



Hello Fibre people!

By now, most of you will have heard about Fibre Arts Newfoundland and Labrador. It's the Craft Year 2015 project of the Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador. This conference will be an inspiration! Three days in beautiful Gros Morne National Park – each one full of things to see, do and learn.

Planning has been underway for more than a year now, and there are some things that the Steering Committee would like to share with you, and ask of you.

First. Mark your calendars. October 15 – 18, 2015. Gros Morne Park. This will be an event **not to be missed**. Sessions for those who knit, spin, crochet, weave, felt, dye, or hook rugs. Exhibitions. Marketplace. Great food. Superb location. Who'd want to miss it? Start making your plans now – you **must** be there.

Second. Check out the Call for Instructors. <http://www.craftcouncil.nl.ca/events/fibre-conference/> It's already been issued, and the deadline for proposals is January 31, 2014. We've been advertising far and wide and we've gotten inquiries from Canada, USA, Europe, and Australia . . . so far. Do you have ideas for instructors that you would like to recommend? We expect that about one quarter of our instructors will be from somewhere else, but that **three quarters** of instructors will be from Newfoundland and Labrador. **You could be one of them.** Have you got an idea for a workshop that you would like to teach? Read the call for instructors, and send along your proposal. This is a Newfoundland and Labrador conference, and we want to celebrate our own!

Third. Consider becoming involved. We have a busy Steering Committee and we've been working hard. But there are many things to do! We need help. There are six Committees that have been identified so far – please consider joining one of them.

★Registration Committee – responsible for pre-registration, online and on-site registration as well as conference bags and contents for all participants

★Hospitality Committee – will plan and host a 'meet and greet reception' as well as an entertainment night during the conference. Provide for the 'little touches' that makes the conference a pleasant experience for everyone.

★Communications Committee – develop and implement a communications strategy for the Conference, be responsible for online promotion, and communications during the event, including event radio program and/or newsletter

★ Instructional Committee – seeks, confirms and contracts all instructors, and ensures provision of instructor needs. **BTW**, do you have suggestions for instructors that you would like to see at this Conference?

★ Marketplace Committee – seeks, confirms and contracts all vendors, including development of Conference booth to raise conference revenue

★ Fundraising Committee – Undertake fundraising efforts to increase Conference profile province-wide and raise \$7,500 towards Conference costs. The Steering Committee tried to organize a silent auction event for October, but it didn't work out. We'd like to try an online auction, but we need a committee to take this on.

Other Committees will no doubt come along. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact a member of the Steering Committee **today! Fibre Arts Newfoundland and Labrador needs you!**

So that's it for now. We hope that you are interested in our plans and want to hear more. If not, let us know and we'll take you off this email list. If you know of someone else we should add to the list, send contact information. And please – join us – it's going to be a grand event, and you'll want to be part of it!

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