



# BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER-**RON WONBOY**

It's finally spring. Will we escape any further winter weather surprises? Our Fibers & Flowers Sale at Bogie Lake Greenhouse is just a few weeks away. The committee is working to insure we have a successful sale. Don't forget to sign up to work at the sale. If you need sale tags please note that the April meeting will be your last opportunity to purchase them before the sale. Fill out inventory sheets and tag your items properly.

We are looking for someone to host the summer potluck and installation of next year's Board Members at our June meeting. This will be our last meeting before the summer recess.

**For all interested we are going to have our artist garage sale at 6:15 pm before our April meeting.**

We are invited to participate in the Fiber Festival at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad in Genesee County on June 9, 2018. There is no charge and they have tables and chairs for our use. June 9 is World Sit and Knit Day. If you have an interest in participating please let me know.

See you at the April.

## PROGRAM: **APRIL 5**

### **THE MAGIC OF ALCOHOL INKS-Paula Neys**



The presenter for the evening is Paula Neys. Paula is from Northville, and after working as an occupational therapist for many years, Paula is now a full-time artist. Her primary medium of choice is alcohol ink, a medium rarely used in fine art. Creating with inks is a process of letting go of expected outcomes and settling into the voice of the painting, which often proves itself to be magical and multi-dimensional.

Members will create a piece or two, depending on time, to experience the fun of alcohol ink.

**Our Show-And-Tell portion of the meeting will be put off until May!!!**

## **RESCHEDULED**

### **ARTIST SUPPLIES & GARAGE SALE**

"One man's trash is another man's treasure" --- trite but true! Time to clean out those extra items of quality that are gathering dust in your space but would be valued by another crafter (books, yarns magazines, buttons, patterns, kits & more). Prepare your GARAGE SALE items at garage sale prices --- bring a load as well as a sack of change. Another annual fun BSW swap. Start sorting!!!

**Seller Notes:** You will be responsible to handle your individual sales. Use the tables or counters to set up your spot and bring \$ to make change. The sale set up will start at 6pm and the sale begins at 6:15pm and runs until 6:45pm.

Kirsten Eichhorn, art teacher at Village elem will be on hand to graciously accept any of your leftovers for her classes and art studio for kids.

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## Learning Grant Recipient Report Beginning Weaving Class-Edna Sprunk

Many years ago I helped my children weave potholders (some of which I still use), and much more recently I learned to weave on a "Zoom Loom". For years, I have been intrigued by the woven work done by some members of our guild, and I wanted to try my hand at weaving on a larger loom. Last spring, I applied for a BSWFG Learning Grant to help with the expenses of learning to weave on a table-top rigid-heddle loom. My request for a grant was approved.

Tamara Poff (a weaver, knitter, designer, teacher, and author from Florida) was the instructor for the class. Because most of us in the class were "first-timers", we started with studying our looms and learning the names of the parts: apron rod, apron strings, cloth beam, dent, heddle/reed, shuttle, warp beam, etc. Then we warped our looms, using two contrasting colors of yarn. That was a challenge! We worked in pairs, so we each really warped two looms. Next came winding our shuttles.

We then moved on to learning some basic terminology for weaving: beat, draw-in, epi, fell line, pick, ppi, selvedge, shed, throw, warp, weft, etc. Finally, we were ready to actually weave! Throwing the shuttle was easy; keeping the edges smooth and the weft horizontal – not so much .... With lots of help and encouragement from Tamara, we each made a two-color fringed scarf.

As we worked, Tamara showed us a great variety of items she had designed and made. In addition to weaving items like scarves, cowls, and shawls, she likes to combine her weaving with knitting, crocheting, and/or machine-stitching to create wearables such as lace tunics, blouses, tops with and without sleeves, kimonos, vests, and totes.

After that class, I purchased a loom and made another scarf. Since then, I have taken a second class from Tamara and made scarves with more complex patterns. I plan to move on to trying some of her wearable items that include knitted or crocheted work, as well as machine-stitching.

Thank you, BSWFG, for awarding me a grant to get started in this new (to me) area of fiber art!



Edna's finished scarves

Rigid heddle loom



### **Fibers & Flowers SALE COMMITTEE**

Please meet at 5:15pm on April 5 for our last planning session. This is our last chance to meet as a committee. We have a busy and full schedule that night. It will be important to quickly tie up loose ends for the sale.

### **FIBERS & FLOWERS SALE INFORMATION**

**Where:** Bogie Lake Greenhouse, 1525 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake, MI. 48383

**Dates:** **PRE SALE INFORMATION**

**Props drop-off-** week of April 16-20

**Sale merchandise drop off-** April 20 10am-2pm

**Sale set-up:** April 20, 12-4pm

**Final jurying:** April 20, 4-5pm

### **SALE DATE INFORMATION**

Sign up for a work shift and/or DEMO shift

Saturday, April 21 9am-5pm

Sunday, April 22 10am-4pm

**Pick-up and take-down April 22, 4-5pm**

**EVERYONE until all is cleared out**

**BLG FREE Container gardening classes:**

April 21 at 11am; April 22 at 1pm

### **Snacks at the Flowers and Fiber Sale**

If you are participating in our fiber sale, please bring a snack to pass. The day is so much nicer when there is a variety of nourishing and yummy foods to sustain us!





## Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild Programs & Workshops schedule 2018

April 5 **Paula Neys, presenter & Artist Garage Sale**  
Designing with alcohol inks

April 12 **Free Motion Lace Stitched Bowls**  
**WORKSHOP** instructor **Cindy Geist**  
5-9pm

**April 21-22**  
**13<sup>th</sup> 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 last Show n Tell

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### GUILD WORKSHOPS

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



#### Free Motion Lace Stitched Bowls- Cindy Geist

Practice your free motion quilting while learning to make a lace bowl. By sewing on water soluble fabric you are able to create your own lace. Use this new fabric to create bowls, scarves, shawls and more. We will create our fabric, wash it out and form our bowls.

*A complete supply list is posted on the Guild website.*

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

**Workshop Fee: \$25,**

check payable to BWSG, dated April 9, 2018

**Min 6/Max15 REGISTERED to DATE: 1**



### BOARD MEETING MINUTES-2/1/2018

Meeting called to order by President Ron Wonboy at 6:10pm. Discussion of changing percentage charged to participants of spring and holiday sales. Motion was presented by Annette Shaffer and seconded by Kathy Stahl. *“That starting at the 2018 spring sale and the Holiday Sale, continuing for two years, the amount charged to the participating members for the items they sold, would be 10 percent of the selling price and that we would re-evaluate this at our 2020 January meeting.”* Passed unanimously. Cathy Greenhalgh agreed to be the Publicity Board member for next year. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

### SECRETARY REPORT-Minutes 2/1/2018

General meeting called to order by President Ron Wonboy at 6:55 pm.

**Treasurer’s report:** Report accepted as printed in newsletter.

**Programs:** Mary Bajcz is presenting painting on canvas tonight. March program will be the Garage sale (the mystery bag exchange will not be part of program this year). Doors open at 6 pm and sale will start at 6:15 pm. **Workshops:** Annette Shaffer is still trying to get the Carole Riffe surface design workshop filled with 8 people. Some additional members expressed interest in participating tonight and a couple of members who have done her workshop in the past, said it was excellent. Full description and supply list is posted on the Guild website.

**Publicity:** Winner of Holiday Sale raffle has been unreachable. New winner picked tonight. Publicity will continue “questionnaire” at Spring Fling since it has been informative.

**Hospitality:** 1 new member joined guild.

**Library:** Mary reported library is current and updated.

**MLH:** Michigan League of Handweavers’ workshops are filling. See their website if you are interested in participating.

**Fibers & Flowers Sale:** Sale Committee to check if Bogie Lake Greenhouse will do a workshop in conjunction with our sale. Website updated with Spring Sale information. Sale sign up sheets were passed around. Sellers will be charged 10% instead of 15% at sale.

**Officers for 2018-2019 Board:** Kelly Stashko, Cathy Greenhalgh, Mary Bajcz, Sharon Howitt, Bonnie Janssen, Sharon Clark and Elizabeth Lindsay expressed a possible interest in either remaining on the board or joining for next year. Edna volunteered to be on nominating committee and will work out the details.

**Guild Scholarship:** Jacqueline Deradoorian has received one scholarship application this year (from Elizabeth Lindsay) and submitted it to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jacqueline Deradoorian due to secretary’s absence.

## “Showcase” Your Sale Items



The entry way showcase in the Cromaine Library has been reserved to show off the kinds of handcrafted items that will be in our spring sale. It will also help advertise the Bogie Lake Greenhouse location.

Please bring any items you wish to feature to the April BSW Guild meeting. You may also bring items you have purchased from another Guild member as well as your own work. **PLEASE** include an inventory list of items you are bringing and/or put your name on each item to help with the returning of items. Items will be returned at the May meeting unless other arrangements are made.

If enough items are brought in we will try to reserve the Community Ed building showcase also. This is a great way to entice people to our sale and “showcase” the diverse talents of our wonderful fiber artists.

Any questions, call Annette Shaffer at 517-548-2335.

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



**Registration CLOSSES APRIL 13.** The workshops take place from June 8-10, 2018. A link will can be found on the

website [www.mlhguild.org](http://www.mlhguild.org) and Facebook page. Don't be left out! Register now!

**There are still a few available spots left, do not delay!**

### **TREASURER'S/MEMBERSHIP REPORT-2/1/18**

The Guild bank account balance is currently \$6,412. February expenses totaled \$417 and included the February program, sale expenses, the annual insurance, website fees, and membership expenses. No income was received. We are currently ahead of our annual forecasted budget.

**Membership:** No new members to report.

## Nominating Committee Report

There is good news and bad news ...

But first, let me tell you a bit about how I approached this eye-opening experience. The first step was to e-mail all of those members who volunteered at last month's meeting to serve on the Board. Fortunately, no one had changed her mind.

Next, I reviewed the roster from last November and started e-mailing members, concentrating first on those who regularly participate in our sales. After that, I contacted *everyone else* on the roster. All in all, I sent 101 personal e-mail messages. Eight members never responded.

**Now for the good news. The proposed slate is:**

**President**-Kathy Stahl

**Vice-Pres/ Programs**-Sandra Howe and Jan Bhavsar

**Secretary**-Bonnie Janssen

**Treasurer/Membership**-Kathy Amerman

**MLH Representative**-Georgian Franczyk

**Hospitality**-Elisabeth Lindsay and Sharon Clark

**Librarian**-Mary Bajcz

**Publicity**-Cathy Greenhalgh, Sharon Howitt, Kelly Stashko

**Web Site Coordinator**-Linda Lundstrom

Thank you to be above-named members for being willing to serve our guild in this way! We appreciate all of you!

**And now the bad news.**

Unless a couple of people step up, we will have **no workshops** and **no newsletter** next year.

Edna Sprunk, *Nominating Committee*

### **TREASURER REPORT –April**

The Guild bank account balance is currently \$6,510. March income and expenses covered the March 8 Tie Dye workshop. We are currently ahead of our annual forecasted budget. See attached summary on the next page.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

There are no new members to report. Anyone who needs their membership ID number to make up their tags for the Spring Sale should contact Kathy Amerman at [klamerman@gmail.com](mailto:klamerman@gmail.com).

**BSWG Budget Summary to date-Kathy Amerman, Treasurer**

**INCOME:**

<b>GUILD FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>2017-18 Budget</b>	<b>2017-18 Actual</b>	<b>2017-18 Variance</b>	<b>Subtotals for actuals</b>
Membership dues	\$1,600.00	\$1,449.98	-\$ 150.02	
Library donations	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	-\$ 50.00	
Workshop fees	\$1,500.00	\$ 405.00	-\$1,095.00	
Misc	\$ 0.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00	
<b>SubTotal GF</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>			<b>\$1,895.98</b>
<b>GUILD SALES</b>				
Tag sales	\$ 300.00	\$ 170.00	-\$ 130.00	
Sales Income (15%)	\$2,900.00	\$1,784.85	-\$1,115.15	
<b>SubTotal GS</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>			<b>\$1,954.85</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,350.00</b>	<b>\$3,850.83</b>	<b>-\$2,499.17</b>	<b>\$3,850.83</b>

**EXPENSES:**

<b>GUILD FUNCTIONS</b>				
Hospitality/Membership	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.43	\$ 74.57	
Newsletter	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 153.87	\$ 46.13	
Programs	\$ 900.00	\$ 552.50	\$ 347.50	
Workshops	\$2,100.00	\$ 405.00	\$1,695.00	
<b>SubTotal GF</b>	<b>\$3,320.00</b>			<b>\$1,136.80</b>
<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>				
Liability Insurance	\$ 170.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 2.00	
PO BOX fee	\$ 90.00	\$ 120.00	-\$ 30.00	
Room Rent	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	
Website/Domain name	\$ 405.00	\$ 285.27	\$ 119.73	
Banking expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 121.94	-\$ 21.94	
Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00	\$ 39.39	-\$ 9.39	
<b>SubTotal GF</b>	<b>\$ 995.00</b>			<b>\$ 695.21</b>
<b>GUILD SALES</b>				
Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 71.82	\$ 128.18	
Equipment	\$ 200.00	\$ 162.57	\$ 37.43	
Advertising	\$ 870.00	\$ 443.90	\$ 426.10	
Sales Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 103.89	\$ 396.11	
<b>SubTotal GS</b>	<b>\$1,770.00</b>			<b>\$ 782.18</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE/ NETWORKING</b>				
Prizes	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	-\$ 100.00	
External Scholarships	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	
Internal Scholarships	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	
Dues	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>SubTotal CSN</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>			<b>\$ 220.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,405.00</b>	<b>\$2,873.58</b>	<b>\$3,531.42</b>	<b>\$2,873.58</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>-\$ 55.00</b>	<b>\$ 977.25</b>		