



# BLACK SHEEP NEWES

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November, 2019

## NOVEMBER 7, 2019 PROGRAM

### MAKE & TAKE: HOLIDAY CARD AND SHEEP PIN

This month we have 2 Make and Take hands-on programs. Chose one or chose both! Please see the details below, including supply lists you'll need to bring for the project(s) you chose!

#### HOLIDAY CARDS

BSW's November Make and Take will be a hands-on project for all attending members and non-members. We will be making our own holiday cards.

##### We are asking that you bring your own:

- jar of rubber cement
- pair of scissors appropriate for paper
- glue stick

##### Also please bring the following if you have:

- holiday stamps (If you like to stamp)
- holiday colored stamp pads
- used, retro or new holiday cards
- new, retro or used holiday wrapping paper
- embellishments- which can be stickers, ribbon, sparkly things... any paper embellishments you can think of that can be adhered to paper

BSW will supply the card making paper, card stock and envelopes, instructions and Cheri Skomra's stash.

#### SHEEP PINS

Come and enjoy an evening of making yourself a cute Sheep pin to wear during the Holiday Sale. These are not to be made later by individuals to sell at a future Guild Sales. Annette and Nadine will show you how to begin the base of the body and then you are free to finish it using any of the yarn supplied by the Guild.

##### Supplies YOU need to bring:

- Scissors,
- Black Sharpie,
- a needle and a spool of neutral color thread or color of your choice.
- If you have a preferred yarn you wish to use, bring it.

##### Guild will supply the following:

Sheep body base (small clothes pins, Popsicle sticks), low temp glue guns and glue sticks, pin backs, pipe cleaners, beads for the head and small bells.

#### PRESIDENTS LETTER

As we celebrate Halloween, the Christmas catalogs are beginning to arrive and the smells of roasting turkey and sage dressing are in the air or at least in our minds. It is a busy time of the year, and adding to the upcoming holidays, our fiber arts guild will enrich the season with another display of wide-ranging creative goods for sale.

On a personal level, each finished art piece inspires a new one, and seeing the work of other artists keeps my juices flowing. Sooo—all this means a busy few months of celebrating, shopping, cooking, and experimenting with art ideas.

Many consider this a stressful time, but the other option is to be grateful for the fullness of our days, for the opportunities to connect, and for the joys produced by self-expression.

We hope everyone will join us on November 7 for our "Make it/Take it" sessions, and we will also finalize our holiday sale plans. See you there!



The November program will begin at 6:30 and the business meeting will follow. Also, a Strick Matador knitting machine that was donated to the guild will be auctioned off at this meeting. Arrive early for a bit of socializing!

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## **HOLIDAY SALE 2019 – UPDATED!**

### **Need to know for the Holiday Sale**

Your membership dues must be paid or received **by November 7** to be eligible to sell your wares at the 2019 Holiday Sale at Bogie Lake Greenhouse. Send your check (\$25) to Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild (BSFWG) P.O. Box 409, Hartland, MI 48353 or to Bonnie Janssen, 1396 Thorn Ridge Dr. Howell, MI 48843. **You may also pay dues at the Nov meeting.**

**You also need to provide one or more items for display in the Holiday showcases during November.**

### **Sale tags for Holiday Sale:**

The October 3 and November 7 meetings will be your opportunity to purchase **guild tags** for items for sale at the upcoming Holiday Sale. There are 3 sizes depending on the type of item and they sell for \$1 for a pack of 10. Information on how to fill out the tags is on the Guild website.

Questions? Contact **Darlene Murray** at [Darlene.gould.murray@gmail.com](mailto:Darlene.gould.murray@gmail.com).

Refer to <http://www.blacksheepweavers.com/member-services.html> for more information on sale tags, printing inventory sheets, art submission guidelines and sale procedures.

### **UPDATE UPDATE Please bring props!**

**Our PROPS QUEEN Pam McCormick will not be able to support our sale this year. She has a new full-time job and cannot get the time off. So, it is very important that YOU bring your own props to be used for the sale. We are especially in need of ‘JEWELRY TYPE’ displays. Look to Joann Fabrics, Michaels or Hobby Lobby for the inexpensive black velvet type. Use your Joann coupons. Or Salvation army, look for mug trees or other useful props to display necklaces. In addition, we need table top shelving, crates, sturdy wooden boxes, etc. to help elevate our items and to make great looking displays.**

The BSWG holiday sale is fast approaching and the setup committee is reminding everyone to dig through their closets, garages, basements for any and all items that may be used for displaying items in our sale. Baskets, racks of any kind, shelving displays, jewelry neck forms/trees- anything that you think will work. Be sure you have your name written on it or some way to designate that the prop belongs to you.

Some of you may have stored BSW props for us and it is time to locate them, dust them off and then deliver them to the Bogie Lake Greenhouse and place them in the NW corner of the greenhouse anytime during the week prior to the show (Dec 1-5).

**\*SALE SET UP is Thursday, December 5 from 9-4 and**

**\*SALE MERCHANDISE DROP-OFF is Dec 5 from 10-2.**

So you may coordinate your prop and merchandise drop off from (10-2). We would prefer to know all major props (the bones of the set up) are on site as early as possible. Thank you!

**Edna Sprunk** has agreed to continue developing and updating our PROPS List. Please check in with her at each meeting regarding what you have stored and will deliver as well as any new props you have to offer from your personal stash for the Guild to use.

### **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

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## SHOWCASE OUR PRODUCTS

### Your Entry Fee to the Holiday Sale

The Lobby showcase at the Croumaine Library, the Commerce Library and one of the Lobby showcases at the Hartland Community Ed building are available to us to advertise our upcoming sale and the various fiber arts created by the membership. These are *FREE advertising venues* to share with the community what we do and make, as well as promote the Bogie Lake Greenhouse location. The libraries may also include relevant book covers related to displayed art.

Bring any holiday item(s) made by you that you wish to feature, or items you have purchased from another Guild member at past BSW Holiday sales.

PLEASE include an inventory of the items on loan, clearly label each piece and label the bag or box you transport them in. Your things will be returned at the December Potluck and the January BSW meeting unless other arrangements are made with the showcase contacts.

Our **SHOWCASE** contacts are:

- **Edna Sprunk, Croumaine Library**
- **Thia Eades, Hartland Community Ed.**
- **Karen Schaefer, Commerce Library**

Please get with these ladies at the November meeting. The showcases will be set up for the month of November. If you have a "prop" that would best display your item, please label and include that also.

**Remember, this is your entry fee to be in the Holiday Sale. Each participant MUST submit an item or more made by you or another guild member to be displayed at one of the above mentioned showcases. We are keeping a list of who has met the entry fee requirement. We need to have all SALE PARTICIPANTS respond.**

### NOV 7 MEETING MEMBER TO-DO LIST

1. Bring Dues (if not already paid)
2. Bring Make It & Take It supplies (see 1<sup>st</sup> page)
3. Bring \$ to buy Holiday sale tags
4. Bring \$ to bid on Matador knitting machine
5. Bring showcase items for Holiday sale displays during November

## HOLIDAY SALE **Jobs Update**

Nadine and Annette co-chairs

First Annette and I would like to thank all of the members who have volunteered early to help with set up, inventorying items and sheets, working the various job positions, helping schelp props from the on-site storage shed and working the floor, cashiering or demonstrating your fiber art technique.

However, we do still have some time slots that need to be filled. Especially the Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> morning shift from 8:45 am to 1pm. We are in need of at least 6-8 more volunteers to be floor walkers, demo and work the make & take activity table. Even if you are not selling in the Holiday Sale, your involvement is most helpful. The proceeds from the 10% given back to the Guild by those members selling benefit everyone in the Guild such as our fabulous programs, the purchase of the name tags and better scholarship amounts.

So, please consider volunteering your time before the Committee Chairs have to "Voluntell" you where you will be working at the sale. Remember, if you are a seller you must work at the sale and one job to help put on the sale. If for any reason you cannot work your assigned shift or your job, you are responsible to find a substitute.

Thanks a bunch and watch for email notifications from Nadine verifying your work shift as the date draws nearer.

### DECEMBER HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Save the date for the Christmas party, Friday, December 13th, 6:00 pm!

Please plan to bring a dish to share and a handmade gift, if you are interested in participating in the festive gift exchange. I will also have the checks from the holiday sale at my house.

Looking forward to sharing all of my fabulous needle crafts with all of you.

Bonnie Janssen  
1396 Thorn Ridge  
Howell, MI 48843  
517.294.0253

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# BSW Workshop

## Sulky Sit & Sew Workshop - The Magic of Free-Motion

Workshop Date: Friday November 22, 2019

Workshop Location: Hartland Community Education Building Room 3

Workshop Time: 2 – 6 pm

Workshop Cost = \$55

Learn how easy and fun it is to use all of our glamorous threads you see on award winning quilts. Your quilts, wall-hangings and wearable art can all be just as dazzling and exciting as the “experts”! A Sulky National Educator will demonstrate and teach various free-motion techniques using all of the threads provided in your kit. Demonstrations of various free-motion techniques with many applications.



### Kit Contains:

8 spools of [Sulky Decorative thread](#)

4 Sulky [Stabilizers](#)

Fabric & batting

14/90 metallic needle

(Kit Cost = \$25)



### The Magic of Free Motion Workshop Student Supply List

#### Please bring the following items to the workshop:

- Zigzag sewing machine with capability for feed - dog drop (If your machine does not lower the feed dogs, then bring the feed cover plate)
- Darning or free motion foot to (see picture below)
- Foot Control
- Long extension cord for each student
- Extra Fine black Sharpie
- Scissors and general sewing supplies\*
- 3-4 empty bobbins
- 16/100 topstitch or denim needles (14/90 provided by Sulky)\*
- A pillow and sweater (optional) for comfort!
- Open toe Appliqué Foot (optional)



**Please note: there are still several openings if you're interested!**

**Please contact Debbie Nachtgall at 248-765-6992 or**

**[dnachtgall4159@wowway.com](mailto:dnachtgall4159@wowway.com).**

**Tell your friends and hope to see you there!**

**It's open to anyone until the class is full.**



## BSWFG OCT 3, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

- 40 people attended. We had one new member & one guest.
- Meeting began with items made in the magazine challenge from the October meeting displayed.
- The knitting machine auction was postponed until the November meeting.
- Dues were collected.

### Program & Workshop Plans

- Next month program will be a Make it/Take it session. We'll be making either (or both) a note card or a sheep pin. Supplies needed to bring with you will be listed in the newsletter.
- On November 22 it is anticipated that we will have enough interest to have a Sulky seminar on free motion techniques. There will be a \$55 class fee per participant as well as a \$25 kit fee payable to Black Sheep Weavers. The class will last 4 hours and occur in our regular meeting room.
- There will probably be a dye workshop in the spring.
- Our post-holiday sale potluck will be Dec 13 at 6:00 PM.

### Treasurer's Report

- At present we have \$5830.83 in our checking account.
- Scholarships available to members are four \$100 maximum scholarships. A member can apply and receive one scholarship (\$100 max) every other year.

### BSW Sales

- The Spring Sale date is yet to be finalized.
- Sign-up sheets for work schedules for the Holiday Sale were passed around.
- There was a pass around list for work times at the sale.
- Set up will be Thursday, Dec 5.
- Sale times are:  
Friday: 10AM-5PM and Saturday 9AM-4PM

### October Program

- Our speaker was Sonya Jones. Subject matter was crochet in wearable art and beading used in wearable art as well as how she is inspired to create her designs.
- Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

### BSWFG 2019-2020 Programs

- Nov 7** Make it Take it
- Dec 13** Holiday Potluck at Bonnie's
- Jan 9** Felting, Presenter Sarah Tierney
- Feb. 6** To be announced
- Mar 5** Garage Sale And Show & Tell
- Apr. 9** Artistic Quilting  
Presenter Emily Lauren
- May 7** History of Weaving in Hartland  
Presenter Nadine Cloutier
- June 4** Potluck

## CALENDAR OF FIBER ART EVENTS

See <http://www.blacksheepweavers.com/fyi-and-for-sale.html> for more information.

WHEN	WHAT	FOR MORE INFO ...
Oct 29- Nov 25	<b>Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild Members Exhibit</b> A wonderful show of work by a group of very talented Michigan artists. Including 4 juried pieces of woven art by our own BSW member, Pat Thompson! Enjoy a road trip!	Opening reception Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 - 9 pm See <a href="http://www.annarborfiberarts.org/events/sales-and-exhibits/">http://www.annarborfiberarts.org/events/sales-and-exhibits/</a> or call the Village Theater for hours and days of exhibit ---734-394-5300
Oct 31- Nov 3	<b>Vogue Knitting Live!</b> will be in Columbus, Ohio this year, October 31 through November 3. Classes and a Marketplace are available.	See <a href="https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/columbus">https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/columbus</a>
Nov 14-16	<b>The Sewing and Quilt Expo</b> will be held November 14, 15 and 16 at the Suburban Collection in Novi. This includes day-long workshops, classes and exhibits.	See <a href="http://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Novi.MI.aspx">http://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Novi.MI.aspx</a>
Nov 23, 10-4 Nov 24, 11-4	<b>Artful Hands Holiday Show</b> Shop stress-free for handcrafted items: Pottery, Crochet, Knitting, Felting, Jewelry, Weaving, Cards and much more! Looking forward to showing off our current work --- Kim, Pat, Gisela, Elke, Anja and Linda	For additional information call Pat at 810-623-8941 Locaion: 4229 Chapel View Circle, Brighton, MI 48114
Jan 6	<b>Registration opens for MLH Workshops</b>	See <a href="http://www.mlhguild.org">www.mlhguild.org</a>