



**Volunteer Association
Textile Museum of Canada**

Volunteer Committee Meeting April 3, 2013

Present: Pam Craig, Lynne Lee, Helen Kirkby, Julia Bryant, Sheila Thompson, Susan Singh, Isabel Ward, Arlette Shulman, Vickie Grant, Angela Kryhul, Laura Brocklebank

Regrets: Andrea Diplock, Susan Helwig, Maurie Todd, Christina Kim, Temma Gentles

Chair Report (Pam Craig)

Treasurer's Report

The total amount of money raised in the just-completed fiscal year increased over the previous year due, in part to the additional workroom and George Brown College sales as well as the income from the Sashiko project.

New Business

TMC Volunteers' Annual General Meeting

- Shauna McCabe has agreed to speak at the AGM on May 1, 2013
- Natalia and Roxanne will be asked to share pieces from the collection
- Volunteers of the Year were identified as Nell Coleman for her work on the Sashiko project and Angela Kryhul for her development of Strand News
- A list of previous Volunteers of the Year will be compiled by Vickie Grant
- At the meeting, the position of Chair will be confirmed. A vice-chair is still required

Representative and Committee Reports

Strand News (Angela Kryhul)

- A reminder will be sent via Strand News asking volunteers to continue to report the hours spent on Volunteer activities

Docents (Isabel Ward)

- February and March were the busiest two months for several years. Ten adult tours were led during these two months. The majority of these tours requested only the Marimekko exhibit.

Educators (Julia Bryant)

- March was a busy month. Fibrespace was staffed by volunteers every afternoon during March break – March 8th to 17th from 1.00 – 4.00 – and the program was well attended. Over the course of the week we had 85 children and their caregivers participate in our hands-on program.
- Shawn provided a training session for the educators and docents on using the tablets – a follow-up session will be held in April.
- 5 educators continue to meet with Susan to work on the activity boxes, including making samples to demonstrate various craft techniques, including knitting, weaving, cross-stitch and various forms of embellishments.

Human Resources (Laura Brocklebank)

- Outreach to prospective volunteers continues and interviews are taking place
- Volunteers have been placed in the shop and with the educators and docents
- Volunteers continue to be needed for the docents, in the shop, at the front desk and to assist the treasurer
- Our need for volunteers has been posted on the Toronto Arts Network

Library (Vickie Grant)

- March was busy with 47 patrons visiting the library. Of these, 23 were University of Toronto students doing individual research study.
- Books are being priced for the Yardage Sale

Shop (Helen Kirkby)

- Inventory was successfully completed
- Sales are up 18% for the year
- The computer has been installed in the shop

Fourth Floor (Arlette Schulman)

- The shelves at the end of the Permanent Gallery have been changed to complement Natalia's show "Shine".
- 50 pieces of lace from our lace collection were pulled for viewing by a group of lace makers in first week of April.
- Artifacts were mounted during the month of February, and right up to the last minute in March for the show "Shine"

Yardage Sale (Andrea Diplock)

- Plans are well in place for the Yardage Sale: the tents, security company and trucks have been reserved; the parking lot has been secured. The museum will hopefully book the garage from the condo closer to the date of the sale.

- There will be a meeting next week of all of the “heads” involved in the sale (i.e. staffing, publicity and hospitality). Specific plans for this year’s sale will be developed.
- At the upcoming annual meeting, the report on last year’s sale should be included among “Fund Raising Efforts” MTJAYS is one of many events now.

Next Meeting of the Volunteer Committee: May 1, 2013, 4:30 pm