



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Spring will officially be here in about three weeks. Looking back, winter didn't seem that bad, even though we had plenty of ice, snow and cold. As we prepare for our Fibers & Flowers spring sale in April, we look forward to warmer weather, flowers and the budding trees. Our Spring Sale is April 21 and 22. Don't forget to tag all of your items properly and enter each item on your inventory sheets. Tags will be available to purchase at each meeting. Don't forget to buy what you need. Please note that we are only charging 10 percent of the gross item price for items sold. Sign up for the work schedule.

We are looking for officers for next year's Board that begins in September 2018. If anyone will take on the job of President I will help them. Please volunteer for one of the board positions. It is great and fulfilling to be involved. It is not hard work. Everyone needs to be active, it is worth it.

We are invited again to participate in the Fiber Festival at the Crossroad Village Huckleberry Railroad in Genesee this June. There is no charge. Anyone interested let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting and Artist Garage Sale.

Ron Wonboy. BSWFG President

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PROGRAM: MARCH 1 ARTIST SUPPLIES & GARAGE SALE



"One man's trash is another man's treasure" --- trite but true! March is a time clean out those extra items of quality that are gathering dust in your space but would be valued by another crafter (books, magazines, yarns, buttons, patterns, kits, -- lots 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.



INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

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 or [WHMI.com](http://www.whmi.com) the local Livingston County radio station website.** When in doubt, please contact a Board member.

RECEPTION and Juror Talk Rescheduled due to winter weather conditions

**20th Biennial Fiber Exhibit
Reception and Juror Talk
Sunday, March 11, 2018
1:30 - 3:00 PM
Shiawassee Art Center
Owosso, MI**

Please join us on Sunday, March 11 at 1:30pm when JoAnn Bachelder will speak at the Biennial reception. This is the last day of the show, why not come out and see the exhibit, take in the sights and enjoy some light refreshments with other MLH members.

Click here to view a 3 minute slide show of the exhibit.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=xl9OcSeBqMc



MLH Summer Workshops: June 8 - 10, 2018

Registration began Jan. 8, 2018

Registration for the upcoming workshops has begun. The workshops take place from June 8-10, 2018. A link will can be found on the website www.mlhguild.org and Facebook page. Don't be left out! Register now!



Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild Programs & Workshops schedule 2018

- Mar. 1 **Artist Garage sale & Swap** set up begins at 6pm Sale/Swap begins 6:15-6:45pm
- Mar.2 **On the Surface! WORKSHOP- instructor Carol Riffe 9am-4pm**
- Mar 8 **Tie-Dyeing-REVISITED WORKSHOP Instructor-Nadine Cloutier 1-3pm**
- April 5 **Paula Neys, presenter**
Designing with alcohol inks
- April 12 **Free Motion Lace Stitched Bowls WORKSHOP instructor Cindy Geist 5-9pm**
- 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 last Show n Tell
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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, set in the heart of Holland, Michigan's business district provides a wonderful environment for meeting fiber friends as well as pursuing, furthering and challenging your fiber interests.

Workshops: 1. *Weaving the Unexpected using Alternative Materials*-Anastasia Azure;
2. *Altered Surfaces*- JoAnn Bachelder;
3. *Untying the Mysteries of Tied Weaves*-Su Butler;
4. *The World Isn't Flat-3D Loom Weaving*-Sally Eyring;
5. *One of a Kind Jacket Class*-Mary Sue Fenner;
6. *Ruana Shawl* with Robbin Firth;
7. *Norwegian Inspired Pick Up Bands on an Inkle Loom*- Joan Sheridan;
8. *Dyeing Workshop-Not your Grandma's Dye Pot*- Kathrin Weber

GUILD WORKSHOPS

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

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/Time: Friday, March 2 9am-4pm

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

Bring a lunch

Min 6/Max15 REGISTERED to DATE: 8



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: 6



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 BSWG, dated April 9, 2018

Min 6/Max15 REGISTERED to DATE:

REMINDERS**PLEASE REMEMBER**FYI

Flint Institute of Arts has a very interesting exhibit now through March 31 in the Hodge Galleries.

Ubuhle Women:

Beadwork and the Art of Independence

Now - March 31, 2018



Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of

Independence showcases a new form of textile art known as ndwango, developed by a community of women living and working together in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Established in 1999 by two women—Ntombephi “Induna” Ntobela and Bev Gibson—on a former sugar plantation, the Ubuhle [pronounced Uh-Buk-lay] began as a way of creating employment for rural women combining traditional skills—like beadwork—and making them profitable.

Ubuhle means “beauty” in the Xhosa [Ho-Sa] and Zulu languages and describes the shimmering quality of light on glass, which has a particular spiritual significance for the Xhosa people. By stretching textile (*ndwango*) like a canvas, the artists transform the flat cloth into a contemporary art form colored with Czech glass beads. The artwork provides an emotional outlet for a community affected by HIV/AIDS and low employment, as well as a route for financial independence for the artists.

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.



BSWG LEARNING GRANTS-DUE NOW

The Guild has established a fund to be used for learning grants. Each year we accept application which have **a due date of March 1** this year. We award four \$50.00 grants to members. This has been under-utilized in the past.

The Application is located on the Guild website under “**Member Services**”.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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.

TREASURER’S/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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.

February Program-Mary Bajcz



Mary entertained us with her research and how she developed her techniques for painting on canvas using a variety of oil pastels, paints and other mediums as well as coatings to seal your work that are non toxic. For those who missed the program handout, you can download it off the Guild website on the Monthly Meetings page.

SHOW N TELL

