



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR KINGSTON HANDLOOM WEAVERS AND SPINNERS

(consolidated from our Letters Patent and our Articles of Amendment)

Corporation #1737623

Letters Patent granted by the Province of Ontario June 18, 2007

Articles of Amendment certified by the Province of Ontario September 26, 2024

Corporation Name: The name of the Corporation is **Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners**

Directors: There shall be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of seven (7) Directors.

Purpose of the Guild.

- 1** bring together persons interested and engaged in hand weaving, spinning, and other Related Fibre Arts in a supportive learning environment;
- 2** encourage the development of technical expertise and aesthetic standards in hand weaving, spinning, and other Related Fibre Arts;
- 3** educate the wider community on the techniques, creativity, and beauty of hand weaving, spinning, and other Related Fibre Arts through workshops, demonstrations, and open houses; and
- 4** promote and develop a greater understanding of and appreciation for historic and contemporary hand weaving, spinning, and other Related Fibre Arts among members of the public.

Special Provisions:

The Corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions shall be used in promoting its objects.

Membership:

There are three classes of membership:

Regular Membership is available to anyone who has obtained a minimum age of eighteen (18) and who is interested in the purposes of the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners. Regular members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership including the right to vote. Regular members will pay annual dues.

Life Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Board and with the approval of the members, to any person who has made a significant contribution to the purposes of the

Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners. Life Membership shall include all the rights and privileges of Regular Membership. Life members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Youth Membership is open to any person aged 14 to 17 years of age. Youth members must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult when participating in guild activities. Youth members are not eligible to vote; to be elected to the Board of Directors; or to serve on a Committee. A youth membership transfers automatically to an adult membership on the date of the youth member's 18th birthday, upon completion of membership documentation. Youth members will pay annual dues.

The interest of all members in the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners is not transferable and lapses and ceases to exist upon death or resignation of the member, or the winding up of the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners or otherwise in accordance with the by-laws of the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners.

The Board of Directors may establish policies and procedures in writing relating to responsibilities of members and shall have the authority to discipline members for violating any provisions of the Articles, the Bylaws, the written policies or procedures of the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners or for any conduct which may be detrimental to the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners as determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

Dissolution:

In the event of dissolution, a quorum of members shall determine the distribution of the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners assets. Any funds remaining after the settling of any outstanding debts and liabilities of the Kingston Handloom Weavers and Spinners will be donated to the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners.