



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

November 2009

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Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Crompton Crafts

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

PLAY BALL! I feel I am on a winning team. The Board is doing a great job and I can rest and watch them work.

Our treasurer, Theresa, went the extra mile and sent out e-mails to the members who did not renew. Susan and Lisa are doing a great job for the Holiday Sale. Lana Socia will host our Holiday meeting. The Quartet, headed by Connie, will do the Spring Fling. Programs are set, workshops are coming together, publicity is fine. Newsletter is going out on time. Minutes are to the point. Library is being catalogued. MLH rep is doing her thing and Hospitality is appreciated in this kind of weather (that hot cup of coffee).

I hope the members are working on their sale items because we have a lot of space to fill.

A big Thank You to the Board and membership for doing their thing. My job is easy.

Georgian

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL FORM

Please complete the following and bring to a meeting or mail to:

Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild
PO Box 409
Hartland, MI 48353

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

PHONE _____

Dues: \$25 US/year for full membership
(Dues expire in August the following year)

Make checks payable to:

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD

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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 Black Sheep 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.

Member Showcase



Program Highlights



GENERAL MEETING OCT 1, 2009

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

Attendees

Board members, general membership and guests

Programs

Tonight's speaker Gini Cooper did a wonderfully informative lecture and demonstration on the process of making jewelry with Precious Metal Clay Silver.

Ruth Affleck-Laity was introduced and will be next month's guest speaker on Celtic Loom Weaving.

Workshops

A one day workshop with Gini on Precious Metal Clay Silver will be on Oct 3. 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

Nadine Cloutier turned over the balance sheet and checks to the new treasurer Theresa Henderson. Dues must be paid at October meeting if members want to participate in Holiday Sale.

Secretary's report

September's meeting minutes were published online and the general membership approved them at the Oct. 1 meeting. Nadine Cloutier also made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting (June 4th) of the previous year's board. We had neglected to do that at the September general meeting. At the June meeting we voted in the officers of the current board. Janice Bhavsar and Susan Trovillion carried the motion. The General membership approved the minutes. The current Secretary Jacqueline Deradoorian signed the June meeting minutes and stated that they had been approved by the general membership so Nadine could take them to the bank and have them change the signature cards, etc. for the new board members.

Newsletter

September newsletter was great.

Hospitality

Peggy introduced 3 guests (see guest book) and 6 new guild members. One of the guests gave a quick, interesting speech on his experiences growing flax (to make linen).

Publicity

Sandie Coir plans on putting an ad for the guild in the Country Register for the Nov/Dec Issue. A 3 X 5 ad costs \$149.

The paper is in numerous quilting, crafting shops in Southern Michigan. They also supply us with 300 copies to hand out ourselves.

Librarian

Mary Bajcz has set up a card system for taking out library items. She will be working on getting a list together of our library inventory to post in the newsletter. Please email Mary with any suggestions.

MLH Rep

The Alice Griswold sale is still ongoing. Yarns are selling for 1 dollar per pound by appointment only. Mary Underwood has the number if anyone is interested.

Announcements

The Davidson Corp. Sale is in Eaton Rapids on Oct 10 and 12. The Ghoul Gathering (Halloween artists) will be in Northville on Oct. 3.

Fiber Expo

We are looking for Guild members to demonstrate their crafts and represent the guild at the Fiber Expo in Ann Arbor on October 24 & 25, 2009. A volunteer list was passed around but we still need more members to represent us.

Christmas Sale

A successful pre-Holiday sale meeting was held at 5:30p. Another one will be planned for anyone who was unable to attend. Jacqueline Gilbert would like to have a "Useful and Beautiful" display (with the history of Hartland Weavers) at our sale. Anyone interested in displaying items for this theme, please let Jacqueline know.

Spring Fling

Thanks to Connie Hydell, Mary Bajcz, Sandie Coir and Lynn for volunteering to head up the Spring Fling.

Guild Holiday Potluck

Georgian is going to call to confirm that we have a location on Dec. 10 for the potluck. See newsletter for details.

Sewing Expo Banner

Cheri Skomra is going to be in charge of overseeing the creation of a new Black Sheep Guild Banner for the Novi Sewing Expo. Our current banner is plain and outdated.

Guild Play Date

Members are getting material together for the play day (considering using wool batting, fabric printing, etc.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sale

Model 36" Artisan. A 4-harness jack type floor loom designed for the weaver with limited space who wants a fairly wide, solid loom. Complete with the following accessories: vertical warping mill, swift, heddles, carder machine, various weaving tools and shuttles, and original instruction book. Call Gaylynn at 989-731-9634 for more information and price.



2 baby mac looms - \$600

2 beautiful Macomber looms for sale . Moving out of state and cant transfer. Will sell together or seperate. Asking \$400 for the newer one though worth more. Cash only. Lots of accessories also. If interested in seeing them,call Karen Shelters at 810-632-5924.

Where can we get free coverage for our events?

Please note your surroundings everyone, there are places we all frequent who have pin up board or such, after making sure our events fit the board criteria, (noting that some are for non profit only) please think about taking a notice and placing it on that board. Doctors, dentist, music lesson, salons, restaurants, antique shops....well you get the point that many places could be a free spot to introduce our event. If you are kind enough to do this, make sure that you take it down after the event and not become a "clutter bug". I got a call from a restaurant who had a posting board and the gal was interested in learning more, we can new tell who or when our ads will be noticed. With more fiber events and crafters we are in with our venues and want to keep our place at the head with bring fine goods to the discriminating buyer.

Shutter Bug on the loose!

Our Guild uses pictures for articles and our enjoyment of documenting the talents of many of our members, so frequently picture taking is just a normal occurrence, but if you are sensitive to it, please be kind enough to make it gently known and a picture be deleted if you wish. An album of members and some of our art work would be a wonderful documentary means along with facial recognition is something that we would like to do and will be implemented shortly for our guilds pleasure.

Black Sheep Bills

Please send Black Sheep bills to our post office box in Hartland. It makes it so much easier if all the bills are sent to one place and not scattered among the members.

If it is your personal bill for postage, supplies, etc., you may bring it to the meeting. Otherwise have it sent to:

Black Sheep Weavers
P.O. Box 409
Hartland, MI 48353-0409

BSWG Showcase on M-59

Items to be delivered November 5 & 6

A special display of Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild items to be sold at the Holiday Sale will be created by Nadine at the Community Ed Center. The showcase is in the main lobby and gets lots of traffic.

Please bring your sale items tagged and priced along with a completed inventory sheet. Provide a container for transporting them-large shopping bag or box. Have hanging items ready to hang please. Clothing will be difficult to display properly in this venue.

Unfortunately, Nadine will not be at the November 5 meeting to receive the stuff. She needs to have some out-patient surgery. No cancer, but the same breast. Hopefully she will be back to work the next day. Please give the items to Annette Shaffer or deliver them to the Community Ed office between 8-4 either day. Tell the office staff to put it in her office.

See you all at the sale!!!



LIBRARY NEWS

BSWFG Library, as of September 2009

Books:

Brown, Rachel. The Weaving, Spinning, and Dyeing Book
Christopher, F.J. Basketry
Fuhrmann, Brigita. Bobbin Lace
Giampa, Donna Vermillion. The Ultimate Book of Fruits and Vegetable
Gloria & Pat. Walt Disney Characters in Counted Cross Stitch
Joseph, Marjory. Introductory Textile Science
Mattera, Joanne. Rugweaving, Techniques for Two-Harness
Plath, Iona. The Craft of Handweaving
Schorsch, Anita. The Art of the Weaver
Sunset Magazine. Needlepoint, Techniques & Projects
Tacker, Harold & Sylvia. Band Weaving, the Techniques, Looms, and Uses for Woven Bands
VanGilder, Lydia. IKAT
Weigle, Palmy. Double Weave
Wilson, Sadye Tune and Jackson, Ruth Davidson. Textile arts index, 1950-1987
Worst, Edwin F. Weaving with Foot-Power Looms

DVD's

Quilting Arts TV, Series 100, Episodes 1-13

Videos

Basic Machine Knitting
Boundweaving, Level 1, Part 1 and 2, two tapes
Doubleweave
Industrial Shortcuts for Home Sewing, Parts 1 and 2
Introduction to weaving
Shirts, Etc!, Part 1 and 2
Weave Drafting the Easy Way, Part 1 and 2, two tapes
Weaving Four Selvedge on Our Looms with Martha Stanley

Magazines subscriptions

Quilting Arts
Cloth, Paper, Scissors
Rug Hooking
Handwoven

Other items:

Stein, Susan. Fabric art workshop
Swatch Book (Binder)
Gile, Marie and Marzolf, Marion. Fascination with Fiber

LINKS TO SITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-1205007/Shepherdess-bride-marries-stunning-dress-wool-flock.html>

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

<http://fiberarts.org/>

<http://www.rugmakershomestead.com/contents.html>

Time Management for Creative People: <http://wishful.fileburst.com/creativetime.pdf>

Beading: <http://www.beadingdaily.com/>

Packaging your designs: <http://www.beadingdaily.com/blogs/daily/archive/2009/08/26/how-to-package-your-designs-for-bead-shows-or-magazines.aspx>

<http://www.huronvalleyarts.org/>

RETAIL SPACE FOR YOUR ART

Deborah Kellogg-Lewis

Tim's Total Pool Supplies & Service, located between Howell and Brighton on Grand River, is now displaying my own art for sale as well as the work of other artists who are taking advantage of this opportunity. There has been considerable interest in the items and many questions regarding this new venture. Our hours of operation will be Wed., Fri. and Sat. from noon until 5:00. Anyone who wishes to participate will receive an artist i.d. number, and will submit an inventory sheet just as we do for Black Sheep sales. Tim's will receive 15% of any sales in exchange for the space and sales facilitation. I will have flyers available to anyone who wishes to pass them out in other locations.

If you are interested, please contact me at 517-861-9008, or deborahkellogglewis@comcast.net

GUILD PLAY DAY UPDATE

Thinking ahead to the Guild Play Day, please bring in any stamps or embossing plates you may have made from the fun foam that was available at the October meeting. And did anyone come up with a creative use for the wool batting Cheri brought in? Veronica Straus will be setting up a crayon batik station at the play day. If you have any other ideas for surface design that would fit with the play day, please let me (Annette Shaffer, 517-548-2335 or asdt2@sbcglobal.net) know or share your idea at the meeting. Play Day is envisioned to be a cooperative, learning and FUN day for all Guild members. So mark your calendars, February 6th, and participate in both the planning and enjoyment of the day!



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

Send submissions to

deborahkelloglewis@comcast.net

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

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Members showcase their talent at the October meeting



INTRODUCTION TO CELTIC LOOM WEAVING WITH RUTH AFFLECK-LAITY

This workshop will teach you to weave on small looms and to join the finished pieces into garments. Workshop will also include pattern fitting techniques.

When: Saturday, November 7, 2009 9:00am to 12:00 noon

Where: Hartland Educational Support Services Building, 9525 M-59, Commons Area

(same building as BSW meetings are held, use west side doors, gymnastics entrance)

Cost: \$40 Materials Fee: (payable to instructor day of workshop) \$12 - \$20 depending on loom size

Class Size: Minimum: 4 students, Maximum: 6 students

What to Bring: scissors, pencil, ruler, tape measure, 1 -2 skeins of yarn, tapestry or darning needle with eye to fit your yarn

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: **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 served basis, based on the date the registration is received. Registration check will not be deposited until date of workshop. Workshop will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met.

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



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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

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| November 5 – Ruth Affleck-Laity – Celtic Loom Weaving | March 4 – Roxanne Pett – Hairpin Lace |
| November 7 – Workshop – Intro to Celtic Loom Weaving | March 6 – Workshop – Hairpin Lace making |
| December 4 & 5 – 27th Annual Holiday Sale | Date TBA – 6th Annual Spring Fling Sale |
| December 10 – Guild Holiday Potluck | April 1 – Gisela Bosch – Weaving in Guatemala |
| January 7 – Pam Arquette – “Various Weaving Structures” | May 6 – Debbi Cooper – Shibori Dye Techniques |
| February 4 – Judith Bamber – Felted Iranian Tribal Rugs
Hands-On Time – Felted Beads | May TBA – Workshop - Su Butler – Weaving with New Natural Fibers, Soy, Tencel, Bamboo |
| February 6 – Guild Play Day | 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
