



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

We are quickly approaching the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving and our Holiday Sale are just around the corner. Soon the leaves will be in their final phase of color and falling off of the trees. Now is the time to start thinking about what you will create and offer at our Holiday Sale. On December 1st and 2nd. Keep in mind that each item needs a BSWFG tag as well as entered on your inventory sheet that will accompany your items for sale. The November meeting will be your last opportunity to purchase sales tags. I want to thank Cheri Skomra for volunteering to host this year's Holiday Potluck and ornament exchange December 7th. It is a fun event.

I want to thank Kathy Stahl and Annette Taylor for the enjoyable interesting programs so far this year. We still need a committee for our spring sale as well as a chair person. I have had many compliments from people on what a talented group the BSWFG are and the creative work that they do. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.
Ron Wonboy. BSWFG President

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 PROGRAM

FELT...like you have never seen it before Slide show and Trunk Show with Judy Petrovich



I am a seamstress and fiber artist born and raised in Michigan. I had a passion for sewing and the desire to blend my love of color and art into fashionable garments. My

background as a technical illustrator helped me intermingle design and the precision required to construct garments, with my creative side, using fiber as the tool of expression.

I began blending alpaca with a spectrum of silks, wools, cotton and bamboo, then integrated it using both needle and wet felting techniques. The results were custom fabrics of consistent weight and unlimited designs. The process came full circle when I began sewing my distinctive fabrics into a variety of wonderful wearables.

More recently I have incorporated botanical dyeing into my designs. Adding design provided by nature has given me a seemingly endless outlet for my creativity.

I have taken my sewing and need to be creative to the next level...from raw fiber to finished projects.

CHECK IT OUT!

Karen Schaefer designed our new **Facebook Banner** to better represent the many and varied fiber art techniques we use in our art.



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ARE YOU READY FOR OUR HOLIDAY SALE?

Be sure to **read PAGE 4** of this newsletter for important information on the Holiday Sale schedule, including setup and teardown procedures. Tag and inventory sheet instructions are all on our website.



MLH Summer Workshops: June 8 - 10, 2018

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Michigan League of Handweavers (MLH)

Summer Workshops for an exciting three days of fiber activities. The quiet, serene campus of Hope College, is set in the heart of the business district of Holland, Michigan and provides a wonderful environment for meeting fiber friends as well as pursuing, furthering and challenging your fiber interests.

The 2018 workshops have now been listed on the MLH website www.mlhguild.org and in the newsletter. **Registration will open on January 8, 2018.** A postcard with information regarding the workshops will be mailed to all persons with addresses in our database. Look for it in your mailbox sometime in November. We hope you will consider one of the eight workshops that we are offering in 2018.

Our Guild rep Georgian Franczyk will provide more information as it becomes available.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

The Guild bank account balance is currently \$6,214. October expenses totaled \$396.08 and included library supplies, program fee, and website expenses. Income of \$300 was generated by 12 membership payments.

You need to pay your dues before October 31 if you wish to participate in the December sale or be included on the published roster. Please contact Kathy Amerman at klamerman@gmail.com to make arrangements for payment.

Membership

Two new members joined us in October. Please welcome **Becky Brown** from Fenton and **Bonnie Janssen** from Howell.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2017-2018

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.



General Meeting Minutes-Oct. 5, 2017

- Meeting was called to order by President Wonboy at 7pm
- The general membership approved the Sept 7, 2017 minutes with a unanimous vote.
- Georgian Franczyk was unanimously voted in as the MLH representative effective immediately.
- MLH extended our Guild dues through 2019 because we wove the Swatches.
- Any lights brought to the December sale to be used at the Bogie Lake Greenhouses must be low wattage. Anything else will blow their system.
- Cheri Skomra volunteered to host the Holiday Pot Luck and Ornament exchange on Dec. 7.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Judith Bamber, seconded by Cheri Skomra

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully, Connie Hydell Secretary

UPDATE from our October speaker

Mihaela Manitiu wanted to make sure everyone had her correct email so they can get the Surprise Scarf pattern. It is knitwithmihaela@yahoo.com.

Also, she asked if anyone and everyone save **empty toilet paper rolls** and that she would give a **FREE** knitting class for a bag full.



Collecting pop off tabs



Save those pop off tabs from your canned goods or soda pop for the Veterans. Georgian collects them and turns them in to be used to purchase medical needs for our veterans.

Meeting Cancellation Policy

If the Hartland Schools are closed, or if there is a closure of our meeting location, 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. **You may also check the school website at <http://www.hartlandschools.us/> for closing notifications.** When in doubt, please contact a Board member

BSWG WEBSITE UPDATES

I have updated the website in several places to keep it current. On the **HOME** page, you will see the announcement for the November program.

On the **Guild Sales and Events** page I have added information about our 2017 Holiday Sale along with a new poster to advertise the sale. Please copy and paste that into your emails or on your Facebook page to get the word out. It is incumbent upon "all of us" to assist in getting the word out and not rely on the Board or the artists selling at the sale.

The **WORKSHOP** page has been updated to reflect the current enrollment.

*Nadine Cloutier
Webmaster*

FELTED ZIPPER PIN WORKSHOP



The Guild members enrolled in the November 9 workshop from 7-9pm with Kathy Stahl can **purchase their workshop supplies** at the membership meeting on November 2.

There is still 1 spot left

Results of the Library Survey

- 21 people filled in the survey, but some didn't answer all the questions and that is the reason numbers might not add up.
- 15 people said they used the library and 5 did not.
- 17 people felt that the library added value to the Guild.

Concerning the popularity of the magazines to which we currently subscribe:

	YES	NO
Quilting Art	8	2
Cloth Paper Scissors	6	2
Rug Hooking	10	1
Interweave Crochet	2	4
Love of Crochet	2	5
American Craft	6	3

Question: let some or all subscriptions lapse was poorly worded. I interpreted the results as-

7 people said NO to allowing subscriptions to lapse and 8 said YES. From the comments, members said although old magazines provide inspiration, keep things up to date/try some new magazines.

Concerning the items we move out of the library, like magazines more than three years old and books that aren't circulating, **how do you think that should be handled?** Should we move them to the give-away table or try to glean some donations for them? Either way the membership benefits.

Concerning whether the membership knew we had a **large collection of instructional CDs available**, (Thanks to the donation of Karen Schaefer): 6 members knew and 15 did not

Knitting Comfortably was suggested as a book to purchase.

Library Survey-Further thoughts:

I was happy that **American Craft** is popular. If you haven't checked that out, please do. High end crafts are featured that are truly inspirational. If we allow some subscriptions to lapse, what do you suggest we need? I note that we don't have a knitting magazine and two crochet magazines, but that is because our library is loaded with knitting books, but we have almost no crochet books.

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. 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 November meeting, we will continue to sign up participants and to develop the work schedule. If you plan to help at the sale and haven't signed up, please contact Jacqueline Deradoorian at Jac719dan@comcast.net.

Members are encouraged to bring low voltage lights and extension cords for Friday night. All members are encouraged to help advertise the sale using social media, bookmarks, and posters. Scroll down our Facebook page to Cindy Geist's post and hit 'share'!

From the Holiday Sale Set up Committee

To all BSW members participating in this year's holiday sale.

The sale committee has decided to ask that each participant label their crafts into the following categories to create a more expedient set up process this year. In your transportation boxes, partition items into separate packages and label on top accordingly. Please pick a category from the following choices:

- ❖ **Jewelry**
- ❖ **Scarves**
- ❖ **Clothing: adults and children**
- ❖ **Ornaments**
- ❖ **Hats/gloves/socks**
- ❖ **Wall hangings**
- ❖ **Yarn/roving/kits**
- ❖ **Domestic: kitchen/placements/runners**
- ❖ **Purses and bags**
- ❖ **Home decor: pillows/rugs/figures etc**
- ❖ **Holiday decor**

Thank you for your cooperation.
Holiday Sale set up committee

HOLIDAY EVENTS TO ENJOY

October Show N Tell



Shopping for Yarn

