



BLACK SHEEP NEWS

November 2011

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Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Cromaine Crafts

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Browsing through a book, Natural Impressions by Carolyn A. Dahl, the other day, I came upon a couple paragraphs concerning creative thinking that struck me. She was watching fish in a pond when "Suddenly I hear a plop, then another. The fish are flying . . . These aren't true flying fish, of course. These are jumpers, ordinary fish making magical moments. They aren't supposed to fly. Still, they leap into the unknown and cross the boundary between water and air. They remind me that once in a while I need to jump out of my artistic bowl." She says to expand her creativity "I must want to leap into the unknown, risk losing what I have to acquire what might be. Developing the patience to explore and then knowing when it's time to fly makes turning fins into wings an act of courage." For me, her thoughts encourage me to be willing to take the time and energy to try something different, even though it might not work or look as envisioned. But maybe, it will lead to a wonderful creative surprise. As artistic individuals, I feel the more we explore our ideas the more ideas we will generate. Let's try not to be afraid to use our creative energies, be it a small glimmer of an idea or a grandiose plan.

Annette Shaffer

A BIG THANK-YOU

The Guild extends a big thank you to Norma Palmer, Darlene's mom, for all her help with the Holiday Sale book-marks and Guild brochures. They look great!

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Attention you who crochet or want to learn. Hollie Archdale is coming to November's meeting to demonstrate a new and creative approach to crochet. High fashion in New York and London are featuring crochet fashions and Holly will present new approaches to this skill - not your grandmother's antimacassers...



BSWG ROSTER AND ARTIST DIRECTORY

Nadine Cloutier

I am working on updating the roster. I would like to add information about our members who have an art technique that they would like to teach or offer as a workshops to the Guild. We are going to add another column to the Excel document to include this information. Please email me at nadinecloutier@comcast.net. We have a tremendous amount of talent in our group and it seems the consensus of the Guild is to have more hands on activities and workshops.

In addition, it has been suggested that the Guild create an Artist Directory for Guild membership and our customers. Information in the Directory would include information about what you teach, the name of your business, website, what types of supplies you sell, etc. I will have a form ready for the November meeting to have all interested members fill out. I would like to have the Artist Directory ready for the Holiday Sale. Often new members or the public call and want to know someone who teaches a certain fiber medium, where to purchase an item or they need more supplies. We do not post this information on the website.

OCTOBER 6, 2011 BLACK SHEEP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting called to order 7:05pm by president.

In Attendance

Board Members: Annette Shaffer, Veronica Straus, Jacqueline Deradoorian, Nadine Cloutier, Pam Holloway and Donna Borton and Mary Bajcz; General Membership and 3 guests.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Veronica Straus and Nadine Cloutier (second) to approve September's board meeting minutes. Minutes approved by all board members present.

A motion was made by Connie Hydell and Cheri Skomra (second) to approve September's general membership meeting minutes (with correction that Spring Fling 2011 should be Spring Fling 2012). Minutes approved by all general members present.

Treasurer's Report

Ending balance \$4870.10. Treasurer's report was approved by all general membership present.

Hospitality

Pam Holloway and Donna Borton introduced 3 new guests.

New Business

Christmas Sale

Since there are numerous versions of inventory sheets please remember to write holiday sale, date, your name and ID number on your sheet.

Sale Tags

Buy early and buy more than you think you need, guild will buy them back from you if you don't use them all.

Spring Fling Sale

Mary Bajcz, Connie Hydell and Edna Sprunk have agreed to co-chair the spring fling.

After much deliberation we had a "straw vote". The majority prefers the spring fling be held at our Hartland location instead of the HVCA on the 20th (Friday) and 21st (Saturday) of April. Annette Shaffer will contact Barbara Walker from the Hartland Insurance Agency about the Hartland location. If this is feasible, we will be switching locations.

Pink Black Sheep T-Shirts

Nadine will look into cost, etc., involved in getting more of these shirts.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.



Pamela Tumbarella

I have been knitting and crocheting since I was 6. My grandmother taught me both, although she did neither. As the oldest of 10 children of Italian immigrant parents, my grandmother had to learn needle crafts but did not enjoy it. I learned how to sew in home economics class in middle school and sewed for economy reasons for many years. I'm lucky now to be able to sew for creativity and not economy. I have discovered dying wool and fabric and have had a lot of fun playing with colors. I have partnered with Sandy Waddell on the purchase of some sheep so I am assured a supply of wool. The sheep have been fun--luckily they live at Sandy's and I don't have to do much except wash and dye the wool because I am a city girl and don't have much experience with farm animals. I really like the wool and the sheep are cute. It's been a big adventure for me. I have really enjoyed the creativity of the Black Sheep Guild. It is wonderful to attend meetings and see what everyone has done! My friends and family all think I'm nuts, but I'm normal among the guild members. It's been great fun meeting everyone.

Pamela Holloway

I would like to share that I really enjoy this group of artists. You have given me so many ideas for things to begin. Now that is the problem, beginning things. I am a quilter by trade and have enjoyed this art for 15 years. I recently made a quilted grocery bag from feed bags. My daughter in law saw it and could not live without it. So I will probably be making a few more of these for people.

My husband and I just celebrated our 30 year of marriage. Our two children, Nathan and Natalie, are not children anymore as Nathan is married to Maegan and Natalie is a Senior at Wayne State. I have been an educator of special needs students for 31 years. I work for Livingston Educational Service Agency and am now assigned to Fowlerville Schools as a program consultant.

Recently, my friend, Donna Borton and I volunteered to host the hospitality chair seat. I look forward to getting to know many of you and to continue the quest to begin projects not to just think about them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inclement Weather Meeting Cancellation Policy

If Hartland schools close due to inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. If the weather worsens as the day goes along, a decision will be made at 4:00pm. At that time, check your email, the Black Sheep Weavers website or call a Board member to see if the meeting will be held.

“Free Table” at Meetings

If cleaning out a closet or sorting thru a drawer, you find you have any kind of fiber or craft item(s) you wish to give away for free, you may bring them to a meeting. Please however, if your items are not taken, be responsible for taking them back.

Holiday Sale Reminder

Just a reminder for all participants to check the website, under membership (then scroll down) and read all the pertinent information for the Black Sheep Holiday Sale. Also remember that all participants are required to work a shift. If you have not signed up and will not be at the November meeting to sign up, please contact Darlene Murray, was-dgm@aol.com or 810-730-3259.

This year we will have some new and exciting items for sale so even if you are not participating in the sale you need to come and shop!

Drop off items for sale and props on Thursday, December 1st between 1:30 and 7:00 pm at the Hartland Insurance Agency, 2532 N. Old US-23 in Hartland. (Set-up staff to meet @ 1:00 for quick meeting.)

Loom for sale

I have is a 4 shaft Baby Wolf for \$500. There are 5 treadles, 1 reed of 12 dents, 4 ‘sticks’ for wrapping the weaving on the beam and a 26.5” weave width. The loom is constructed of hard maple and is in great condition. It has always been in a heated or air conditioned home. Contact Judith for information at 517-546-2369.

Ball Winder for Sale

I have a nearly new Strauch Jumbo Ball Winder for sale. I am asking \$100.00, they are selling currently selling for \$130.00. Contact Phyllis Neiman @ pjneiman@msn.com or 810-623-6021.



MLH

Fall 2011 News from MLH:

- Positions. All committee positions are now filled except for publicity. Anyone with web savvy would be welcomed with open arms and a shower of rose pedals. Marilyn Prucka is the new education chair. Marie Gile, while organizing the past memorial event at MSU, realized how much she was invested in seeing the collection of the history of Michigan weaving continue to grow, volunteered to continue as MLH historian. Martha Reeves signed on as parliamentarian.
- Scholarships. \$4000 is available for Handweavers’ Guild of America (HGA) scholarships. The application deadline is March 15, 2012.
- Dues due. Current membership is at 248, with 103 past due in renewing. MLH members, get on it! Send in those annual dues!! There will be a new directory for 2012, so get your name in.
- Bienial Fiber Show. Enter your gorgeous work. The show is at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson and runs from April 21 thru June 16. Look for entry forms at the next meeting or contact Mary Underwood.

Coming up:

17th MLH Biennial Fiber Show. April 21 – June 16. Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI

HGA Convergence. July 15 – 21, 2012. Long Beach, CA

MLH Workshops 2012. August 10 – 12, 2012. Hope College, Holland, MI

Complex Weavers Conference. September 12 – 15. Chevy Chase, MD



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.

TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 6-NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Beginning Balance: \$4870.10

INCOME

Deposits: \$465.00 (dues plus \$90 tag money)
 \$23.00 (tag sales SPRING FLING)
 \$30.00 (McCormick items sold)
TOTALS \$ 518.00

EXPENSES:

Solveras PCI fee \$5.99 EFT monthly
PNC check reorder \$65.26 EFT (BSWG check order)
Nadine Cloutier \$29.29 (Library supplies/book)
Annette Shaffer \$41.60 (signs repair/holiday sale adv)
Susie Krage \$357.00 (OCT program w mileage)
Jerry Waligora \$60.00 (purchase wire grid display for Guild)
Pamela Holloway \$28.60 (hospitality supplies)
Pam McCormick \$30.00 (for items sold at Guild mtg-Oct)
TOTAL \$ 617.74

Ending Balance \$4770.36

*Respectfully Submitted,
 Nadine Cloutier-Treasurer*

SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

You are invited to attend the Surface Design Association holiday meeting being held at Susie Krage's home in Indian Village in Detroit. We will meet at 2pm on Sunday, December 4. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or a sweet to share. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a small, wrapped, handmade gift. We would love to see your finished felted collage if you attended the workshop at Anne Flora's studio in Tecumseh for the last SDA meeting. We will have a general show and tell, but please limit it to one item. You do not have to be a Surface Design Association member to attend. Susie's address is 1731 Seminole, Detroit, MI. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, see Susie's beautiful home, see what other artists are creating, and have a great time. Jane Dunnewold, renowned fiber artist and SDA Vice President, will be attending the SDA meeting. If you have any questions, you may contact Susan Trovillion, s.d.trovillion@gmail.com or 810 223-3458.

Carrot, Dill & White Bean Salad serves 6 - 8

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 1/4 teaspoon fine grain salt
 1/2 cup thinly sliced shallots
 more olive oil (or ghee) for cooking
 2 cups sliced carrots, cut 1/4-inch thick on deep bias
 3 cups cooked white beans
 scant 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
 2 tablespoons brown sugar (or honey)
 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Combine the olive oil, lemon juice, salt and shallots in a small bowl. Stir and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium high heat, toss the carrots with a splash of olive oil. Let them cook in a single layer - they'll give off a bit of water at first. Keep cooking, tossing gently every three or four minutes until the carrots are deeply browned. All told, about twelve minutes.

Add the beans and dill to the skillet and cook for another five minutes, or until the beans as well heated through. If you are using beans that weren't canned you can allow them to brown a bit as well. Place the contents of the skillet in a large mixing bowl, sprinkle with the brown sugar and pour the 3/4 of the lemon-olive oil mixture over the top. Toss gently. Let sit for ten minutes. Toss gently once again, taste and adjust with more salt or sugar or lemon juice if needed to balance the flavors. Serve warm or at room temperature and finish by sprinkling with the almonds just before serving.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL FORM

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

Nadine Cloutier, Treasurer/Membership
 Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild
 P O Box 409 Hartland, MI 48353

Name _____

Birthday Month _____

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



Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild
PO Box 409
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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| September 8 – Members’ Showcase of Current Works | February 2 – Donna Borton, “Stitch Alchemy” |
| October 6 – Susie Krage, Surface Design | March 1 – Mad Hatter’s & Artist’s Garage Sale |
| November 3 – Hollie Archdale, Today’s Crochet | April 5 – Evelyn Gibbons, The “Button Lady” |
| December 2 & 3 – 29th Annual Holiday Sale | Spring Sale - TBA |
| December 8 – Guild Holiday Potluck & Ornament Exchange | May 3 - TBA |
| January 5 – Kathy McMinn, Folded and Waxed Paper Stars | June 7 – Year End Potluck |

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