



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Cromaine Crafts

September, 2017

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Summer is quickly fading and autumn is just around the corner. It seems like it was just yesterday that we were enjoying the first day of spring. The new season of the Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild is approaching. We are looking forward to all of the coming events and programs.

I want take moment to recognize Gisela Bosch for graciously hosting our summer potluck meeting. We all had a wonderful time, thank you.

Our first General meeting is at 6:45pm on Thursday, September 7. The board will meet briefly at 6pm prior to the General meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Ron Wonboy. BSWFG President

WELCOME BACK!

SHOW AND TELL SEPTEMBER

Back to school, Black Sheep Weavers!!!! We have a fun-filled year ahead planned to expand your artistic skills, but our first meeting, **September 7**, will be devoted to a show-and-tell sharing of your summer art projects. AND, as a way for our members to get to know each other even better, we are asking that you bring along a souvenir that you have picked up in your travels--this summer or any time in your life--- and talk about where you found it and why it has meaning for you. This could make for a LONG evening so keep your stories short and sweet. This will, however, create a bit longer identity tag for each member as we continue our combined journeys of creative growth.

Kathy Stahl & Annette Taylor, VP Programs

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD 2017 - 2018 BOARD MEMBERS

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AND MORE!!

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BSWFG

Fiber Arts Programs and Speakers 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. Or visit www.hartlandschools.us.

2017/2018 Membership Dues

Annual dues will be collected starting in September. \$25 paid promptly ensures your eligibility for the BSW Holiday Sale. Cash, check (made out to BSWFG), or charge (\$25.70) will be accepted. If members are not planning to come to the September or October meetings, they can send their dues (check only) to: Kathy Amerman, 657 Woodside Drive, Milford, MI, 48381. **Current members do not need to fill out the application, but do need to verify their contact information that is currently in the roster**, which Kathy will bring to the September 7 meeting. 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

LOOMS for RENT

Two looms were donated to the guild. They are available for rent to members by the month. One is a large floor loom, and the other is a small table top loom. They are currently being housed at Linda Lundstrom's house. Transportation can be arranged if you need help transporting a loom to your house. For more information, contact Linda Lundstrom at Linda@backtobackalpaca.com. The LOOM RENTAL FORM can be found on the Guild website under the Member Services page.



Eco printed scarves unveiled at June Pot Luck

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

June 1 BSWG meeting minutes at Pot Luck

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Wonboy at 6:20 pm.

A Pot Luck was held for our June meeting at Gisela Bosch's house, and, as usual, all had a wonderful time. The food was good and desserts were exceptionally plentiful. Best of all was the company as we all said bye for a short summer recess. Our next guild meeting will be in September.

One item of business was completed. Darlene Murray motioned to include the new publicity trio that volunteered for that duty for the upcoming year and approve the rest of the board from last year. Jackie D. seconded – all present voted aye.

Our Publicity Team

- A. Send email and mail flyers-Cathy Greenhalgh
- B. On-line website poster for 8-10 websites - Sharon Howitt
- C. Facebook – post to the guild's Facebook page – Cindy Geist

At 6:30 pm Kathy Amerman moved to adjourn and Connie Hydell seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Hydell - Secretary

Correction noted for previously published General meeting May 4, 2017 minutes

The minutes under Board reports are to be corrected to read **Programs** not **Workshops**.



Always great food and friendship at our annual Pot Luck event.

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD WORKSHOPS

An overview of the workshops for this year is listed below. For additional information about each workshop, class photos, supply lists, how to register and Guild workshop policy, go to our website at <http://www.blacksheepweavers.com/workshops.html> for complete registration information.

NOTE: Annette will begin taking paid registrations at the September meeting. Sign up early! Registration forms will be available at the 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 Hydel 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

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/Max 12 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

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/Max 15

SUMMER EVENTS

Crossroads Village in June

Our Guild exhibit at MLH Conference



Stowe Basketry Festival

Kathy McMinn

I applied for and received the **BSWG Learning Grant** last year for the purpose of attending a basketry conference in Stowe, Vermont. This conference has taken place yearly for about 25 years and has teachers from all over the world. I was lucky enough to get the classes I requested as first choices.

The first class was a rib sculptural basket with Mary Hettmansperger. This is a wall hanging that weaves in and out of itself. It is woven with willow spokes and cane weavers. I have taken this class with her before, and is one of my favorite baskets, BUT, I forgot how to do it. Although the class offered was in a similar technique, I was able to make the shape I wanted. Now I need to make another before I forget how again.

The next basket was called Philly Cat with Ann Bowers. This is a cathead bottom basket with dyed overlays. The top is rimmed with a philodendron sheath and lashed with waxed linen. Many of the techniques were familiar to me, but the teacher had some tips that helped with the shaping and lashing that I had not heard before. I have already used some of these techniques in other baskets this summer.

The next two baskets were with Dianne Stanton. She has taught for many years and does a lot with natural materials. The first was a basket she calls Mountain Trails. It is made out of black ash (from the same tree that the Emerald Ash Borer is destroying), which is my favorite material to work with. It has some side weaving that makes a nice vertical accent. The top is completed with a sweet grass rim.

The second basket was made out of cedar and elm bark with a rhododendron handle. I had never worked with elm bark before-it was just like leather when it was wet. We used the elm for the rims and the lashing, so it was a very versatile material. One interesting thing she showed us was that she cut the bark with a rug hooking cutter. She said she has never had to change the blades in the many years she has been using the cutter.

This was my second time attending the conference at Stowe. It was held at the end of May and people were still skiing the trails. If the opportunity comes up again to go, I will certainly take advantage of it. Thank you to the Black Sheep Weavers for the learning grant, which helped with the cost of the classes.



2017 Holiday Sale

Start planning now for the Holiday Sale on December 1 and 2 at Bogie Lake Greenhouse in White Lake. Sale hours will be Friday 3-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop off will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Kathy Amerman is the chair this year and the following members have agreed to be on the committee: Sybil Phelps, Elizabeth Lindsay, Darlene Murray, Pam McCormick, Jackie Deradorian, Connie Hydell, Elaine Lecureaux, Annette Shaffer, Kathy Stahl, and Mary Bajcz. If you would like to join the team, please let Kathy Amerman know.

To participate in the show, please complete the sign up form at the September or October meetings. All the information you need to understand the types of products accepted, the guidelines for acceptance, and pricing/tagging requirements is available on the website. If you are new, please review the information and ask questions at the meetings. Remember: start planning now as December tends to arrive before you know it!



WHEN	WHAT	FOR MORE INFO ...
Sept. 11	Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild Membership Meeting Expression: An Artistic Voice in Thread and Applique Speaker Chris Roberts-Antieau 6:30-8:30pm Meets at Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W Liberty, Ann Arbor	See AAFG site at http://www.annarborfiberarts.org or their Facebook page
Sept. 12	Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan Meeting Morning: Trunk Show and Lecture 10am Turning Leather into Art with Brenda Geiger	See NTGM Guild site at http://www.NTGM.org . Meets in Troy, MI at St Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 N Adams
Oct 5,6 & 7	Mid Mitten Shop Hop 2017 \$10 passport to local yarn shops. Limited number of passports available. Visit the shops for free patterns and product coupons. And enter to win great prizes. NOTE: Stitch in Time in Howell is on the passport too!	See Stitch in Time Facebook page for all the info, Or contact Charlene Hatfield at (517) 546-0769 Stitch in Time , 722 E Grand River, Howell, MI