



Black Sheep nEWES

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Preserving the rich history of the Hartland Weavers and Cromaine Craft



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Now that we are officially in the fall season, many of us are looking forward to spending more time working on our fiber art projects. The yard work and autumn leaf cleanup seem less desirable than picking up a gorgeous skein of yarn and creating something warm and cozy. It is a great time to plan and make some new items for the holidays – and our holiday sale! The last few years, I've been helping with setup for our sale, and it is always exciting to discover the new products that our members have created.

Now on to our creativity topic. I have a confession to make. I am a perfectionist. Although this trait may be helpful for certain aspects of my life (painting the trim work in my home or doing my income tax), it certainly can be a hindrance to creativity. Articles that I have read encourage "purging perfection" or falling in love with making mistakes in order to improve creativity. You should give yourself permission to create junk. We have all heard advice that tells parents they should let their kids fail as this will facilitate learning, a similar concept applies to our art work.

"Creative people fail and really good ones fail often." I find it is helpful to not always have a plan for a finished item, but to enjoy the process and consider it OK to just make something that won't be sold or given as a gift. Sometimes, surprising things come from experimentation and "playing" with materials. The way to become creative is to produce a lot. The way to produce a lot is to give ourselves permission to create junk. I'll share more on this concept in the future.

So don't be afraid to share some of your "junk" at a future show-and-tell, especially if your experimentation results in a new technique, method or combination of materials. And remember to have fun!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

Cathy



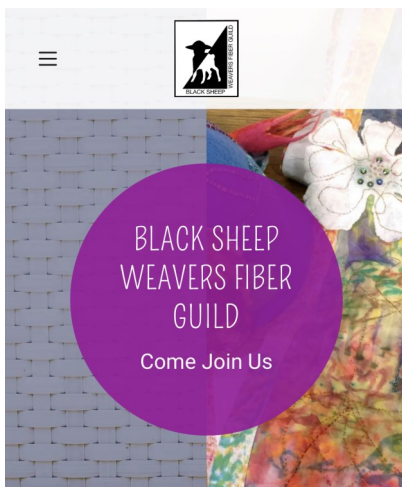
2023 BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS HOLIDAY SALE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 10AM-4PM
SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 9AM-3PM

SHED DAY
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH, 1PM
(mandatory for sellers)

All sale participants need to bring 2 items (not for sale)
for display only for the library case, to the October meeting.

Co-Chairs:
Tina Etter
Darleen Murray
Annette Taylor



CHECK OUT THE NEW BSW WEBSITE

We have a new website!
Thank you Linda Lundstrom!
It's wonderful!

<https://blacksheepweavers.com>

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.





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22ND BIENNIAL
FIBER ARTS EXHIBITION

SEPT | OCT
07 | 16
2024

ANTON ART CENTER, MT. CLEMENS MI

- Cash prizes for winning pieces
- Art Market for sellable goods

AND MORE!!

WWW.MLHGUILD.ORG

interested in having your art displayed? applications go live Oct. 2023



BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL



WHAT AWESOME CREATIVE PEOPLE
AND THIS IS JUST A SAMPLING
OF WHAT
OUR MEMBERS
CREATE!





BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS DATES AND PROGRAMS

October: Bonnie Janssen—Park Ranger
November: Pat Thompson—Denim Feathers
December: Winter Sale
Holiday Party - Cindy Geist's Home
January—Show and Tell

February—Mary Underwood—Canadian Revival Weaving
March—Suzanne Sandvik—Wool Flowers
April—Janice Wright and Jennifer Dehanke—Quilting
May—Trunk Sale
June—Pot Luck

MEETING CANCELATION POLICY

We follow Hartland School closings.
If the HARTLAND Schools are closed there will be no BSW meeting.
If weather worsens during the day, a decision will be made by 4pm and every attempt will be made to post a meeting cancellation on our website.
When in doubt, please contact a Board member or visit: www.hartlandschools.us.

MEETING PLACE

Our meetings are held at Hartland Consolidated Schools Educational Support Service Center (Old Hartland High School), 9525 Highland Rd (M59) Hartland (Howell mailing address), MI. 3/4 miles west of US 23, Room 3. Accessed via the last set of doors near the east end of the building.

Social time starts at 6:15
Program starts at 6:45 followed by Business meeting and Show & Tell

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