

Mary E. Black Digital Collection

ASH has been closely associated with Mary E. Black since the Guild was established in 1970. When she died on February 11, 1988, at age 92, her estate bequeathed to ASH, a hand-made chest containing, in orderly sequence, the collection of superbly woven textile samples from the Key to Weaving along with research notes and correspondence relating to weaving courses and her published works.

The guild conserved and digitized most of the textile collection and, in conjunction with NSARM, a web site was established featuring a selection of digitized textile samples, along with a portion of the photographs and correspondence.

This resource is available to anyone.
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/black/>

For further information:

Email the President:

pres@ashguild.ca

Write to:

Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers,
c/o The Nova Scotia Museum of
Natural History,
1747 Summer St.,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
B3H 3A6

Surf to:

Guild web site: <http://ashguild.ca>

An invitation to join the ATLANTIC SPINNERS and HANDWEAVERS



Where:

Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History,
1747 Summer St.,
Halifax, Nova Scotia
(Lower Level South Entrance)

When:

Second Thursday of each month,
September through May*, 7:15 pm.

(*June Potluck date set annually)

Do you love fibre and talking about it with others who love it too? Are you dying to spin your own yarn to knit? Or do you want to weave your own textiles? Whatever your motivation, you will find kindred spirits in the membership of ASH.

ASH was established in 1970 as the Atlantic Society of Handweavers, in response to the increased interest in weaving, spinning, and dyeing. In 1980, as a part of the 10th anniversary celebrations, the Guild's name was changed to the Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers to reflect the range of interests, knowledge and skills of its members.

Since its beginning, the group has been closely associated with the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, where space has been provided for regular meetings and other supportive services.

Meetings

We meet on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7:15 pm at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street. June Potluck dates and venue vary. Meeting programs include a variety of interesting lectures, demonstrations, guest speakers, and visual presentations.

Membership Benefits

The Guild offers special study groups, workshops, and also participates in exhibitions, sales, and conferences. Members receive the newsletter, "**Loomsong**", from September to June, containing information and articles on events and activities related to textile crafts, and samples of hand-woven fabrics, or spun and dyed fibres. Members are invited to bring and share their projects, and to join a study group.

All ASH members have the use of an excellent library, with borrowing privileges, and full voting rights in the affairs of the society.

In addition, the guild owns numerous pieces of spinning and weaving equipment which are available for rent to any member.

If you are interested in joining the **Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers**, please fill out the following membership form and bring it to one of our meetings, or send it with a cheque to the mailing address shown. Or you can join online at <http://ashguild.ca>

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Membership:

- Individual **\$30.00**
- Associate **\$30.00**
- Student **\$15.00**
- Family **\$30.00** + \$10 / extra person

This is a: New membership
 Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (H) _____

(W) _____

(fax) _____

E-mail: _____

Area(s) of Interest/Skills:

