

## **CBBAG - OTTAWA VALLEY**

### **Minutes**

September 14, 2016

**Theme:** 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration

#### **Chair**

Steve introduced himself and the other members of the executive committee, Spike, Susan, Wendy, Holly and Geneviève. He stressed the importance of member participation. We would like to hear of any ideas or interests that members might have, so that we can plan to fulfil them.

He listed the workshops for the next few months: September, Bookbinding 101, October, Basic pop-ups and November, Book sewn on tapes (German structure).

#### **Swap**

Gayle spoke about this year's swap. Two dates are important, the first being when the work is ready to be shared, and the second for the presentation of the bound/housed collection. Gayle's idea was recipe books. Holly asked if it had to be related to food. The answer was no. Another question was whether recipe cards or signatures would be the format. More options exist for binding works on cards, such as boxes or accordion structures.

The idea of acknowledging Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was suggested. Plants as a theme was brought up. Gayle will send out an email for people to vote on. By the end of October, we will know what the theme will be.

#### **Online Exhibition**

The exhibition has been set up. A minimum number of 15 people is required in order to make it a go. The theme is celebrating bookbinding in Ottawa in the last 10 years. Participants can take pictures, send them in, and then be guided by the creators of the site. It is a database we can build on. Submissions can be made in either French or English. This can lead to the writing of articles and showing work from workshops.

#### **October Program**

Julie confirmed that the Chapter will be able to visit the exhibit at the University of Ottawa's Library. Some parking is available, and information about this will be forthcoming. The meeting will begin as usual at the Sandy Hill Community Centre, for the business portion. Then, we will walk to the Library.

Steve pointed out that people at meetings do not need to be members of CBBAG (National), however, it is well worth it to join.

#### **Small Press Book Fair**

This fall, the Fair will take place on November 26, at the Jack Purcell Community Centre. Do we want to participate? Do demos? Sell things? Steve indicated he would book a table, and asked people to let him know if they were interested in participating.

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## **Book Arts Show**

Spike informed the group that we made a profit of \$1294 from May's Book Arts Show.

We discussed whether the show should be held every year. It takes a lot of manpower, and vendors need to be there. Larry mentioned that holding it annually keeps the momentum going, and they get easier to run, if the venue is good. Discussion will continue.

## **Bookbinding 101**

There were 11 students in this class, and six more on a waiting list. It was very successful. Spike will probably do another class for those on the waiting list. It seems likely that Bookbinding I will be held this year.

## **Facebook Page**

Holly mentioned the Chapter's Facebook page. It is a great way to share what people are working on.

## **Studio Tours**

Flyers were passed out highlighting the tour in Merrickville, which will take place September 24-25 and October 1-2. In addition, the West End Studio Tour will take place September 17-18 and 24-25.

## **Door Prizes**

Gayle had two door prizes, some book cloth and some paper. The winners were Roxanne and Béatrice.

## **Show and Tell**

Susan showed her seasons book and the copy she had made of it, as well as a split board bound book. Hugh Barclay had 2 books, with one in progress, entitled Hsin. Paul had printed something from the internet, and then had bound it. Over the summer, Madeleine had visited a paper maker in eastern Québec. She also mentioned a 3 day workshop on making Jacob's ladders.

Béatrice had the 10 sheets of paper drawn at the Book Arts Show, celebrating our anniversary. She requires 10 more, and would like to bind them. People were invited to take sheets, and then return them at the next meeting. Paul Champion-Demers had more samples of his books, where he had added gilding, illustrations and engraving. Geneviève showed the beadwork she wanted to put on a book's cover.

## **Celebration**

The group enjoyed a delicious banana cake made by Mary.

## **Next Meeting**

October 12, visiting the exhibition at the University of Ottawa Library

22 in attendance