



**Volunteer Association
Textile Museum of Canada**

Volunteer Committee Meeting June 12, 2013

Present: Lynne Lee, Julia Bryant, Susan Singh, Andrea Diplock, Isabel Ward, Vickie Grant, Angela Kryhul, Laura Brocklebank, Susan Helwig, Temma Gentles, Sandra Kuzniak

Regrets: Christina Kim, Helen Kirkby, Arlette Schulman, Sheila Thompson, Pam Craig

Chair Report (*Susan Singh*)

Susan outlined her goals for the year. Communication on all levels has been identified including with the museum and board, and with and between volunteers. Specific activities include setting up dedicated email accounts for the chair, better communication regarding events, updated handbook, including orientation session.

Treasurer's Report (*Temma Gentles*)

Request was made that all funds being delivered to the Treasurer be clearly marked.

New Business

Sashiko Project

Funds were raised through the sale of cards, blocks and kits. Workshops have begun once more. As current stock is depleted, additional cards and kits will be produced for sale in the shop. Postcards and a large card of the whole quilt is in production. To support these fundraising efforts, a request was approved for \$600 to offset costs of producing Sashiko related items.

John Alexander Event: A celebration for John's retirement will be held in September.

Yardage Sale Thank You Celebration: To be held June 25 at 401 Richmond

Recipients of Volunteer of the Year Awards:

Vickie Grant is compiling a list of the Volunteer of the Year award recipients. The list so far includes:

2008 Maurie Todd

2010 Joan Johnson

2011 Kathy Patterson, Beverly Baird Lane

2012 Barbara Rose, Connie Wente

2013 Nell Coleman, Angela Kryhul

Others: Anne Angus, Nancy Dillow

Orientation and Welcoming Review

Meetings are ongoing with a report back to the Volunteer Association in the fall

Communication

- Any requests for information should go through the coordinators; access to individual email addresses or other contact information is confidential.
- Communication will become a standing item at future meeting

Representative and Committee Reports

Strand News (Angela Kryhul)

- Several good contributions were made over the last month
- Ongoing contributions are welcomed

Docents (Isabel Ward)

- Tour numbers were up considerably during the Sept. to June period, but dropped noticeably with the end of the Marimekko exhibit
- This fall, meetings with docents are expected to occur once a month; meetings with the educators and Susan Fohr will occur as appropriate

Educators (Julia Bryant)

- School bookings were up in May and June
- The Wednesday afternoon drop-in, from 1-4 pm, will occur throughout July and August
- Received a demonstration using the blackstrap looms
- Monthly volunteer/docent meetings will resume in September

Human Resources (Laura Brocklebank)

- Two prospective volunteers have been interviewed; currently there are 20 applications
- Examination of strategies to establish a more efficient way to process applications is underway. Technological solutions will be discussed with the museum.

Library (Vickie Grant)

- April and May were spent sorting for the Yardage Sale. Thirty boxes of books and magazines were processed
- Books not sold will be donated to the Toronto Public Library
- A book in memory of Carol-ann Castleman will be purchased for the library

Shop (Helen Kirkby)

No report

Fourth Floor (Arlette Schulman)

No report. Work on the Guatemalan exhibit continues

Yardage Sale (Andrea Diplock)

- The Yardage Sale was a great success. Revenue was up over previous years.
- 120 individuals contributed their efforts, including 60 volunteers
- The use of the second floor for beads, books and buttons was successful and should be repeated with the proviso that shoppers need to be reminded that the sale continues in the museum
- Responsibility for future Yardage Sales has been split to reflect specific foci:

Overall Coordination: Liz Jenner

Workroom Coordination: Pat Steenbergen

Publicity: Susan Singh

- Feedback from the sale has been positive. Questions for consideration include:
 - use of the second floor
 - provision of lunch and/or healthy snacks
 - how best to deal with scrap fabric
 - dealing with cash – fewer/more cashiers especially on Saturday
 - possibility of sorting decorator fabric at 401
 - name of sale; would simplifying the name assist with publicity?
 - consideration of increased signage regarding the location of items for sale

For the Love of Cloth (Susan Helwig)

- Planning for this sale is underway; work will begin in August
- Discussion regarding a change of venue is occurring
- A co-ordinator for next year's sale is needed!

Next Meeting of the Volunteer Committee: September 4, 2013, 4:30 pm