



**Volunteer Association
Textile Museum of Canada**

Volunteer Committee Meeting February 12, 2014

Meeting came to order at 4 pm.

Present: Susan Singh, Temma Gentles, Julia Bryant, Vickie Grant, Helen Kirkby, Liz Jenner, Lynne Lee, Isabel Ward, Arlette Schulman, Bev Moffatt

Regrets: Angela Kryhul, Laura Brocklebank, Sandra Kuzniak, Sheila Thompson, Susan Helwig, Pam Craig

Treasurers Report (Temma Gentles)

- The income from the Textile Treasures sales was detailed
- The current financial balance of the Volunteer Association bank account was detailed
- An amount of money was provided to the Museum following the FLOC sale.

New Business

Wide Open Wednesdays

- Sashiko will be the focus of Wide Open Wednesdays on February 19. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to learn this skill. It is being done in conjunction with the Kimono exhibit.

Strategic Plan

- The Strategic Plan developed by the Board of the Museum in preparation for the upcoming review of the goals and objectives developed previously
- discussion centred around the role of the volunteer and how best to focus our activities to support those established by the Museum itself
- A compilation of the committee's comments on the Museum's mission and goals will be revised and circulated for further comment, then shared with the Executive Director and Chair of the Board and subsequently to focus volunteer input into the process.

Representative and Committee Reports

Strand News

Continues to highlight the ongoing activities of the volunteers

Docents (Isabel Ward)

Docents have resumed regular twice-monthly meetings after the holiday break. Several booked tours are being given during February as well as the regular Sunday tours. A session was held in January on textile fibres and weaving.

Education (Julia Bryant)

School visits continue with students from a broad spectrum of the educational experience.

Human Resources (Susan Singh)

Five interviews were completed with two new volunteers being placed with the docents and at reception. Membership with the museum remains a barrier for prospective volunteers. Further discussion is required to come up with a strategy to address this issue. A subcommittee (Susan Singh, Lynne Lee) will examine issue and report back.

Library (Vickie Grant)

Thirty library contacts occurred in January. Changes to the setup of the library have been made to highlight books and materials related to the current exhibitions. Continue to identify ways for the library to be helpful. Issue was raised regarding the maintenance and ongoing currency of the Library. Without funds or infrastructure supports from the museum, ongoing operation is difficult. Further discussion regarding this issue is required.

Shop (Helen Kirkby)

Provided with a showing of current items in the shop. February sale of scarves and jewellery is on until February 14. Inventory will occur March 31. Discussions will occur with June to see if volunteers are required to assist.

Fourth Floor (Arlette Schulman)

The ongoing activities continue. Exhibits are taken down, rugs, shawls and quilts have been rolled and stored. Space is limited which is making the work of this group challenging. Focus will begin with the Canadian cupboard.

Reception (Bev Moffatt)

The Reception Manual is being updated. A training process is being established for reception volunteers.

Yardage Sale (Liz Jenner)

Preparation for this sale has begun. The workroom is operating at full capacity. Consideration of changing the name of the sale was discussed. A contest to rename the sale will be considered.

Next Meetings of the Volunteer Committee: March 5, April 2, 2014

Annual General Meeting April 30