



I must begin by saying that our holiday sale was very successful due to all the hard work and talent of our members. As usual, we had creative displays, enticing products and an efficient work team who pulled it all together. We were able to take advantage of social media (thanks to Kat for her Facebook posts and live streams) and had many repeat customers. Special thanks to the co-chairs - Darlene, Tina and Annette for their hard work and contributions! Thanks also to Cindy Geist for hosting our holiday potluck. Her home was beautifully decorated and we enjoyed all the delicious food brought by our members.

Now on to the topic of creativity. One important aspect of coming up with new ideas is finding inspiration. Websites such as Pinterest and Etsy are an obvious resource, but be sure to explore other sites such as interweavestore.com and marthastewart.com. Search for your favorite artists, designers and teachers.

Another way to get inspired is to take a class. There are an incredible number of classes both online and in person. Sometimes taking a class on a topic you are not that familiar with will improve your overall creativity. Try Skillshare, Fiber Arts Take Two, Domestika or Fiber Art Now.

Get outside! Nature offers unlimited sources of inspiration. You don't need to go any further than your back yard or local park. If you don't like the cold, try going to stores with creative displays and marketing. An international market may give you new ideas - notice colors, textures, patterns and other parameters of beautiful displays.

Visit an art museum, an art show or a local gallery. Read magazines and books about your favorite art mediums. The possibilities are endless. I've found it is useful to write down ideas that you get from inspirations right away. I can't count the times I'll see something that excites me, only to forget what it was a few days or weeks later. Capture ideas in a notebook or on index cards – or create an inspiration board. And as always – keep creating!

Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cathy



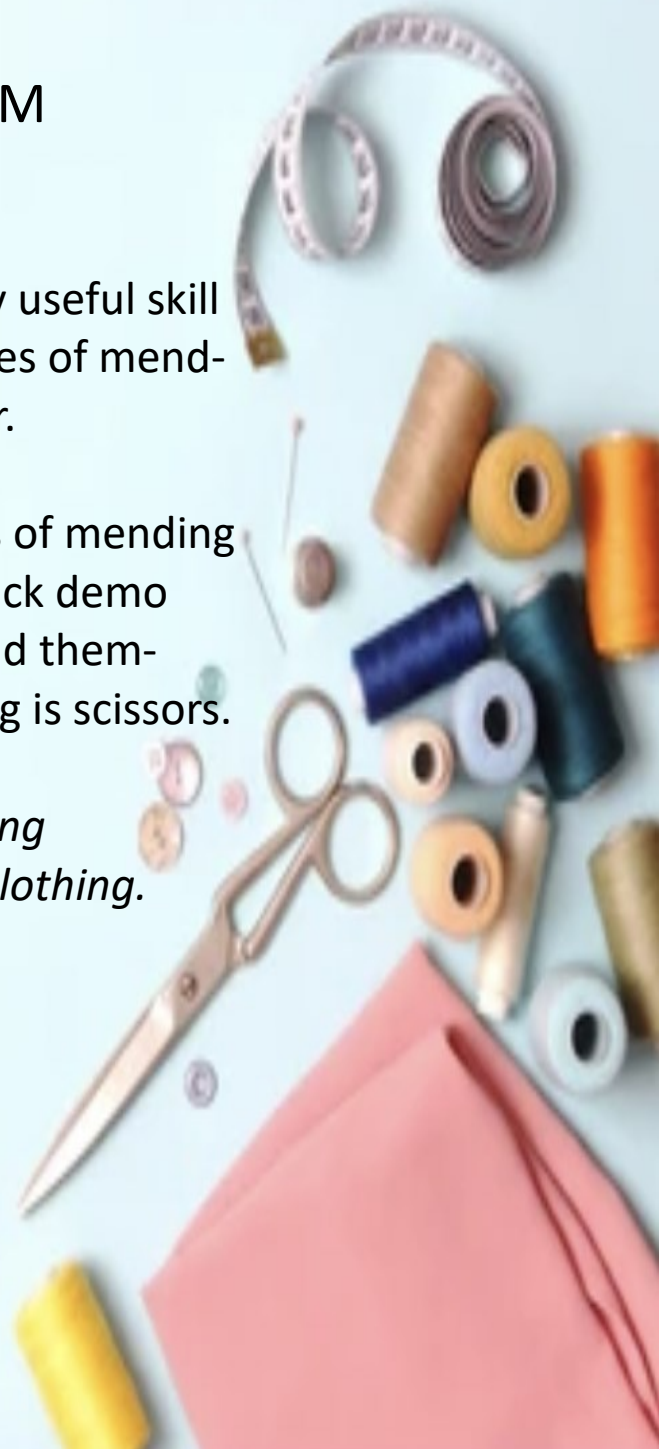
JANUARY 2024 PROGRAM

Mending - with a resurgence in this very useful skill we will learn a little more about the types of mending and the key elements for each repair.

There are primarily two main categories of mending - visible and invisible. We will have a quick demo and then everyone will do a simple mend themselves. The only item you'll need to bring is scissors.

I'm sure many of you have enjoyed seeing our own Debbie Nachtegall's beautiful clothing. She's a very talented seamstress.

It will be a great program!





BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY





BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS DATES AND PROGRAMS

January— Mending - Debbie Nachtegall
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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