



PRESIDENTS LETTER

Fall is here and the leaves are changing. The Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild is getting into full swing. There are excellent programs scheduled as well as great workshops. Sign up for the workshops. You won't be disappointed.

We are looking forward to our Holiday Sale, which is in the first week of December. Make sure that you have enough sale tags as well as inventory sheets. Sign up on the work schedule for the sale. Remember this year the Holiday Sale is at the Bogie Lake Greenhouse.

We are looking for someone to host the Holiday Potluck in December and also looking for a committee and a chairperson for the spring sale.

I want to thank Georgian Franczyk for volunteering to take over as our MLH Rep. She will do a great job. The Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild is fortunate to have such a diverse group of talented, creative members. I look forward each month to see the recent items at our show and tell. Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on October 5th. Thank You. Ron Wonboy. President



Treasurer's Report

The Guild bank account balance is currently \$6,411.83. September expenses totaled \$252.07 and included library books and magazines, sale supplies, our MLH dues, and a \$100 contribution to the MLH scholarship fund. Income of \$875 was generated by 35 membership payments.

OCTOBER 5, 2017 PROGRAM PERUVIAN SHAWL



If you love fiber arts and enjoy hearing a remarkable story of creativity and artistic inspiration, you will love our presenter, Mihaela Manitiu. In addition to her other artistic talents, Mihaela is a prolific knitter whose pieces have been sold around the world. She will present to us her design for a Peruvian shawl which is knit from yarns that she has created and that she will discuss with us also. Mihaela's world travels and artistic designs will make for an inspiring evening.

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Programs schedule 2017-18

2017

- Sept. 7 **Welcome Back**
Show and Tell of summer projects
Members: Please bring a treasured souvenir picked up when traveling and tell a brief story.
- Oct. 5 **Mihaela Manitiu, presenter**
Knitting a Peruvian shawl. Michaela creates her own yarn blends and is known internationally for her creative designs.
- Nov. 2 **Judy Petrovich, presenter**
Judy has a commercial felting business using Alpaca, silk wool and cotton blends. She will present a trunk show and have items for sale.
- Dec. 1-2 **35th Annual Holiday Sale**
Bogie Lake Greenhouses, White Lake, MI
- Dec. 7 **After Glow Party**
Potluck and ornament exchange

2018

- Jan. 4 **Cathy Greenhalgh, presenter**
Cathy will teach Boutis, a French quilting/embroidery technique
- Feb. 1 **Mary Bajcz, presenter**
Mary will show us painting on canvas and uses for your masterpieces.
- Mar. 1 **Artist Garage sale & Swap**
Plus Mystery Bag exchange
- April 5 **Paula Neys, presenter**
Designing with alcohol inks
- April 21-22
13th annual Fibers & Flowers Sale, Bogie Lake Greenhouses in White Lake, MI
- May 3 **Madeline Navarro, presenter**
Wet felting lovely wool flowers
- June 7 **Pot Luck/elections**
Plus our last Show and Tell

NOTE: Supply lists will be available for each program.

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.

2017/2018 Membership Report

Four new members have joined thus far this year. Please welcome **Susan Alexander** from White Lake, **Sharon Clark** from Pinckney, **Barb Gaudreau** from Livonia, and **Pat Hanson** from Northville.

If you are returning and have not paid your dues, please bring cash or check to the next meeting on October 5 or mail a check to me directly at: **Kathy Amerman, 6924 Crystal Beach Rd, Rapid City, MI, 49676.**

Remember that to be eligible to participate in selling at the Holiday Sale, you need to submit your dues before the end of October. See below if you need to fill out an application.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Please complete the attached form and bring to the Guild meeting

or mail to:

Kathy Amerman, Treasurer/Membership
Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild
P.O. Box 409, Hartland, MI 48353

Dues: \$25 US/year for full membership
(Dues expire in August the following year)

Make checks payable to:
BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD

BSWFG MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME

BIRTHDAY MONTH

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE, ZIP CODE

E-MAIL

PHONE

BLACK SHEEP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – SEPT 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Wonboy at 7 pm.

The general membership approved the June 2017 meeting minutes with a unanimous yea vote.

Treasurers Report: Our treasurer noted that BSW membership dues are due, please see her if you have not yet paid or you can mail her a check. Treasurer's report is as stated in the September newsletter. It was noted that the BSW board approved the 2017/18 budget in an earlier board meeting held before the general meeting.

Programs: Kathy Stahl got up and talked about October's program which will be about knitting a Peruvian shawl by Mihaela Manitiu. She will be using Peruvian wool and other scraps of yarn from her stash. You can get information on all our future programs from our website.

Hospitality: There were four guests at the September meeting.

Publicity: BSW will send out bookmarks for our sales to approximately 30 shops and guilds. There will be a questionnaire which sale attendees will be asked to fill out with their email and one of two questions: 1. How did you hear about BSW? 2. What items are you interested in? It was determined that we should ask customers to fill out these questionnaires after they have shopped and checked out. Hopefully this will encourage people to fill out our surveys as they will have already gone through and purchased what they wanted and will have the time to answer.

Newsletter & Webmaster: Nadine Cloutier updates the website, if you have something that you think needs to be put out to our membership anytime during the month prior to the newsletter please email Nadine with that information. She cannot work with PDF files so make sure that you either send the information in a word document or type it in the body of your email. Our website is up to date.

Please remember to check the Hartland School District website to see if our meeting has been cancelled for any reason. If Nadine gets any info on a closing she will put it on our website but the most accurate information will be the School District site.

Library: There is a wealth of information in our library. Take the time to browse and you may find information on just what you were thinking of checking out.

Workshops: There will be four workshops this year. All information about them is posted on our website including dates, time, cost, materials needed, etc. Our first workshop will be in November, Annette Shaffer will have sign-up sheets at the October meeting or you can check out the BSW website which has registration information. Connie Hydell will have small bits of roving and felting needles to purchase for the November workshop, at the workshop, for anyone who may need them.

New Business:

The board position of MLH (Michigan League of Handweavers) Representative is open at this time. Georgian Franczyk has volunteered for the position. There will be a vote at the next business meeting for this position.

The December Holiday Pot-Luck is coming sooner than you know and we are looking for someone to host it. Please think about if you would be willing to host the pot-luck.

Spring Fling Sale needs a chair person – think about if you would be willing to be point person for this sale. There is precedent for more than one person to chair one of our sales. Maybe someone who has taken charge of a sale before and someone(s) who are new at it. We need to keep our members involved and what better way than to help out with one of our sales?

BSW now has Black Sheep Weaver aprons to wear for those who work the sales. There has been some theft at our previous sales and it is hoped that if all the workers wear aprons our shoppers will be aware that there are more eyes to see and help protect our merchandise.

Show and Tell started at 7:28pm with our members showing what they finished during the summer and talking/showing an article from a favorite place they traveled to or visited.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sallie Brodie and seconded by Connie Hydell at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully, Connie Hydell - Secretary

BSW Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Board meeting started at 6:03 pm
Items that were discussed:

Budget: Kathy Amerman presented the 2017/18 budget for BSW.

Discussions items were:

1. Mileage for program presenters is to be the same as the federal standard, \$.55/mile.
2. Advertising: it was determined that we would continue with the same budget as we had for last year, with an increase of \$200 to be used as needed by Publicity for ad expenses.
 - a. One ad for Community Life and one for Spinal Column was approved (which was the same as last years Holiday Sale).

Budget was approved with changes as stated above with 11 board members voting.

Our publicity people will attempt to get a reporter from one of the local newspapers to do a write-up of the guild. Nadine will also check into getting a digital write-up article done on BSW. Hopefully we can get this done prior to the December sale.

Cheri Skomra was to ask Madeline Navarro to be our MLH representative. (NOTE: at the general meeting Georgian Franczyk volunteered to be the MLH rep.)

Board meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully, Connie Hyde, -Secretary

<http://www.blacksheepweavers.com>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND ALL THE
GUILD NEWS,
EVENT PHOTOS,
WORKSHOP INFORMATION,
MEMBER ADS & ITEMS FOR SALE,
BOARD MEMBER LIST,
AND MORE!!

Holiday Sale

Don't forget our Holiday Sale this year is at our new location, Bogie Lake Greenhouses in White Lake. The dates are December 1 (3-7 pm) and December 2 (9-4).

Drop-off of sale items will be permitted from 9 to noon on Friday. 24 members have already signed up to participate by making items for the sale. All members are encouraged to participate, even if you just want to make a few items.

Details on guidelines for acceptance and other procedures are available on our website. At the October meeting, we will continue to sign up participants and start developing the work schedule.

The sale committee will be meeting at 5:45 prior to the regular meeting if you would like to join us.



Nadine is still taking orders and has 4 of 10 needed to place the order. We will only do this twice a year. So do not delay.

GUILD MAGNETIC NAME TAGS



Name _____
(as you wish it printed)

Check payable to: *Spirit of Livingston* in the amount of \$10.60. Check # _____

Give the check or cash (exact change please) to Nadine Cloutier. Orders will be placed when I have 10 or more paid requests.

Clip and give order form to Nadine

SHOW N TELL TIME

What a terrific start to the year! We had so much to show n tell in September. It was wonderful to see all of the creative work done over the summer months. What a talented group we are.



We certainly are a diverse group of fiber artists!

**MLH Summer 2018 Workshops
June 8-10, 2018**

Members share their favorite vacation souvenirs

Kathrin Weber - Not Your Grandma's Dye-Pot!
Su Butler - Untying the Mysteries of Tied Weaves
Mary Sue Fenner - One-of-a-Kind Jacket Class
JoAnn Bachelder - Altered Surfaces
Robbin Firth - Ruana Shawl (Celtic Shawl) felting
Joan Sheridan - Norwegian Inspired Pick-up Bands on the Inkle Loom
Sally Eyring - The World Isn't Flat-3D Loom Weaving
Anastasia Azure - Weaving the Unexpected with Alternative Materials

Full workshop descriptions will be posted at <http://www.mlhguild.org> by the first of October.

20th Biennial Fiber Show

The Michigan League of Handweavers 2018 Biennial Fiber Show will be held at the Shiawassee Art Center Gallery in Owosso, Michigan, February 6 - March 11, 2018. An artist reception will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Awards will be presented, and the show's juror, JoAnn Bachelder, will give a talk.

Entries in all areas of fiber arts and functional fiber are invited. Each entry must have been created since May 2016. Work exhibited in other MLH exhibits since May 2016 are eligible. Work created as part of a class or workshop is not eligible. Jurying is of actual pieces, not digital images. An entry fee of \$20 covers up to three submissions (check made payable to MLH and included with your entry).

Each exhibiting artist must be a member of the Michigan League of Handweavers. To become a member, visit www.mlhguild.org and click on ABOUT US/MEMBERSHIP, or send a \$20 check (for a one-year membership) made payable to MLH to Jennifer Gould, MLH Membership Chair, 435 Woodburn S.W., Byron Center, MI 49315.

Exhibit information and entry form can be found on the MLH Guild website.



Battenburg Lace c1800



Czech glass



Peruvian woven rug



Knit sweater from Finland

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD WORKSHOPS

For more about each workshop, class photos, supply lists and registration, go to <http://www.blacksheepweavers.com/workshops.html> for complete information.



Zipper pins



tie-dye silk scarf

PLEASE NOTE: Annette Shaffer will be taking PAID Registrations at each meeting.

Felted Zipper Pins with Kathy Stahl

Creating zipper pins involves several fun and creative steps. First, decide on a design. Second, create the outline with the zipper teeth and then fill it in with colored roving that is needle felted in place. Add beading, decorative stitches, your backing and a pin back. Guild member Connie Hydell will have small packages of roving for sale if you need it. *A supply list will be posted on the BSWG website.*

Date and Time: Thursday, November 9, 2017, 6-9pm

Workshop Fee: \$25, check payable to Black Sheep Weavers, date check November 6, 2017

Min 3/Max 10 **REGISTERED to DATE: 8** **ONLY 2 spots left!**

On the Surface! with Carol Riffe

In this 6 hour class you will learn many surface design techniques to make your fabric look like you want it to—perfect for landscapes, portraits and art quilts. You will learn to change color, texture and how to thread paint and add special effects. You will create a notebook of samples on each technique at class. *Full description and supply list is posted on the Guild website.*

Date and Time: Friday, March 2, 2018, 9am-4pm

Workshop fee: \$50 includes notebook and supplies (check payable to BSWG, dated February 28, 2018)

Min 8/Max12 Bring a lunch

Tie Dyeing-REVISITED with Nadine Cloutier

This is not the same tie-dyeing technique done in the 1960s-70s. We will be using men's 100% silk ties. A silk scarf and a transfer dye technique and heat to create a one-of-a-kind silk scarf design. A complete supply list will be posted on the BSWG website

Date and Time: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1-3 pm (please be prompt)

Workshop Fee: \$30 (includes the scarf), check payable to BSWG, dated March 5, 2018

Min 8/Max 14 **REGISTERED to DATE: 2**

Free Motion Lace Stitched Bowls with Cindy Geist

Details of workshop description will be posted on the Guild website later or updated at the Sept meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, April 12, 2018, 5-9pm

Workshop Fee: \$TBD, check payable to Black Sheep Weavers

Min 6/Max15