

Greetings All

We need the wordsmiths in the Guild to write this newsletter.....what a spring and summer it has been! Going through the days without hugging our friends when we meet; learning to project our voices as we converse in gardens and parks – all covid protocols in place. Practicing gratitude because we live on the beautiful Sunshine Coast and because as fibre artists, we have been given precious time to work on our many projects.

The Guild executive has met throughout the summer-preparing a budget and developing a policy and procedure manual, complete with job descriptions for executive and committee chairs. This process has given us insight to the legacy left by the founders and our task to ensure that the Guild continues to be a strong and proactive organization for the benefit of our members and our community.

Moving forward, we will continue to use the Zoom platform to host monthly Guild meetings. As the fall and winter weather arrives, we will be exploring avenues for small groups to meet in a safe environment.

Special thank you to those members who have completed their term in executive positions – Merrily Corder, past president; Kathy Grey, secretary; Pam Coxall, treasurer. We welcome Dianne Lim as past president; Kim Fenton as vice-president; Mary Bentley as secretary and Lynda Annibal as treasurer. Janice Talbot continues as Financial Officer.

We are pleased that we have a full slate of committee chairs, with the exception of Newsletter.....Yes, Joan set the bar high and we know there is someone out there who is willing to take on that challenge. If you're it – please contact Dianne Lim 😊

Guild Membership fees are \$30 and are due in September. During this pandemic year, payment of membership fees is voluntary and all Guild members of 2020 will continue as Guild members in good standing for 2021. Library service and equipment usage is available and membership cards will be issued. Thank you for supporting your Guild.

We have received a thank you letter from the Sarah MacLachlan School of Music for the \$1200 donation from the sale of Elizabeth Nordlund fibres. (see below)

Dear Sunshine Coast Spinners and Weavers Guild,

I am writing, on behalf of Sarah McLachlan School of Music, to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,200.00 in support of the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

Thanks to your incredible support, we were able to provide no-cost after-school music education to underserved and at-risk children who face challenging cultural, social and economic circumstances. SoM is founded on a belief in the enriching power of music and the importance of creative community. We reach hundreds of young people every year (ages 7-17), providing them with a secure and inspiring environment in which they can learn and express themselves while connecting positively with their peers.

We know that our efforts are only possible because of the contributions we receive from our community, and we thank you again for believing in our mission.

Your support ensures that children will be able to "Find Their Voice".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah McLachlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sarah McLachlan School of Music

Yvonne Stowell, President 2020/21

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