



**Volunteer Association
Textile Museum of Canada**

Volunteer Committee Meeting April 2, 2014

Meeting came to order at 4 pm.

Present: Susan Singh, Temma Gentles, Julia Bryant, Vickie Grant, Helen Kirkby, Lynne Lee, Isabel Ward, Arlette Schulman, Bev Moffatt, Pam Craig, Elizabeth Harrison, Laura Brocklebank

Regrets: Angela Kryhul, Liz Jenner, Sandra Kuzniak, Sheila Thompson, Susan Helwig

Adoption of Agenda and Acceptance of the March Minutes

- Moved by Julia Bryant; seconded by Vicki Grant

Treasurer's Report (Temma Gentles)

- The current financial balance was discussed
- Books are being prepared for audit and year end
- Books will be transitioned to the incoming treasurer

Correspondence

- A sympathy card will be sent to the family of Juliet Sheldon. A long and avid volunteer at the Museum, Juliet died on March 29, 2014.

Chair Report

- A booth was staffed at Bowmore School, raising an amount of money for the Museum. Information about the museum was also provided.
- The amount of money raised in the past year through the Sashiko Project was discussed
- The museum has begun to implement the approved policy regarding membership fees.... if appropriate, a prospective volunteer will be offered the option of delaying membership for three months or until probation is completed.

Business Arising

- Agenda for AGM finalized. Curators and Susan Fohr will be asked to speak as well a Board Member
- Volunteer Awards will be given to Andrea Diplock, Nancy Dillow and Beryl King for their longstanding activities to support the museum and manage the growth and development of the Yardage Sale.
- Candidates for election include Elizabeth Harrison for Treasurer and Lynne Lee as Secretary.
- Each Committee Representative will provide a short report
- Aprons will be constructed for use by volunteers at the Yardage Sale. Project to be led by Susan Singh, Pam Craig and Temma Gentles.

Representative and Committee Reports

Strand News

- Continues to highlight the ongoing activities of the volunteers, including pictures of the dismantling of the Guatemalan exhibit

Education (Julia Bryant)

- March Break activities were well attended and successful. The workshop by Jerome Havre to make soft sculptures in one's own likeness was well received and will be repeated.
- March was a busy month for school bookings with a broad diversity of participants including the Arctic College of Nunavut, OCADU, George Brown College, CNIB, kindergarteners, day care children, visual arts students and an entrepreneurship program for newcomer women.

Docents (Isabel Ward)

- The docents led three adult tours during March in addition to the regular Sunday tours. Each Sunday tour averaged 5-6 visitors. The exhibit Fictions and Legends has been extended until April 23 and will be replaced with Fashioning the Intangible which focuses on the use of modern technology in fashion design. Telling Stories, in the permanent gallery, has been extended until Sept. 1. The exhibit From Geisha to Diva is proving to be fairly popular with visitors.
- Two new docents have recently joined the group and have begun to attend meetings.

Human Resources (Susan Singh)

- One application is in process

Library (Vickie Grant)

- Thirty-four library contacts occurred in March
- Staffing of the library has been improved with the addition of two new volunteers who are being trained.
- Work continues on the de-accession process and pricing books for the yardage sale.

Shop (Helen Kirkby)

- Inventory occurred April 1 using a new technological process. Fewer volunteers are needed.
- The Shop is open to new items produced by volunteers and continues to look at other venues to sell product and increase the visibility of the museum.

Reception (Bev Moffatt)

- Front Desk coverage for three upcoming special events has been scheduled.

Fourth Floor (Arlette Schulman)

- Are preparing for the Carpet Collection Exhibition
- Work has begun to organize the European Collection shelves
- Archeological textiles continue to be preserved and documented
- Continue to pull textiles and artifacts for viewing

Yardage Sale (Liz Jenner)

- Preparation for this sale continues. The workroom is operating at full capacity.
- Publicity has begun.
- Twitter and Facebook accounts have been established and are actively being followed

Next Meetings

Annual General Meeting April 30
June 4, 2014