



# BLACK SHEEP NEWS

December 2009

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*Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Cromaïne Crafts*

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I hope everyone is getting ready for the sale. We have lots of room to display our items. Please tell your friends and family to come and spend some money. (I know Black Sheep members are our best customers.)

Everything seems to be going smoothly. Again, any complaints or criticisms, please talk to me.

PEACE in this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Georgian

## DECEMBER MEETING

### HOLIDAY POTLUCK and ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

All Guild members are invited to attend a Holiday Potluck dinner on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm at Lana Socia's. Bring a dish to pass. A tradition at the holiday potluck is the ornament exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped, handmade ornament (by yourself or someone else) and take home an ornament from someone else's hands. Lana's lovely home is located at 6523 Oak Grove Road, Howell, (about 5 1/2 miles north of M-59 and about 1/2 mile south of the village of Oak Grove), 517-548-7380. There are stone pillars with lions marking her driveway on the west side of Oak Grove Rd. Hope to see everyone there and bring an ornament, the more ornaments, the more fun.

Sincerely,

Peggy Eppinger  
Black Sheep Hospitality Chair

## BLACK SHEEP BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** ..... Georgian Franczyk  
**1st Vice President:** ..... Annette Taylor  
**Workshops:** ..... Annette Shaffer/ Veronica Straus  
**Secretary:** ..... Jacqueline Deradoorian  
**Treasurer/Membership:** ..... Theresa Henderson  
**MLH Rep:** ..... Mary Underwood  
**Hospitality Chair:** ..... Peggy Eppinger  
**Historian/Librarian:** ..... Mary Bajcz  
**Publicity:** ..... Sandie Coir  
**Newsletter Editor:** ..... Deborah Kellogg-Lewis  
**Webmaster:** ..... Deborah Kellogg-Lewis

## ADVERTISING THE HOLIDAY SALE



### Lobby Showcase

Nadine put together the showcase in the lobby of the HES-SC building on M-59. It has been on display for the month of November to promote the Holiday Sale and our Guild.

People have made numerous comments about the lovely items and mentioned they will come to the sale. The artwork will remain on display through the Warm n Cozy Bazaar to encourage customer to stop by our sale on Saturday. Flyers are attached for people to take with them. Thanks go out to Annette, Judith and Nadine for loaning their items purchased over the years from members to make the showcase so beautiful!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Weftovers-Weaving study group

The study group is off to a great start this year. We have selected a 6 month project. We will be doing a “mug” exchange at our December meeting at Tyme Well Spent Tea Room in Hartland. Once the mug has been exchanged, the person who selected the mug will interpret a design and use colors to go with the mug and weave a 14” x 14” napkin in cotton. In June, we will return the mug to its owner and share in the wonderful textiles designed and learn what inspired them.

At the September meeting we discussed what direction to take this year. It was agreed that field trips are fun and educational. A visit to Greenfield Village to see the Jacquard loom is being organized for the spring. Theresa Henderson offered to teach those interested double-faced card weaving. Supplies were ordered and instruction given by Theresa at both the October and November meetings. It is a very interesting way to weave and can be done without a loom.

Our group meets the third Monday of each month in the same room as BSWG meetings. In lieu of the December meeting, we are having our holiday tea. Regular meeting will resume in January. For more information contact Peggy Eppinger or Nadine Cloutier.



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## LINKS TO SITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.etsy.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/pages/Sunlawn-Arts/158493239242?ref=ts>

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## TREASURER'S REPORT NOV. 2009

1. Changed address on sales tax
2. Sent in quarterly sales tax form
3. e-mailed all unpaid members to tell them they're missed. One response.
4. The budget is being worked on and revised – in progress.
5. Question the 2 sales being in the general budget. It would be easier to have a separate one?

### Checks written:

Gini Cooper – mileage Oct. program.....	167.20
Hartland Schools – room rent .....	200.00
Peggy Eppinger – supplies (kitchen) .....	31.13
Synergy – website 6 months .....	62.58
Debbie got the price reduced (from \$100)	
Hartland Community Life Newspaper – ad. for Christmas sale .....	190.00
Ad appears in Nov. and Dec. papers	
Huron Valley Art Council Membership .....	50.00
(This was neglected last year)	
<b>Total checks .....</b>	<b>\$791.91</b>

### Deposits

Dues .....	\$1050.00
Pam McCormick's sale .....	69.75
<b>Total deposits .....</b>	<b>\$1119.75</b>
Ending Balance in checking account - \$2,646.97	
Respectfully submitted by:	
Theresa Henderson, Treasurer	



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## **GENERAL MEETING NOV. 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees: Board members, general membership and guests

### **Programs**

Ruth Affleck-Laity demonstrated Celtic Loom Weaving and gave us a nice overview on how to use the woven pieces to make garments. Details of the guild play date on Saturday, February 6 will be in an upcoming newsletter. Connie dyed the quilt wool some very nice colors and some of the members have been creating stamps and rollers.

### **Workshops**

There will also be a Celtic Weaving workshop on Nov. 7 for \$40.00 (participants would need to purchase a mini-loom).

### **Treasurer's Report**

See attached document. Treasurer's report was approved as read.

### **Secretary's report**

October's meeting minutes were published online and the general membership approved them at the November 4 meeting.

### **Newsletter**

All members seem to be receiving the email. One member is having issues with snail mail. If anyone is having problems receiving the newsletter, please contact Deborah Kellogg-Lewis.

### **Hospitality**

Peggy introduced 3 new guild members.

### **Publicity**

We received 300 copies of the Country Register with our Christmas Sale ad. The members at the November meeting all took copies to hand out. Sandie, our chair, suggested we put the time and money into promoting ourselves since there is so much competition out there these days. She made a motion to approve the funds to put an ad in the Marketeer (sent to 42, 000 homes in Livingston County). Jacqueline D. seconded the motion and the membership approved the motion. We may also obtain some quotes for obtaining new signs. Our current signs were donated and updated by a local business man.

Susan T. also has an email list of people who are interested in our sales and will have another sign up sheet at our upcoming sale.

### **Librarian**

Mary Bajcz has obtained 5 new books. She is also color coding the books for use. Mary is also ordering a subscription to the Spin Off magazine. We still have about \$40 in the library budget.

### **MLH Rep**

The MLH conference is scheduled for August 6-8 2010.

### **Fiber Expo**

Connie Hydell (organizer) had a very successful Fiber Expo. It was the third year for the Expo. Last year she had 51 vendors and this year that increased to 70. The vendors also reported to Connie that sales were good. Channel 7 was at the Expo early Saturday morning and as a result there was a large spike in web hits that day.

### **Christmas Sale**

At the beginning of the meeting, Susan T. passed around sign up sheets and check lists for sellers, display items need and work shifts we need to fill.

Sale items need to be dropped off Thursday December 3rd between 5pm and 8pm. At the very latest they can be dropped off Friday December 4th between 9am and 10am. Christmas Sale display items are needed on Thursday too. We have new customer bags with our logo.

Jacqueline Gilbert is going out of town so anyone needing last minute sale tags, please contact the following: Susan Trovillion for anyone needing tags in the Fenton area, Pat Thompson for any one needing tags in the Brighton/Howell area, Cheri Skomra for any one needing tags in the Milford area Phone numbers and emails are in your member information kit.

If you have any questions regarding the Holiday Sale please feel free to call Susan Trovillion anytime between 6am and 9pm.

### **Spring Fling**

The Spring Fling will be April 24 and 25. Any one wishing to display and sell wall items (items that would be hung on the walls April 4 or 5 and kept up the whole month, or until sold) need to be bar coded by the HVCA. HVCA would take 25% of the sales for wall items but the Black Sheep would not take any percentage.

There was also some discussion by the HVCA about cost for the guild changing from a daily fee to 5% of sales. Any changes would take effect next year and are still under discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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## HOLIDAY SALE

The Holiday Sale will soon be here. I have attached the work schedule and the display items list as a reminder. If your name is NOT on the work schedule (and you are not on the setup team), please contact me to schedule your work time. I think I have everyone on there that contacted me ... if I missed you, please be kind enough to poke me again with the information.

Drop off of product - preferably on Thursday, December 3, from 5pm until 8pm. As a last resort, you can drop off between 9am-10am on Friday morning. Display equipment MUST be brought by Thursday.

Be sure to mark your lids and containers on all sides with your name if you want them back. We will be storing them in the office area during the sale.

Don't forget to bring snacks.

We have lots of advertising out there ... also emphasizing the change in venue ... let's be positive that this sale will do well ... in spite of the economy.

Susan Trovillion  
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**Deadline for submissions to the newsletter  
is the 20th of each month.**

**Send submissions to**

**deborahkellogglewis@comcast.net**

Please put **Black Sheep Newsletter** in the  
subject line.

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## HOLIDAY SALE WORK SCHEDULE

### Friday, December 4 3-5:30 pm

Jacqueline Gilbert  
Veronica Straus  
Jacqueline Deradoorian  
Peggy Eppinger  
Esther Carlson  
Edna Sprunk  
Connie Hydell  
Jan Bhavsar  
Maryann Barger  
Barb Shanahan  
Pat Thompson  
Darlene Murray

### Friday, December 4 5:30-8:00 pm

Jacqueline Gilbert  
Andrea Dougherty  
Lina Shurtleff  
Veronica Straus  
Jacqueline Deradoorian  
Edna Sprunk  
Connie Hydell  
Jan Bhavsar  
Judith Bamber  
Cheri Skomra  
Debbie Kellogg-Lewis  
Chris Parker-Darish

### Saturday, December 5 9 am until 1:00 pm

Jacqueline Gilbert  
Janine Rudzki  
Peggy Eppinger  
Lynne McLean  
Connie Hydell  
Jan Bhavsar  
Annette Shaffer  
Cheri Skomra  
Linda Smith  
Nancy Lopez

### Saturday, December 5 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm

Pam Arquette  
Jeannie Arquette  
Jacqueline Gilbert  
Janine Rudzki  
Lynne McLean  
Connie Hydell  
Jan Bhavsar  
Barb Shanahan  
Judith Bamber  
Nancy Miller  
Pat Thompson  
Kathy Novak - demo 12-4



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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Fostering a spirit of creativity in the arts through our hands, hearts and our fascination with fiber. The Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild is committed to continue the advancement and love for fiber arts

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| December 4 & 5 – 27th Annual Holiday Sale   | May 6 – Debbi Cooper – Shibori Dye Techniques |
| December 10 – Guild Holiday Potluck   | June 3 – End of Year Potluck, Member Showcase |
| January 7 – Pam Arquette – “Various Weaving Structures”                                 |   |
| February 4 – Judith Bamber – Felted Iranian Tribal Rugs<br>Hands-On Time – Felted Beads |   |
| February 6 – Guild Play Day   |   |
| March 4 – Roxanne Pett – Hairpin Lace   |   |
| March 6 – Workshop – Hairpin Lace making  |   |
| Date TBA – 6th Annual Spring Fling Sale   |   |
| April 1 – Gisela Bosch – Weaving in Guatemala   |   |

### **Black Sheep Weavers Meeting Location**

Science Room of Hartland Consolidated Schools Educational Support Service Center (The Old High School),  
9525 Highland Road (M-59), Hartland, MI, 3/4 miles West of US 23  
Social Starts 6:30 PM • Meeting about 7:00 PM