



THE CRAFTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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"CRAFT CONTACTS" - APRIL 1976

OFFICE HOURS - 9:30 - 4:30

"UPSTAIRS GALLERY - 9:30 - 4:30

EDITORIAL: Festival Habitat will be an attraction for everyone coming to the Vancouver area from May 27th to July 5th. The program includes theatre performances, music in the street, Habitat Craft Festival (more info in this letter), art shows and concerts. The plan is a four week festival. If successful will happen again next year.

Frances Hatfield has sent a "letter to the editor" - herewith reprinted. "I have been giving some thought to the relationship of the CABC to the serious craftspeople of B.C. The newsletter, office and new "Upstairs Gallery" are all good, positive steps for greater growth. Is there any other direction for growth? Would it be possible to lease a large, serviced (light, heat etc.) space in a fairly central, lower mainland location as a work space? Then ask funding of the B.C. Cultural Fund or the Canada Council or the Canadian Craftsmen's Assn. of Ottawa for specialists equipment for the several major craft areas. This space with equipment could then be rented out to professional or serious craftspeople for specific periods to give them the kind of large scale space all too often sadly lacking in their private studios, in which to carry out larger works, projects on commissions. I believe the availability of such a space would encourage and result in large scale and innovative works which are seldom produced at present; and also serve to draw in craftspeople from various points within B.C., thus providing a cross-fertilization of ideas and generating knowledge and understanding of the craftspeople and their scene throughout our entire region. Have other people got ideas to contribute on this matter?"

REPORTS, REVIEWS, REQUESTS:

- Habitat submissions are now juried, 55 pieces out of 179 were accepted. A resource centre will be set up to include a reading area, presentations from local craft supply shops, information about courses, exhibits etc. and a map showing where studios and workshops are available.
- Billeting - this includes space for tents, mattresses or any extra area in a home is welcome to the billeting committee. As well bed and board if possible, but not necessary. Most crafts persons will be involved with the fair and will only need a place to crash! Please contact office at (604) 669-8021 (601 West Cordova Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1G1).
- Another call from the committee is for "booth sitters" while crafts-person is demonstrating. Volunteers needed for one hour mostly between

11:30 am to 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
Please contact office at above listed phone and address.

- Another Habitat project is "Habitat Forum" at Jericho in Vancouver. Volunteers are welcome anytime for carpentry, landscaping, sewing, office work and general clean-up. If you can help phone(604) 732-8856 (Vancouver).

- CABC office would be interested to know if any craftserson got a response from CABC participation in the March Gift Show through the Commission's Registry list.

- Romni Wools has moved across the street on 10th Avenue into a larger and attractive premise. Linda Franklin has some new and innovative supplies for fabric artists.

- Fraser Valley College in Abbotsford is sponsoring a Women's Festival May 28th and 29th, 1976. Women from all over the Fraser Valley are invited to attend workshops, view displays and demonstrations and join in on music, theatre and dancing during the day and a half event. Major themes will be "Women and Achievement", "Women and Creativity" and "Women and Relationships". Women artists and craftsersons from the Valley area who would like to display their work, demonstrate their skills or give a short workshop in their speciality are encourage to contact "Women's Festival", Margaretha Hoek, Fraser Valley College, 34194 Marshall Road, Abbotsford, B.C. phone 853-7441.

WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

April 23 - May 5 Place des Arts, 166 King Edward St.
Coquitlam, B.C. "FIBRES" by Sue Adair.
May 1 - 5 OKANAGAN IMAGE - Visual arts - crafts, paintings, prints and sculpture. Show in Kelowna.

May 1 - 2 JEAN RAY LAURY, quilt and applique workshop at Abertau, 4397 West 2nd Ave. On the 1st there will be a public lecture at the Centennial Museum by Ms. Laury. Registration through Continuing Ed. UBC V6J 1W5

May 3 - 6 Malaspina College & Nanaimo Arts Council's 2nd Annual Crafts Exhibition at Credit Union Hall, Nanaimo.

May 3 - June 26 Handcraft House Brochure available for classes.

To May 9 Student's Pottery and Glass Show, Burnaby Art Centre. College students from throughout Canada, selected work includes pieces from Malaspina College and Douglas College.

May 7 - 9 "CHAUTAUQUA" 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Friday and Saturday. 12:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday.

Fraser Valley College, Yale Road West in Chilliwack. This is a festival of arts and crafts, free admission. The display and sale includes fabric arts, visual arts, leather, blacksmithing and woodworking.

HERITAGE CRAFT GUILD presents a "MAY FAIR" at 2611 West 4th Avenue from 12 noon to 10 pm. For further info call 879-5578 or 732-5650.

May 14 - 16

- May 11 - 28 DAVID TORESDAHL - Raku and drawings. Handcraft House ft. Esplanada, North Vancouver. Opening 7:30 pm on the 11th.
- May 22 EAST KOOTENAY ARTS CO-OP - "Arts and Crafts Fair" from 10 am to 6 pm in the Community Centre at Invermere. For entries write Robin Yeo, Box 331, Invermere, B.C. V0A 1K0 or phone (604) 342-9505.
- May 21 - 24 HANDCRAFT HOUSE sponsors "David Toresdahl" raku workshop in Surrey. Phone 988-6912 for registration (fee \$45.00)
- May 24 - June 6 "B.C. CERAMICS" - Centennial Museum, Vanc. sponsors Potters Guild of B.C. All new pieces.
- End of May Week-end workshop on oxidation glazing with Hiro Urakami of the House of Ceramics in Kelowna. For further info write Mrs. J.H. Macmillan, Bennett Road, R.R. 1, McKinley Landing, B.C.
- June 4 - 6 Juried Craft Show, Echo Centre, PORT ALBERNI Entry only for P.A. people. Write Elspeth Watson, R.R. 1, Chapman Road, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7L5
- June 14 - 25 and there after - lots of spinning-dyeing-workshops. Contact Lillian Johnson, The Wool Shed, Box 2, Fulford Harbour, Saltspring, Island, B.C.
- June 19 Alberni Valley Crafts Fair - 11 am to 7 pm. Write to Penny Levesque, General Delivery, Port Alberni for information.
- June 25 - 27 Arts Alliance Fair, Lewis Park, Courtenay. For entry forms write "ARTS ALLIANCE", 907 McPhee Ave., Courtenay (604) 338-6211. Booths available.
- June to September School of High Warp Tapestry. Contact HOP-YARD HOUSE, Box 516, Agassiz, B.C. 796-9319.
- September 10 - 14 INDIAN SUMMER ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL '76 at Marietta College, Ohio. Slide juried. 10, booths, entries due no later than July 18. Professional and amateur categories. Prizes. Craftspersons doing original handcrafted work in all media are invited to enter.
- Write to Arthur Howard Winer, Director, Indian Summer Festival '76, Mariette College, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

UPSTAIRS GALLERY

Now to June 18 Delvina Field, Truus Scott, Robert Polinsky and Charlotte Trende, "ARCHITECTURAL WALL-HANGINGS".

SPECIAL ITEM:

- The March-April issue of West World has an interesting article dealing with the pros and cons of local versus imported wool fleeces for use by fabric craftspersons. Written by Rhody Lake a freelance writer, the article goes in depth into the "lost" Market in B.C. for local sheep farmers. The encour-

agement to grow sheep for wool rather than meat is lessened by lack of tariff regulations against raw wool imports and absence of government incentive programs. At present B.C. wool is stored or burnt. Many are reluctant to ship wool for a price which barely pays the cost of shearing, let alone shipping rates. But handcraft weavers and spinners use a greater amount of wool than ever, and the popular fleece used is from New Zealand. One of the main reasons for its popularity is the fact that New Zealand wool is skirted at shearing time, leaving the fleece fairly clean. This is not done in B.C. and therefore is much harder to use. Careless breeding also make for poor wool in Canada, there is a lack of uniformity in wool grading. In contrast to the 45 million sheep in New Zealand, Canada has about 500,000 sheep and because of heavy competition many breeders are going out of business. But on Vancouver Island the breeders have formed an association and are selling most of their wool through commercial outlets. Also many fabric artists and craftspeople are beginning to prefer local wool (lower costs and shorter curl, making it easier to card and spin) and are beginning to use it more than before. As wool has many health advantages for the user it is slowly becoming more popular than the synthetic fibers which were used extensively a few years ago. The article is called "Fleece Market".

CLASSIFIED:

"EASY LIVING DESIGN"- Rebecca Davies is interested in selling handcrafted household items, particularly kitchenware. Please call 738-0531.

"COQUITLAM CRAFTS"- Supplies for weaving, spinning, macrame, batik, candle and beadcraft. Leclerc looms, drumcarders, spinners, local and imported wool. Mail orders filled. 946 B Brunette Ave. Coquitlam, B.C. 522-1111.

"JEAN BURT" - Quilting teacher available for summer courses. Box 466, Fruitvale, B.C. V0G 1L0.

"WEAVER'S LOFT"- 1021 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1X6, phone (604) 388-6306. Come and weave at Lilly Bohlin's internationally-known weaving school. Workshops are offered the year round. All aspects of weaving are explored as well as spinning and design. We have a retail and mail-order yarn service featuring Scandinavian Yarns and beautiful Finnish linens in a fantastic array of colours. Visitors are welcome.

"ROMNI WOOLS LTD."- Come in and see: Romni Wools sunny new location at 3779 West 10th Ave. We are now well-stocked with coloured raw fleece and carded wools, from England and New Zealand; Black "Welsh Mountain" fleece special! Top quality drum carders and spinning wheels. Our new studio is operating with various classes. Spinning wheels and drum carders are for rent by-the-hour. Phone: 224-7416

"ROMNI WOOLS LTD."- "From Wales" - Black Mountain and Raydnor fleece has arrived. Beautiful grays and blacks, \$2.50-\$2.95 a pound.

"HANDCRAFT HOUSE" - 110 W. Esplanada, North Vancouver, B.C., 988-6912. Introducing "The Colonial". This new loom is in solid white maple, oil-finished, \$560.10. Limited number in stock. 45", 4-harness - converts to 8. Overhead beater. Jack-type, can convert to counterbalance. Chargex and Mastercharge.

Teachers Summer Classes begin July 5th, \$50.00 for 2-week sessions, attending every day. Write for information.

"B.C. CRAFT MARKET"- 214 Abbott Street, Gastown. Store composed of 10-36 sq. ft. displays each catering to unique B.C. craft. Require 10 craftspeople interested in marketing their goods. Each display will rent

for \$35.00 a month. Goods to be priced at normal retail. 30% commission will be charged to pay expenses including 2 salespersons. Craftspeople not required to be in attendance. For further info call 688-7036.

KENT ARTS COUNCIL - P.O. Box 502, AGASSIZ, B.C. VOM 1A0

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS CRAFT MARKET

July 14 to August 17, 1976.

The Kent Arts Council invites you to participate in the Harrison Hot Springs Craft Market to be held in conjunction with the annual Harrison Summer Stock Theatre, a presentation directed by Mrs. Jane Logie. Its success was a highlight of the Harrison Season in 1975.

The market will be located in the Harrison Community Hall directly across from the main public beach which attracts many visitors. The Revue will be held in the same hall each night for a month, and will be an attention-getter to a large audience.

Space for five booths will be available, and use of the booths will be divided into ten sessions of three days each at a charge of \$5.00 per three-day session. Booths will be fully constructed before your arrival and will be approximately eight feet by twelve feet in size. Participants are encouraged to provide extra decorations such as plants, shrubs, etc. Two lighting outlets per booth will be provided.

The fair and revue will be extensively publicized and interested participants are urged to apply immediately to be included in the promotions material.

The community hall will be open daily during the festival period from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It will re-open from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (showtime). Booth will be secured during off hours, but it is recommended that exhibitors obtain a floater policy on display items. Short term policies are inexpensive and good protection.

SESSIONS:

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| 1. July 15, 16 and 17 | 6. July 30, 31 and August 1 |
| 2. July 18, 19 and 20 | 7. August 2, 3 and 4 |
| 3. July 21, 22 and 23 | 8. August 5, 6 and 7 |
| 4. July 24, 25 and 26 | 9. August 8, 9 and 10 |
| 5. July 27, 28 and 29 | 10. August 11, 12 and 13 |

In addition to the \$5.00 session charge a 10% commission will be charged on all sales.

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