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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's hard to believe that it is almost November. I'm trying to take advantage of the few remaining warm days left in the year by going for walks and observing nature. It's fun to create some new fiber projects inspired by the beautiful fall colors. Not only can you get ideas from the foliage, but pay attention to the colors of gorgeous pumpkins, gourds, autumn flowers and even vegetables like acorn squash, purple cauliflower, etc.

Holidays can be quite stressful, so if you are feeling overwhelmed, try keeping your plans and goals simple. Focus on the things that improve your relationships and well-being like health, family and friends and hobbies that bring you joy.

In my October letter, I mentioned the following quote. "The way to become creative is to produce a lot." Why is this? Creativity is a learned skill. The more we use it, the stronger it gets. Many artists, photographers and other creative people, produce many pieces of art to get one or two that they feel are worth sharing or selling. In other words, quantity breeds quality.

A ceramics teacher once divided her class in half. One half was asked to produce one beautiful, creative piece of pottery. The other half of the class was asked to create as many pieces as possible. It shouldn't be a surprise that the overall best piece came from the half of the class that focused on quantity. That is because they generated many more creative ideas, rather than trying to perfect a single idea.

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Perfecting your ideas can be accomplished through making the same thing over and over again, but the creative process is certainly dependent on producing many different things. So go ahead and keep creating!

See you at our November meeting.

Cathy

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD OTOBER SHOW AND TELL



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

**Bring Scissors for the November Program
It's going to be fun!!!!**



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



SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, November 26th, at 1:00pm to volunteer to remove all Guild items from the storage shed.

Thursday, November 30th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm to drop items to sell.

Saturday, December 2nd, at 3:00pm to close, to remove items and stay until building has been emptied and shed refilled.

IF YOU UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AS LISTED ON WORK SCHEDULE, YOU MUST FIND A SUBSTITUTE BEFORE THE SALE TO WORK IN YOUR PLACE.



Showcase Items Needed !!!

The Guild has a new opportunity to showcase the talent and creativity of our members as well as advertise our upcoming holiday sale.

The White Lake Township Library, just down the road from Bogie Lake Greenhouse, will display our items in their large, well lit lobby showcase for the month of November.

If you are selling at the sale, **you must** bring two items representative of the kinds of items you will be selling to the November meeting. Even if you are not selling but have an item previously purchased from a guild member which would add to the holiday display, please bring it also.

If you are not able to attend the November meeting, make arrangements with Edna Sprunk at esprunk@charter.net to get your items to her before the meeting.

Don't forget to put your name on all your items. Let's work together as a Guild to make an enticing display in a new venue!

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.

CHECK OUT THE NEW BSW WEBSITE

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

<https://blacksheepweavers.com>



BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS DATES AND PROGRAMS

November: Pat Thompson—Denim Feathers
December: Winter Sale
 Holiday Party - Cindy Geist’s Home
January— Mending - Debbie Nachtegal
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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