

CBBAG - OTTAWA VALLEY

Minutes

January 14, 2015

Theme: Movie night

December's meeting did not take place, due to the weather

President

We were offered the possibility of changing rooms in which to hold our meetings. Next month, we will meet in the games room, upstairs, which is better equipped for our needs.

Policies and procedures will be coming in the next couple of months. Our annual report will be sent to National on January 15. The new CBBAG database has room for all active members to include things in their profiles. Another benefit of the automated system is that members can renew online.

The number of members in the Ottawa Valley Chapter stands at 51. This is defined by geographical settings, i.e. postal codes, and includes some members from the Outaouais.

Roxanne took care of a lot of email before Christmas, that was sent to the group's new email address. Since it proved to be so demanding, a roster of volunteers was sought, to take turns monitoring the account on a monthly basis. Roxanne, Holly, Spike and Susan Ross will take on this task.

National wants to know where CBBAG activities have been promoted. Roxanne has asked members to inform her.

Workshops

Recent workshops were paste paper and altered books, both of which were good. The next workshop, Wunderkammer, with Spike, will take place on 2 Saturdays in February.

Cristina reported that Victoria Cowan will be unable to come to Ottawa in May. Hence, we will see if we can get another workshop in that time. Gayle and Cristina will investigate. Martha Cole's fall workshop was discussed. Three topics are available, and the group chose "the painted book", which includes decorated textiles. This will be a 2 day workshop as well.

In the last workshop, one person dropped out because she got the supply list "too late". It was suggested that the supply list be included on Eventbrite, at the registration stage.

We had a letter from Natasha Hermann, who owns the Red Bone Bindery. She is offering a conference on books, suitable for academic and library audiences, and hopes that someone can find her a free venue. Roxanne will contact her.

E-newsletter

The e-newsletter has come out, and had only 3 submissions. Our envelope swap could be featured in the next issue. Anne will be at the February meeting.

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Study and teaching

Leonidas spoke about issues he has been having in trying to get lessons on book repair. National does not give lessons regularly, preferring that people go to Toronto for them, as the demand is not very high. Could someone look into this problem? Paper treatment for binders is normally offered in June, when the sun is hot.

Taking the one week course in Toronto is very expensive. There is a lack of demand for the higher levels of Bookbinding. We discussed having Bookbinding 2 in Ottawa, as several people are interested. Dan Messina travels and teaches, and is a possibility. Cristina will check it out.

Leonidas mentioned that teachers in other places, like Europe, need certification to teach. Such things as listing who is taking part in exhibitions, as well as in promotional material, could be useful. Could we get form letters from our Chapter verifying that we have taken certain workshops and classes?

Envelope swap

Gayle reminded those present about the swap. 21 envelopes are needed for next month. She and Steve handed out invitations to their home for a February get together.

Swag

The new tablecloth, sent courtesy of National, was on display and used at the meeting. Two aprons had been sent with the tablecloth. Spike will order more aprons, if requested, every 3 months. Or, if someone is going to be in Toronto, aprons could be obtained there. They are \$25, and are blue with white embroidered logos. The tablecloth is maroon.

Paper

Spike asked for input from members, with regard to ordering a good supply of paper. An order form will be sent out later, via Holly.

Show & tell

Gayle had a card from George Walker, as well as sheets of paper with butterflies and leaves in them. Lilian had new carvings. Spike showed secret Belgian binding and longstitch books she had made, in addition to the one made in Holly's altered books workshop. Paul had a new book with wooden covers, with a compass insert. Susan Ross had several issues of the serial *Biblio* to give away. Valerie had two books, one with paste paper and the other whose covers were decorated with leaves.

Program

The movie was the BBC's 4 part series *The Beauty of the book*. We watched *Illustrated Wonderlands*. It explored illustration in children's books, focusing on the 19th century. The best example is Lewis Carroll's *Alice in wonderland*.

Next Meeting

February 11. Ten years of Greyweathers Press and envelope swap

12 in attendance

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