



**Volunteer Association  
Textile Museum of Canada**

**Volunteer Committee Meeting November 18, 2013**

**Present:** Susan Singh, Sandra Kuzniak, Julia Bryant, Arlette Schulman, Isabel Ward, Helen Kirby, Vickie Grant, Laura Brocklebank, Lynne Lee, Elizabeth Harrison

**Regrets:** Susan Helwig, Temma Gentles, Sheila Thompson, Pam Craig, Angela Kryhul, Talieh Farahanirad

**Chair Report (*Susan Singh*)**

- There are currently 105 active volunteers
- Processes have been established by the museum to accurately identify active volunteers eligible for volunteer benefits
- The Volunteer Connect meeting is occurring at the AGO to discuss structuring volunteer involvement
- December 14 sale at 401 will feature remainders and new items
- The Revised Volunteer Handbook was approved and will be shared at the Volunteer Appreciation Day.

**Highlights of the Museum Board Meeting (Sandra Kuzniak)**

- The rent increase at 401 has been approved by the Museum Board of Directors
- The Volunteer Appreciation evening will be held in February at Scotiabank
- June Lee has been appointed as the permanent Shop Manager
- The Museum is negotiating the acquisition of a collection of Navajo Rugs
- The items available through Redesign were great and did well

**Treasurer's Report (*Temma Gentles*)**

- An amount of money was provided to the Museum
- Income from FLOC and the Creativ Festival were detailed

## **New Business**

Volunteer Appreciation Day and Orientation:

Pat Neal attended to outline the events planned for November 20, including information sessions with museum staff and volunteers, a tour of the fourth floor and 40% discount in the store

## **Representative and Committee Reports**

### ***Strand News (Angela Kryhul)***

Updates, news and information continue to be sent out on a regular basis.

### ***Docents (Isabel Ward)***

- The docents were very busy with tours during September and October. Eleven adult tours were led during this time. The usual Sunday tours have been well attended. In contrast, November has been very quiet.
- Additional docents are still needed.
- We're finding the Telling Stories exhibit a little difficult to tour as the focus is on the stories rather than the textiles.

### ***Educators (Julia Bryant)***

- School bookings have increased, but are down over last year. College tours have increased over last year. Tours are being combined with the Textile City tours.
  - Activity boxes continue to be developed.
- The educators will be participating in a calligraphy course at Harbourfront.

### ***Human Resources (Laura Brocklebank)***

- Continue to interview for the shop, docents and reception
- The process of recruiting and streamlining the interview process is in progress

### ***Library (Vickie Grant)***

- On October 8th, we hosted a tour of retired librarians from the group Ex Libris. We had two groups of about 10 each. Brenda Taylor and Susan Helwig made presentations, assisted by Vickie.
- Our main activity when we are not serving the public is to continue the work of de-accessioning duplicate copies. The staff will be offered these duplicates for the Fourth Floor, and those not wanted will be sent to the shop, to our own book sale during the Yardage sale, to other libraries, or to book heaven.

### ***Shop (Helen Kirkby)***

- The remainders from Redesign are currently on sale in the shop

## **Reception**

- A new coordinator is being recruited

***Fourth Floor (Arlette Schulman)***

- Reshelving continues. The Canadian cupboards are being reorganized
- Items are being pulled for examination, exhibits dismantled and new shows are being dismantled

**Next Meeting of the Volunteer Committee:** January 8, 2014, 4:00 pm