

## **CBBAG-OV Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**December 9, 2015**

**Theme:** Holiday celebration and gift exchange

#### **Chair**

We are creating/revising procedures concerning our regular activities and are taking the opportunity to also writing the job descriptions for the executive members. These documents will be made available on our Google Drive to our executive. Our website is being updated: new pages have been created for past meetings and workshops – links are accessible respectively from the Meetings and Workshops. Our workshop descriptions are in fact images and therefore not text searchable. In order to maximize the visibility of our Website, their descriptions will be added as text. Only after the site has been fully revised will it be translated into French.

The online article, which Roxanne wrote, has had many views, reflected by the exceptional number of visits, 63 visitors on Dec 1, to our Website the day after the article was launched. The article has since been translated and is now available. It was suggested that Roxanne do another article when we have our Book Fair.

#### **Workshops**

Cross-structure binding, taught by Val Bridgeman, was very good. The sewn-board binding, to be taught on December 12, is fully booked. Cristina hopes to send the information for Bookbinding I soon. The workshop will take place over two three-day weekends. In January, Larry will be offering illustration engraving, a 2-day workshop. A number of people expressed interest in this.

#### **Exhibitions**

Contributions have been coming in for the Shenkman exhibition in February. Gayle has offered to go and pick up items, if necessary. A meeting will be held the last week of January, for producing labels, etc.

#### **Book Arts Show**

The Book Arts Show will be held on May 14, at the Glebe Community Centre. We will be getting funding from National, and the contract with the Glebe Community Centre has been signed. Volunteers are needed for the committee, as well as the day of. Larry, Spike and Josiane are working on the Show. It was suggested that they draw a list of tasks, which may encourage volunteers.

#### **Swap**

Tonight was to be the deadline for signing up for the swap but this will be extended till the end of December. The final list of participants will be announced in early January. Geneviève brought swaps from the archives, showing things previously exchanged.

### **Board Give Away**

Spike had packages of acid-free museum board to give away. These are leftovers from the National Gallery and are grain short. Thanks to Paul for the suggestion and for picking the remnants from the Gallery, and to Spike for getting them from him. A note about the museum board: it is highly absorbent and warps more than bookboard, but dries fairly fast.

### **Miscellaneous**

Money and children's books were collected for was collected for *Twice Upon a Time*. The books are distributed to families in need and the money used for transportation costs. *Twice Upon a Time* was created in 2014 and is not yet registered as a charitable organization, so will not issue tax receipts at this time. Gayle will contact them and report back to us about inviting them to our Fair.

### **Show and Tell**

Susan had a book with ribbon embroidery mounted on the cover. Spike had her examples from the cross-structural binding workshop. Spike, Paul and Val went to a workshop in Toronto, which featured Japanese stitch books and stab-bindings, ancient sewing methods for modern books. Stu Hill, who does paper cording, is willing to come to Ottawa to do a workshop.

Roxanne showed her book "Inspiration". 4 years in the making, it is the second in a series of 4 she is working on. This one has 19 drawings and text in both French and English.

Josiane had 2 books from Val's workshop, and work from a printmaking class with Deirdre, at the Ottawa School of Art. Madeleine showed her flag book, a "sweater book", that had been exhibited at the Stittsville Public Library. Geneviève had a perpetual calendar made with marbled paper.

### **Program**

Six people participated in the gift exchange, and John had things to sell. For the gift exchange, people sat in a circle, while Gayle read a story about a bookbinder and two elves. Participants were instructed to pass their package to the right or left, each time these words were mentioned in the story. Social time was jovial, with lots of treats to be enjoyed.

**Next meeting:** January 13, 2016

Theme: *Bookbinding adventures in Wales* with Paul Champion-Demers

18 in attendance

