



# BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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**MAY 2018**

## **PRESIDENTS LETTER-RON WONBOY**

Hopefully winter is finally gone and spring is really here. We had our Spring Fibers & Flowers Sale at Bogie Lake Greenhouse. Kathy Stahl and her committee did a wonderful job. Thanks to all who worked so hard. We are looking forward to our Summer Potluck and installation of our 2018/2019 Board Members in June. We still need someone to fill the position of Vice President in charge of Workshops, as well as, someone to host the Summer Potluck.

On June 9 the fiber festival at Genesee County Parks Crossroads Village/ Huckleberry Railroad will take place from 10am to 5pm. Set up is from 8am to 9:30am. They have tables and chairs for our use. June 9 is also World Wide Sit and Knit Day. There will be other fiber groups and demonstrations as well as entertainment. There is no charge for us to participate. We will be moved indoors if the weather calls for rain. But, I suggest that you to bring your own covering (tent or large umbrella) to be out of the direct sun. It should be a fun day. If you are interested in participating contact me at 248.875.6900. We will demonstrate our craft as well as sell our creations.

Looking forward to seeing you at our May meeting. We will discuss the Spring Fibers & Flowers Sale, as well as, confirm our 2018/2019 Board Roster, enjoy our program and have Show n Tell.

We need to form a committee and chairperson for our 2018 Holiday Sale. After this month we take our summer break and it is best to know we have a group ready to hit the ground running come September.

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

**May 3 Madeline Navarro, presenter**  
Wet felting lovely wool flowers

**June 7 Pot Luck/Elections**  
Plus last Show n Tell

## **PROGRAM: May 3**

### **Wet Felting Techniques-Madeline Navarro**



Our last program of the year is one we have been waiting to experience. Madeline Navarro, who is a member of the Michigan Leagues of Handweavers, the Ann Arbor Fiber Arts Guild, the Millrace Weavers, as well as, our own BSW member, will discuss the techniques she uses as a wet felter.

Madeline has a number of pieces to share and will focus on wet felted flowers that can be sized and used in a variety of ways.

### **Fun with Alcohol inks**

Last month we had a wonderful time using a variety of alcohol inks on paper to make a card and on a glazed white tile. The results were magnificent!



## MLH report (Michigan League of Handweavers) By Georgian

I attended the Board meeting in East Lansing. The privacy of the members was discussed and information will not be given out. The MLH workshop registration is closed. A few of the workshops were filled completely. There are still some workshops still having a few openings. It should be a good time for all who are attending.

The Steering Committee is already making plans for next year. There will be workshops as well as seminars. Any suggestions for seminars? Please contact me with your ideas.

### Fibers & Flowers Sale-preliminary results

#### Sale INCOME

Item sales	\$6,416.50
Sales Tax	\$ 384.99
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$6,801.49</b>

#### Sale EXPENSES

Sales Tax	-\$ 384.99
Gift for Hosts	-\$ 75.00
Advertising	-\$ 533.51
Liability Insur.	-\$ 87.00
Credit Card fees	-\$ 99.55
Paid to Artists	-\$5,774.85

**NET for Sale**            **-\$ 153.41**

(Guild now at 10%)

### TOP 10 ARTISTS

1. Ellen Lecureux
2. Kathy Stahl
3. Mary Bajcz
4. Carrie Welch
5. Kathy Amerman
6. Annette Taylor
7. Annette Shaffer
8. Pat Thompson
9. Darlene Murray
10. Nadine Cloutier

**More information on the sale will be reported  
at the May meeting.**

*Kathy Amerman, Treasurer*

## FIBERS & FLOWERS SALE



**More photos posted on the web site.**

### **AFTER THE SALE NEWS!!!**

As we were finishing the packing away of Guild owned props, we had to find a place for some pegboard that had to wait until Pam McCormick could return the following week to pick it up.

In walked Mark the owner of BLG. We had talked earlier among a few of us about the idea of getting a shed and perhaps asking if we could place it on the grounds of the greenhouse. Mark then offered us space in a wooden shed that he does not use. We walked back there and decided it would be perfect. We went back to our vehicles, drove back and unloaded. We are a lucky group to have such nice people helping us out.



Annette Shaffer and Kathy Amerman ready to move our signs and tubs of tablecloths.



Our storage area that will be so useful!

## April 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Wonboy at 6:45 pm.

- **Treasurer Report:** the Treasurer's report as published in the February newsletter had no changes.
- **Programs:** March's program of alcohol ink "painting" was a lot of fun and each participant took home a card and a 6" ceramic tile they had painted.
- **Workshops:** The next workshop is Free Motion Lace Stitched Bowls with Cindy Geist which will be held Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 5-9pm in the same room as our BSW meeting are held.
- **Publicity:** Bookmarks and signs for the spring sale were sent out to stores and guilds.
- **MLH** – The MLH meeting is Saturday April 7 so there will be news to report at the next BSW meeting.

### New Business

**Nominating Committee** - Edna did a wonderful job of soliciting our members for the open board positions. Thank you for a job well done!

**Position volunteers for the BSW board are as follows:**

**President**-Kathy Stahl

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres/ Programs**-Sandra Howe and Jan Bhavsar

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres/Workshops**- **OPEN**

**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

**Newsletter**-Jane Brown (volunteered- Apr meeting)

We still have one position open – Workshops. Annette Schaffer says that workshops are a bargain because BSW subsidizes the room. All the forms needed for the workshop coordinator are already in place. There does not have to be a workshop every meeting, even a couple would be better than none.

One person applied for the BSW grant and it was approved. Recipient is Elisabeth Lindsay.

**Crossroads Village:** June 9 10am-5pm (one day) BSW was invited to participate in the Fiber Festival at the Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. There is no charge to participate and this will be advertised on their website. This invitation is for us to demonstrate our fiber techniques and also to sell our creative endeavors.

They will provide folding tables and chairs for our use, and will give us \$5.00 coupons for food, etc. They may place us indoors if there is inclement weather. Members may bring a tent for fine weather. Contact Ron to sign-up, he will take names at the next BSW meeting. If you feel like it you can wear 1880's period clothing.

**BSW Holiday Sale:** we still need a chairperson for this sale. A motion was made to adjust the Holiday Sale hours to 10-6 pm on Friday and 9-4 pm on Saturday which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**June Pot Luck/Meeting:** Cindy Geist has said maybe, if anyone else is interested in hosting the pot luck please let us know at the next meeting.

### Old Business

**Fiber & Flowers Sale,** April 21 & 22, 2018 held at Bogie Lake Greenhouse: Kathy Stahl – Chairperson Props drop-off- week of April 16-20 (week prior to sale). Props can be dropped off anytime during normal Bogie Lake Greenhouse business hours.

Ask Bogie Lake personnel where to put anything you bring early. **NOTE:** if you have a 6 or 8 foot table or two that you can bring please do so.

**Sale merchandise drop off-** April 20 10am-2pm make sure you put similar items together when you pack your stuff to take to drop off. It makes it a lot easier to set up the sale.

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

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

**Jurying:** Jurying will take place in the two hours prior to the sale after the items are out and arranged for the sale. Items that do not meet BSW sale standards (please see Standards of Acceptance on the BSW website for specific details for each discipline on your specific sale items) will be pulled and an explanation will be given to the creator via a check sheet.

**Packing Up after the Sale:** All participants of the sale are required to wait and help other participants pack up prior to leaving. Anyone who does not will not be allowed to participate in future sales.

Hours for the Spring Sale are: Saturday: 9 to 5 pm Sunday: 10 to 4 pm. If you have one of the pink name tags wear it to the sale.



## Minutes continued

- Also, does anyone know who took the BSW aprons at the Holiday Sale? Please let Kathy Stahl know if you figure it out.
- Mary Bajcz is in charge of snacks. Bring something to snack on but make sure that it can stand to be out of the refrigerator or put it into a cooler with ice.
- Bogie Lake Greenhouse has a planter workshop on Saturday of our sale which brings in extra customers for them and some of them shop with us too.

A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Nachtgall and seconded by Kathy Amerman at 7:25 pm

The program for April took place after the general meeting.

*Connie Hydell – Secretary*

## TREASURERS REPORT

The Guild bank account balance is currently \$5,409. April expenses of \$851 to date include annual room rent, sale advertising expenses, Hospitality expenses, Learning Grant award, the April program, cash for the sale, and supplies for the sale. Income to date is \$60 from Tag sales. The Spring Sale accounting is not included in this report. We are currently ahead of our annual forecasted budget. See attached summary on page 5.

## Membership

We have one new member who joined us in mid-February. Please welcome **Suzanne Bauch** from Pinckney. We hope to see you in person soon!

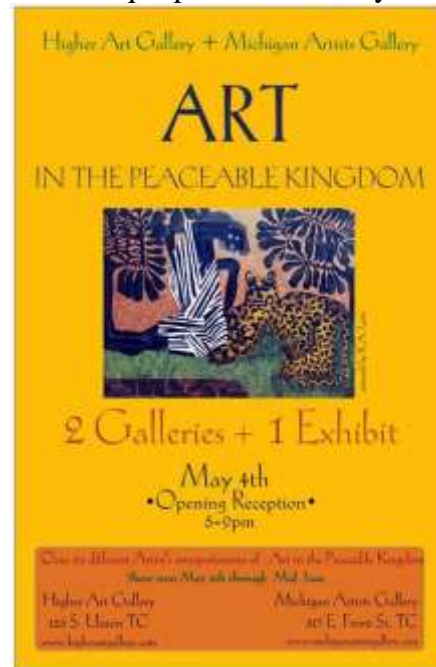
## nEWEs-worthy

On April 14, Guild member Darlene Murray volunteered to help another Guild, the Wild Wooly Women, at the SE Michigan Annual Hook-in held at WCC in Ann Arbor. During the Raffle portion of the event she was the lucky winner of two gift baskets seen here.



## nEWEs-worthy continued

Sarah Tierney will have a felted art piece in a Traverse City gallery for the show listed here. Unfortunately I cannot print a photo of the piece until the show is over. Hopefully Sarah can tell us about her unique piece at our May meeting.



## SUMMER VENDING OPPORTUNITIES



**Back by POPULAR demand!**

**June 16, 2018 10am-5pm (rain or shine)**

**at Dodge Park V (use Commerce Library entrance) in Commerce, MI**

**for more artist and set up info visit the link**

[https://www.huronvalleyarts.org/1/257/artist\\_information.asp](https://www.huronvalleyarts.org/1/257/artist_information.asp)

**Franklin Garden Club/Garden Walk-June 13 is seeking vendors to sell garden type art. They request only 15% donation (honor system) from all your sales that day.**

**More info about set up, times, lunch etc. can be found by visiting the BSWG website EVENTS page to download the Artist Application form.**

**BSWG Budget Summary to date MAY 2018 -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	\$ 230.00	-\$ 70.00	
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>\$3,910.83</b>	<b>-\$2,439.17</b>	<b>\$3,910.83</b>

**EXPENSES:**

<b>GUILD FUNCTIONS</b>				
Hospitality/Membership	\$ 100.00	\$ 86.79	\$ 13.21	
Newsletter	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 153.87	\$ 46.13	
Programs	\$ 900.00	\$ 717.50	\$ 182.50	
Workshops	\$2,100.00	\$ 405.00	\$1,695.00	
<b>SubTotal GF</b>	<b>\$3,320.00</b>			<b>\$1,363.16</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	\$ 175.00	\$ 25.00	
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>\$ 870.21</b>
<b>GUILD SALES</b>				
Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 94.66	\$ 105.34	
Equipment	\$ 200.00	\$ 162.57	\$ 37.43	
Advertising	\$ 870.00	\$ 610.66	\$ 259.34	
Sales Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 103.89	\$ 396.11	
<b>SubTotal GS</b>	<b>\$1,770.00</b>			<b>\$ 971.78</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	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	
Dues	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>SubTotal CSN</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>			<b>\$ 270.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,405.00</b>	<b>\$3,514.54</b>	<b>\$2,890.46</b>	<b>\$3,514.54</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>-\$ 55.00</b>	<b>\$ 396.29</b>		