

CBBAG - OTTAWA VALLEY

Minutes

May 10, 2017

Theme: Recipe card swap

Chair

Steve mentioned the June 3 event that takes place annually in Manotick, Dickinson Days. Lunch is included for people manning the tables. It is a good opportunity to recruit new members, and let people know about CBBAG. Lots of children come to see the demos. If anyone is interested, please let Steve know by Friday. On June 24, the Small Press Book Fair will take place at the Jack Purcell Community Centre, from noon to 5 pm. Steve has booked a table already. For the last few years, he has been attending this Fair. It will include demos, and will be a good way to advertise our workshops. Many older people visit this Fair.

Wendy spoke about the Ottawa International Writers Festival. We are too late to be included in this, but maybe next year. The Festival takes place in several venues over a number of weeks. It would be desirable to get our Book Arts Show in their calendar. Their interest is in the written book, and they have different kinds of events. Many book artists are also poets and writers. Authors may be interested in making their own books.

Our next meeting is our AGM. Workshops and programs need to be planned for the coming year. The workshop committee, namely Spike and Wendy, will get together in the next 30 days. Ideas need to be presented at the next meeting. We should ask Holly to send out a reminder on the website, that ideas are wanted.

Steve asked Spike, Susan and Wendy if they would be continuing in their present jobs. Affirmative. Thus, no executive changes were needed.

Again a reminder about the Shenkman exhibit this fall, celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary. Ideally, all submissions will be handed in by the September meeting. Books and boxes are welcome, as well as items that have been exhibited previously and swaps. Gayle is willing to accept things at any time (before October).

Treasurer

The bank account is healthy, with a balance of \$10,000.

Workshops

Bookbinding 3 has six people registered. There are seven signed up for Dan's workshop on album structures.

The bookmarks session, that was planned for Saturday, May 13, will not go ahead. Spike was the only one who had signed up. There was some confusion about the free event. Even if it is "free", people still have to register on Eventbrite. It is likely that the message did not go out early enough, and did not give people enough notice. There is interest in Hugh's bookmark session set for May 20, in Kingston. Members can still create bookmarks at home, however, and then bring them to the AGM. The goal is to hand out the bookmarks over the summer. We will have a stamp with the CBBAG logo on it, which can be stamped on

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the bookmarks.

Roxanne spoke about the workshop she gave in French, to printmakers in Hull. Seven people participated. It was well received, and was similar to Bookbinding One, which runs each September. Deidre attended, and showed 3 of the books she made. Four books were made altogether.

Programs

Two programs that Wendy had hoped would go ahead were making bookmarks and creating books with items picked up on a "walk around the block". Perhaps they could go into next year's program list.

Wayzgoose

Several members, Spike, Nancy French, Larry, Steve, Gayle and Hugh Barclay, were at the book arts show and sale this year, which was well attended. Gayle showed one of the two copies of the Wayzgoose anthology she received, that are given to each person who contributes a signature. 115 copies of the signatures need to be sent to the organizers by mail in advance of the show.

Show and Tell

Madeleine went to a marbling workshop with Nancy French at the School of Art and made at least 20 sheets, which were beautiful. She went on the trip to Montreal last month, organized by the Ottawa Gatineau Printmakers Connective, to attend the exhibition, celebrating the 375th anniversary of the city. The exhibition runs until June 4. Madeleine passed around two copies of a journal, Le bulletin de l'AQRAL (Association québécoise des relieures et des artistes du livre).

Paul had a book made with alum tawed thongs and cloth. He wondered if anyone would be interested in taking a workshop to learn how to make these books. Nancy French said she was interested.

Kelly Moore spoke about her visit to Athens, and her friend, Dmitri, who makes tools with fine wooden handles. He has proposed making tools for us. If we submit a joint order, we could benefit from discounted prices. If interested, contact Kelly. We could send a notice about this, with pictures, to Holly for the website. The tools could be made over the summer.

Wendy showed the bookmarks she had made, with the condition that she use only left over bits from her stash. Some bookmarks were made with natural dyes, and some with backings to make them less flexible. Others had lattice designs and some were stitched.

Steve passed out copies of his annual mini book, based on the BBC series, Victoria.

Program

Not all participants were present, however, those who were there showed what they had designed. Designs included accordions, secret Belgian binding, file folders, portfolios and a carousel. Madeleine made hers fit into a piece of cake. Decorated dryer sheets were used in Beatrice's portfolio. Steve's was an Italian bolt book. Paul used wooden veneer on boards for his binding. We agreed that red and checkerboard patterns automatically made one think of recipe books.

Next Meeting June 14, AGM

17 in attendance

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