



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Crompton Crafts

October, 2019

PRESIDENTS LETTER

October is a month of homecomings. In addition to the actual homecoming celebrations that we attend, it is time to settle in and to take stock of what our homes need and what we've put aside for summer travels and outdoor activities.

Personally, my summer menus have been light and sketchy, so I look forward to spending more time in the kitchen. I've already pulled out the "fall" recipes for hearty borscht soup and an apple pie that takes about three to five pounds of apples.

It is also time to inventory my fiber arts materials and to make a list of fall projects that sound fun to create. As a BSW reminder, this is the year of the UFO—completing unfinished objects. In March our Show and Tell will highlight all these then FINISHED projects.

Speaking of homecoming, we will be glad to welcome back old members, and we look forward to meeting guests and new participants. See you all October 3!!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

MAKE & TAKE SUPPLY PREP

BSW's *November* Make and Take will be a hands-on project for all attending members and non-members. We will be making our own holiday cards.

We are asking that you bring your own:

- jar of rubber cement
- pair of scissors appropriate for paper
- glue stick

Also please bring the following if you have:

- holiday stamps (If you like to stamp)
- holiday colored stamp pads
- used, retro or new holiday cards
- new, retro or used holiday wrapping paper
- embellishments- which can be stickers, ribbon, sparkly things... any paper embellishments you can think of that can be adhered to paper

BSW will supply the card making paper, card stock and envelopes, instructions and Cheri Skomra's stash.

OCTOBER 3, 2019 PROGRAM WEARABLE ART

Our speaker for the evening will be Sonya Jones of S. J. Bolsos. Sonya crochets wearable art and purses using multiple threads and beads. She will demonstrate and share her story of how she was inspired to create her beautiful designs.

The program will begin at 6:30 and the business meeting will follow. Arrive early for a bit of socializing!

Also, bring your September challenge magazine art for Show and Tell and your checkbook! A Strick Matador knitting machine that was donated to the guild will be auctioned off at this meeting.



MEMBER TO-DO LIST FOR OCT 3 MEETING

1. Bring Dues (if not already paid)
2. Bring September challenge project
3. Bring \$ to buy Holiday sale tags
4. Bring \$ bid on Matador knitting machine
5. Bring showcase items for Holiday sale displays during November
6. Check your calendar – which day/shift do you want to work at the sale – Dec 6 or 7?
7. Bring your smile!

HOLIDAY SALE 2019

Need to know for the Holiday Sale

Your membership dues must be paid or received by **November 7** to be eligible to sell your wares at the 2019 Holiday Sale at Bogie Lake Greenhouse. Send your check (\$25) to Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild (BSFWG) P.O. Box 409, Hartland, MI 48353 or to Bonnie Janssen, 1396 Thorn Ridge Dr. Howell, MI 48843.

You may also pay dues at the Oct or Nov meetings.

You also need to provide one or more items for display in the Holiday showcases during November.

Sale tags for Holiday Sale:

The October 3 and November 7 meetings will be your opportunity to purchase **guild tags** for items for sale at the upcoming Holiday Sale. There are 3 sizes depending on the type of item and they sell for \$1 for a pack of 10. Information on how to fill out the tags is on the Guild website.

Questions? Contact **Darlene Murray** at Darlene.gould.murray@gmail.com.

Refer to <http://www.blacksheepweavers.com/member-services.html> for more information on sale tags, printing inventory sheets, art submission guidelines and sale procedures.

Please bring props!

The BSWG holiday sale fast approaching the set up committee is reminding everyone to dig through their closets, garages, basements for any and all items that may be used for displaying items in our sale. Baskets, racks of any kind, shelving displays, jewelry neck forms/trees- anything that you think will work. Be sure you have your name written on it or some way to designate that the prop belongs to you.

Some of you may have stored BSW props for us and it is time to locate them, dust them off and then deliver them to the Bogie Lake Greenhouse and place them in the NW corner of the greenhouse anytime during the week prior to the show (Dec 1-5).

***SALE SET UP** is Thursday, December 5 from 9-4 and

***SALE MERCHANDISE DROP-OFF** is Dec 5 from 10-2.

So you may coordinate your prop and merchandise drop off from (10-2). We would prefer to know all major props (the bones of the set up) are on site as early as possible. Thank you!

Questions?? **Pam** at epifine@gmail.com.

Edna Sprunk has agreed to continue developing and updating our PROPS List. Please check in with her at each meeting regarding what you have stored and will deliver as well as any new props you have to offer from your personal stash for the Guild to use.

SHOWCASE OUR PRODUCTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SALE

The Lobby showcase at the Crounse Library, the Commerce Library and one of the Lobby showcases at the Hartland Community Ed building are available to us to advertise our upcoming sale and the various fiber arts created by the membership. These are **FREE advertising venues** to share with the community what we do and make, as well as promote the Bogie Lake Greenhouse location. The libraries may also include relevant book covers related to displayed art.

Bring any fall or winter-themed or holiday item(s) made by you that you wish to feature, or items you have purchased from another Guild member at past BSW Holiday sales.

Your things will be returned at the December Potluck and the January BSW meeting unless other arrangements are made with the showcase contacts.

For items on loan, please:

- include an inventory of the items on loan
- clearly label each piece
- label the bag or box you transport them in with your name
- and package your item to prevent damage while carrying

Our SHOWCASE contacts are:

- **Edna Sprunk, Crounse Library**
- **Thia Eades, Hartland Community Ed.**
- **Karen Schaefer, Commerce Library**

Please coordinate item dropoff with these ladies at the October and November BSW meetings. The showcases will be set up for the month of November. If you have a "prop" that would best display your item, please label and include that also.

MICHIGAN LEAGUE OF HANDWEAVERS SUMMER WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

The MLH Guild has been very busy organizing the workshops scheduled for June 5-7, 2020 in Holland, MI. The workshops are held at Hope College and it is a wonderful venue. Registration will open on January 6, 2020 through April 15, 2020.

There are 8 fabulous workshops spanning a variety of technique and levels of expertise from beginner to advanced. Here is a list of the workshops. More information about each are listed on the MLH website www.mlhguild.org.

Beginning Tapestry Weaving with Nancy Crampton

Students will learn basic tapestry joins and techniques of shading. You may use copper-pipe frame looms provided by the instructor or your own adjustable-tension loom to weave a sampler. More info on website.

Drafting, Key to Design- Dianne Totten

Through lecture, computer software and drafting on graph paper and worksheets, learn the basics of designing with twill. Bring you loom with warp beamed but not threaded. A laptop with software (a free demo can be downloaded) but optional. \$4& 8 shaft looms.

Krokbragd- Wynne Mattila

Krokbragd is a traditional Norwegian design translated as “crooked path.” You will learn about the materials needed and must have your own floor loom warped to the point of the reed has been sleyed before the start of class. The planned project is 14 inches wide by 30 inches long. It will not be finished by the end of the workshop.

Exercises in Color Blending and Texture- Jan Friedman

This three-day workshop will concentrate on teaching your how to weave slow color gradations using color groups. This approach is effective not only in tapestries but also in rugs, table linens and garments. This workshop is accessible to beginners; intermediate and advanced students are also welcome.

Four Color Doubleweave-Su Butler

Learn the basic principles of weaving parallel threadings and treadlings utilizing color rotations that allow color to appear on the surface of the cloth. Students MUST be able to prepare the loom and have some concept of regular Doubleweave. This is NOT a workshop for rank beginners. 8 shaft table looms only.

Color and Design in Huck Lace Towels-Rosalie Nielson

The structure of Huck Lace provides a treasure trove of design. Weavers will learn how “blocks” or units of Huck Lace are threaded on 4 and 8 shaft looms. The workshop begins with a slide lecture.

Creating Drape in Handwoven Fabric- Theresa Ruch

The purpose of this workshop is to understand how drape can be created in a handwoven fabric. It is a combination of fiber characteristics, yarn twist, the sett, the weave structure or the number of intersections of yarn per inch and the finish of the fabric. Each participant will be given painted/dyed warp ahead of time to warp their looms at a specific sett. Each will then be sent a dyed/painted warp and warping instructions. More info on website

Weaving for the Absolute Beginner (and returning weavers)-Joan Sheridan

Learn how to weave on a multi-shaft loom in just three days! Class is a combination of lecture and weaving. Class covers yarn selection, how to wind a warp, dressing the loom, reading a pattern, weaving and finishing. Students must bring a 4-shaft loom, 12 dent reed tat weaves a minimum of 16” and has a minimum of 48 heddles on each shaft and more requirements can be found in the workshop description at www.mlhguild.org Materials fee \$65 includes a 50+ page full color handbook, a tool box of weaving supplies and two cones of yarn (including prewound warp.)



BSWFG 2019-2020 Programs

Special note: Social time starts at 6:15, the business meeting is at 6:30, followed by Show & Tell and our program at 7:30pm.

- Nov 7** Make it Take it
Dec 12 Holiday Potluck at Bonnie's
Jan 9 Felting, Presenter Sarah Tierney
Feb. 6 To be announced
Mar 5 Garage Sale And Show & Tell
Apr. 9 Artistic Quilting
Presenter Emily Lauren
May 7 History of Weaving in Hartland
Presenter Nadine Cloutier
June 4 Potluck
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Meeting Cancellation Policy

If the Hartland Schools are closed, there will be no BSWFG meeting. If weather worsens during the day, a decision will be made by 4 p.m., and every attempt will be made to post a meeting cancellation on our web site. When in doubt, please contact a Board member

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you are a returning BSW member and have not paid your dues yet, please bring cash or check to the next meeting October 3.

Remember that to be eligible to participate in the Holiday Sale, you need to submit your dues before the end of October. AND you need to bring one or more fiber art items to be used in local showcases advertising our sale.

Dues: \$25 US/year for full membership, including a magnetic name tag!
(OR \$15 dues if you pass on the nametag)
(Dues expire in August the following year)

Make checks payable to:

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD

BITS & PIECES

- **Cambridge Floor Loom for Sale**

Over shot 6 harnesses, excellent condition, \$600 or best offer. Contact Annette Taylor if interested, 248-634-7313.

BSWFG SEPT 5, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

- 38 people attended as well as several visitors. Welcome to the guild, Liz, Theresa and Kelly!
- Meeting began with a four word challenge. We were asked to describe ourselves with 4 adjective, which was shared later in the meeting during Show and Tell.

Treasurer's Report

- Gift cards to students in Hartland Schools were distributed recently in the amount of 10 \$20 gift cards for supplies to encourage young people in the fiber arts.
- Dues for this year were collected. \$25.00 (which includes a pink name tag) or \$15.00 if the member already has a
- pink name tag.
- We have \$5830.83 in our bank account. The finance audit of our finances found no irregularities.
- The review of last year's budget and proposal for this year (2019-2020) was motioned and accepted.

September Challenge and October auction

- We are having a September challenge. Each attendee took one of the discarded periodicals that the guild possesses and were encouraged to use the paper in that old periodical to create something. Bring it to the October 2019 meeting to display.
- A Strick Matador knitting machine has been donated and will be auctioned off October's BSW meeting.

2019 Holiday Sale

- This coming December Holiday Sale will collect 10% from the participants. The sales percentage next spring and beyond may return to 15%.
- In regard to the Holiday Sale, each participant must submit a fiber item for the showcases at local libraries. This will be considered the "entrance fee" for participation. Items are to be tagged with the member's name and will NOT be included in this December's Holiday sale.
- There was a pass around list for work times at the sale
Set up will be Thursday, Dec 5.
Sale times are:
Friday, 10AM – 5PM and Saturday 9AM – 4PM.

Show and tell followed.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

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CLICK ON THIS LINK TO FIND ALL THE
GUILD NEWS,
EVENT PHOTOS,
WORKSHOP INFORMATION,
MEMBER ADS & ITEMS FOR SALE,
BOARD MEMBER LIST,
AND MORE!!

CALENDAR OF FIBER ART EVENTS

See <http://www.blacksheepweavers.com/fyi-and-for-sale.html> for more information.

WHEN	WHAT	FOR MORE INFO ...
Oct. 8-9	Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan Monthly Meeting Artist Najma Ma'at Wilson of Detroit Fiber Works will present at workshop (1 ½ days) to create a fiber collage wall project.	See NTGM Guild site at http://www.NTGM.org .
Oct. 12-13	Fiber Expo will be at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Ann Arbor. There will be workshops as well as exhibits.	See www.FiberExpo.com
Oct 31- Nov 3	Vogue Knitting Live! will be in Columbus, Ohio this year, October 31 through November 3. Classes and a Marketplace are available.	See https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/columbus
Nov 14-16	The Sewing and Quilt Expo will be held November 14, 15 and 16 at the Suburban Collection in Novi. This includes day-long workshops, classes and exhibits.	See http://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Novi,MI.aspx
Jan 6	Registration opens for MLH Workshops	See www.mlhguild.org

