



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

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Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Crompton Crafts

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I hope you have your fun clothes ready for our Saturday Play Day. Bring your ideas and your projects to share, get ideas and complete. It should be fun and I am looking forward to it.

No words of wisdom over here. It looks like a typical Michigan Winter Day and it makes me want spring. Enjoy!

Georgian

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

We will be having two speakers for the February program: Guild member, Judith Bamber, will bring in a new, wool-felted tribal Iranian rug. This was made in Iran by a 5th generation felted rug maker, using the same primitive techniques as his ancestors. Judith's mini program will include a brief introduction, and a 17 minute video of the artisan making these tribal rugs. Judith will present the origins of wool-felted rugs, and introduce the company, Peace Industry. This San Francisco based company has created an industry in Iran which makes felted rugs of contemporary designs.

Our Second speaker will be Beth Hubbel on felting and embellishing bracelets. She will demonstrate all aspects of the process. If there is enough interest, Beth is willing to do a work shop at a later date.

For our fun day February 6th, Annette Taylor will provide roving and show how she felts balls and makes them into bracelets.



GUILD PLAY DAY UPDATE

PLAY DAY IS SOON - FEBRUARY 6!!!

Hope you have marked your calendars for Saturday, February 6 to attend the Guild Play Day. We will be meeting in the same room we have our monthly meetings at 10:00 am, playing till noon or one-ish. Activities will include crayon batik which Veronica Strauss will be discussing at the February meeting, gelatin plate printing and experimenting with all the stamping, rolling, printing tools we have been making the past couple months. We will be using paints (not dyes) in various ways to embellish our surfaces.

You need to bring:

- Surfaces to embellish: fabric, paper, whatever, (approximately 12" squares of pre-washed fabric will work well for the crayon batik and gelatin plate printing)
- Any stamps you may have made from Guild materials, any other tools or surfaces that you think will make interesting prints
- Apron or old shirt to protect from molten crayon and India ink
- Old brushes, about a #7+-. They will be ruined, so no good ones.
- 3-4 pieces of white paper, eg. typing
- Drop cloth to protect your work surface, newspapers
- Scissors
- Plastic bags, tray, box or bucket to take home not quite dry work
- Any other ideas or materials you think would be fun to play with

As mentioned before, all Guild members are welcome to come. We would like to get an idea of how many people will be attending so will be taking a count at the meeting.

If you are unable to come to the meeting, but you will be attending Play Day, please notify Annette Shaffer at 517.548.2335 or email her at asdt2@sbcglobal.net. Looking forward to a day of creatively playing and sharing with Guild friends, both old and new.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS NEEDED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Missing the January Guild meeting due to snowy weather means all donations to the Hartland Area Historical Society's annual dinner and fund-raiser will need to be brought to the February meeting. As noted in last month's BSW's newsletter, Tom Parshall, owner of IMC Products in Hartland has generously and without cost to the Guild created and twice yearly updated the 3 large BSW sale signs. Tom is also president of the Historical Society and has requested donations for this year's dinner and fund raiser "Magical History Tour" to be held February 19 at Waldenwoods. Last year our donations raised almost \$300. If you have participated in any of the Guild's sales in the past several years, you have benefited from Tom's donation to the Guild. Let's respond in kind with donations of our time and artistic talents.

Please bring any items you wish to donate to the February meeting. Note your name, value of item (for tax receipt purposes) and a business card if you have one with your item. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact Annette Shaffer, 517.548.2335 or Nadine Cloutier, 810.626.2142 (w) to arrange a convenient time and location to drop off your item.

WANTED:

Two instructors for the Women's Enrichment Day in Milford on March 20. The seminars last about an hour and it should be hands on. You can also sell. Preference will be given to the demonstrators, but more sales space may be available. Interested? Contact Georgian.

Glass baby jars. I need about 24 of them. Any little ones in your family? Georgian

Does anyone have the Black Sheep slide projector? If so, please let me know. Georgian

HELP! NEEDED! WANTED!

A chairperson for the Holiday Sale. It could be a team who will share responsibilities. If you want a sale, volunteer. Volunteer at the meeting or contact Georgian.

Donation reminder:

Peggy Eppinger will take any donations you might have at the February meeting of yarn, fabric, knitting needles and crochet hooks for the St Luke's Women's Center.

Sharon Costello Workshops

April 9, 10, 11. Two days of felted people class, one day Go felt a Fish. Call Lana Socia at 517-548-7380 for more information.

MARCH PROGRAM

Roxanne Pett will discuss Hair Pin Lace making. Roxanne has had a love affair with fiber all of her life. With embroidery, quilting, knitting and crocheting being a passion while growing up. She acquired a solid foundation for good design and lasting quality in her work. College was a study of commercial art but was found not to be her life passion. In 1992 natural fiber entered into her life and has taken all of the other interests to a focus of a complete state. Roxanne loves to blend different mediums together to bring out the best of all attributes. Her days are filled with care of her many different fiber animals, dying yarn and fibers, spinning, felting and weaving. Roxanne has had work in fairs, fiber shows, and art galleries here in Michigan. She also has had work published in International and domestic magazines. Helping others find a creative spark in themselves and coaxing them to succeed is a real joy for Roxanne.

Annette Taylor will be bringing a sample of her work, and a shawl she made to the Feb meeting. There will be a class offered on March 6th, we need a minimum of 7 to go forward with the class, maximum of 15. Roxanne will go over different methods of Hairpin Lace, and show samples of her work.

In the class you will learn how to make hairpin lace strips and then join them together. There are several ways to join by crocheting and knitting. You will receive a simple scarf pattern to make later.

Items for the class: Bring hairpin lace loom (or let Roxanne know a head of time and you can purchase them from her): worsted weight yarn, crochet hook size F or G: scissors, yarn needle and knitting needles size 6 to 8.

Cost of class \$30 plus any supplies you need: 3 hours long: Held in Hartland.

CALL FOR DONATIONS

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BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD

Is Pleased to Offer the Following Workshop:

Introduction to Hairpin Lacemaking with Rozanne Pett

This workshop will teach you to make hairpin lace strips and join them together using knitting or crocheting. You will also receive a scarf pattern to make later.

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010 10:00am to 1:00 pm

Where: Hartland Educational Support Services Building, 9525 M-59, Room 23 (same room the BSW's meetings are held)

Cost: \$38

Class Size: Minimum: 7 students, Maximum: 15 students

What to Bring: Hairpin Lace loom, worsted weight yarn, yarn needle, crochet hook size F or G, knitting needles size 6 □ 8

Materials Fee: (payable to instructor the day of workshop) If you need a loom (approximately \$10-\$15), contact Roxanne, email: spinner_weaver@hotmail.com

Workshop Registration Form

Name of Workshop _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Are you a Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild member? Yes _____ No _____

Make checks payable to Black Sheep Weavers & return with bottom portion of this form to:

Annette Shaffer

6435 Spaulding Road

Howell, MI 48855

Phone: 517-548-2335

Email: asdt2@sbcglobal.net

Workshop registrations will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, based on the date the registration is received.

Registration check will not be deposited until day of workshop.

Workshop will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met.

SPRING FLING SALE AND GALLERY SHOW

Please keep both the Spring Fling Sale (April 24-25) and our Gallery show (the month of April) at the HVCA in mind when you are creating.

The Spring Fling will be run just like our other shows with 15% of sales benefitting Black Sheep Weavers' Fiber Guild. The Gallery show will be sponsored by the HVCA with 25% of the sales from the items in that show to benefit the HVCA. The HVCA will host an opening (4/09) and advertise the show for us.

The items for the show should be items that can be displayed on the wall and be no wider than 48". Items for the walls must be ready to hang. We will also have space for smaller items in a glass cabinet. We can also hang some items on other types of props, but they must be close to the walls because the Gallery is a multi purpose space that also hosts concerts and meetings.

One wonderful feature of our sales is that you can participate even if you only have one item. If you have images that we can use for promotion, please e-mail them to Connie at the address below. Think spring!

If you have questions, please contact Connie Hydell, chydel@yahoo.com , 734-546-0032 or Mary Bajcz, mary@megatechnologies.com, 248-685-9015.



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.

LINKS OF INTEREST

<http://www.allfiberarts.com/>

<http://www.fiberart.com/>

<http://www.heartstringsfiberarts.com/>

<http://www.heritagespinning.com/>

<http://www.joyofhandspinning.com/>

<http://www.weavingworks.com/>

<http://www.eloomanation.com/looms.php>

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEwinter09/index.php>

<http://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/learn-home.html>

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/>



BLACK SHEEP BOARD MEMBERS

President: Georgian Franczyk
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**First Presbyterian Church of Brighton
Mission, Art & Music 2010
Entry Form**

Art work should be of a “spiritual, religious, or nature theme” and will be juried for content as well as technique. Landscapes should not have more than 25% architectural content, unless the content is of a spiritual or religious theme.

This is the Year of Discipleship for our church. Please consider allowing your personal understanding of Discipleship to influence the artwork submitted for the exhibit. (This is not a requirement.)

Gallery Guidelines

It is important to have guidelines to present a cohesive, professional and secure presentation. It will be necessary to follow the guidelines listed below to have pieces displayed in the MAM 2010 Art Show.

- Entries submitted are limited to three (3) pieces. Mail entry form to Brighton First Presbyterian Church, C/O Visual Arts Team, 300 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116. Please submit entries by Monday Feb 8th , 2010.
- All 2-D work must have hanging hardware securely attached (saw-tooth hangers will not be allowed)
- Free standing 3 – D work must be stable and secure without additional support. Personal pedestals or stands must be approved by the Visual Arts Team
- For any special display consideration contact the VAT

Art Work Entry Form

Artist Name _____

Phone # _____

e-mail _____

- All art work is ready for exhibition as required by guidelines
- All forms are printed in ink and legible.
- It is agreed that your work will be picked up on Friday, April 2nd between 5-7 pm.
- A donation of 20% of the sales receipts to the First Presbyterian Guatemalan Mission Fund is anticipated should your piece be sold.

Signature _____

Please sign above, complete entry information on the opposite side, then cut and mail this portion of the pamphlet to:

Visual Arts Team
First Presbyterian Church
300 E. Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116

**Privileges, Rights and Responsibilities for
Entry into the
Mission, Art & Music 2010**

- There will be a reception providing you with an opportunity to invite friends, family and anyone who you feel would benefit from seeing your artwork hung in this show.
- It is your responsibility to have your artwork ready to hang as prescribed by the Gallery Guidelines.
- A donation of 20% of the sales receipts to the First Presbyterian Guatemalan Mission Fund is anticipated should your piece be sold.
- Work remains hung for the duration of the show. Purchasers may pick up their pieces on Fri April 9th 2010 between 5 and 7 pm.

Important Dates and Times:

Mon, February 8th	Entry forms due
Fri, February 26th	Take in 5-7pm
Sat, March 6th	3-9 MAM10 opens
Sat, March 6th	4pm Concert with Artists Reception following
Fri, April 9th	Take down 5-7pm

Labels for Art Work

The following information must be attached to the back of each piece. Please be aware that space restraints may keep us from exhibiting all entered pieces.

Artist Name.....
Title
Techniques.....
Dimension
Price.....

Entry Form

The following labels should accompany the respective photos of your entries.

Include phone # and e-mail address.

Artist Name
Title
Techniques.....
Dimension
Price.....



Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild
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Hartland, MI 48353

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4 – Judith Bamber – Felted Iranian Tribal Rugs

Beth Hubbel - Hands-On Time – Felted Beads

February 6 – Guild Play Day

March 4 – Roxanne Pett – Hairpin Lace

March 6 – Workshop – Hairpin Lace making

April 1 – Gisela Bosch – Weaving in Guatemala

April 24 & 25 – 6th Annual Spring Fling Sale

May 6 – Debbi Cooper – Shibori Dye Techniques

June 3 – End of Year Potluck, Member Showcase

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