions, registration forms etc.

We look forward to welcoming you June 16 – 18, 2017 in Kingston.

