

# Running with Scissors

## Michigan Fiber Artists

January 2008

### **A New Year!**

It looks like 2008 is going to be an exciting year! And a very warm welcome to all our new members, we're really happy you could join us!

We have many new and exciting activities planned so let's get started!

Lynn

### **Sock Creature Class**

If you've ever been interested in making the little creatures shown at the right, then you don't want to miss this!

We have scheduled an afternoon class at Scrappy Chic with Wendy and here are all the details for it:



**When:** Saturday April 5, 2008

**Where:** Scrappy Chic

**Time:** noon-3pm

**Cost:** \$10 class fee + \$2 room fee = \$12 total

**What to bring:** one or more pair of socks (make sure they have at least six inch cuffs because the cuffs are used for arms and legs), polyfill stuffing, fabric or felt for creating faces, embroidery floss, embellishments (beads, buttons, etc.). You can bring your sewing machine for assembly or you can sew them by hand.

*Please sign up in the yahoo group by March 22 if you want to take the class so we can give a count to Wendy of how many people will be attending.*

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## Demo Schedule

If you have any ideas for what you would like to have as a demo at the meetings, please bring them to the next meeting.

Also, if you know of anyone outside the group that you would like to come and speak or give a demo at a meeting, please bring their information to the next meeting.

## Classes

Lynn is currently working out the details for a fabric dyeing class with Cathy Arnett. Details will be posted as they become available.

If there are any other classes you'd be interested in pulling together for the group, please bring ideas to the next meeting!

## February Escape Artists Retreat

We have another Escape Artists Retreat set for the end of February.

These retreats are a weekend get-away in which we escape from the stress of regular life and make art for a weekend. Here are all the details for the next retreat, we hope you can join us!



**When:** Saturday February 23 & Sunday February 24, 2008

**Where:** Hampton Inn  
30847 Flynn Drive  
Romulus, MI 48174  
734.721.1100

**Time:** begins at 11am on Saturday and ends about noon on Sunday

**Cost:** Cost will be \$70 divided by the number of people attending.

If you wish to stay the night, rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$95 per night. There is a small block of rooms reserved for us. When you call to make your reservation, tell them it's for the "Escape Artists" to make sure you get the discounted rate. **You are responsible for making your own room reservation.**

**Project:** The Box Challenge

Sidney is providing us with a box and five items. Everyone will receive the same materials. You can make whatever you want from your box and materials and you can add anything you want to them. But you must use what you receive.

The cost of the challenge packet is \$3. Please bring cash and pay Sid.

***Thanks to Mary & Sidney for organizing the retreat!***



# Challenge News



## Chair Challenge

**Due in February!**

We are going to photograph these pieces and submit an article to Somerset Studio. Please bring your completed chair **PACKAGED IN A**

**STURDY BOX** to either the February meeting or to the February Escape Artist Retreat.

Please plan to leave your work with Lynn for a couple months. They will be returned at a future meeting.

## Future Challenge Ideas

### ***Another RR***

### ***UFO Challenge***

Pass on one of your unfinished projects and allow someone else to complete it for you!

### ***Weird Michigan Challenge***

Choose a subject from a book dealing with strange things in Michigan and make a fiber art piece about it. There is also a possibility of teaming up with Victor's online music group. More details to come later!

## What if the Ugly Step-Sister Carried a Purse?

**Due at the March meeting**

If the Ugly Step-Sister carried a purse, what would it look like? Here are some simple guidelines for this fun challenge:

- Your purse must be made of cloth initially...once you have the cloth base, it's up to you how you want to manipulate it.
- Your purse should be no smaller than 5"x6" and no bigger than 15"x18"
- Remember the story of Cinderella...sometimes those sisters weren't real good on colors and such! Use whatever techniques and embellishments you like!

Have fun!

# Botany Exhibit

Deb Kolar has secured us the space at the Livonia Civic Center for our first group exhibit!

**Exhibit dates:** the month of November 2008

**Where:** Livonia Civic Center

**Theme:** Botany (no flowers). Please make artwork based on some aspect of botany. The challenge being that no flowers are allowed.

**Type of artwork:** Fiber art. This can include 3-d work as well as art quilts.

## Details:

- Work can be for sale. The library will take a percentage of the sales.
- It is a rather large space so if you are able to make more than one piece, please do so. There are **36 spaces** just for 2d work to hang.
- Size restriction: no min restriction, max size should be no larger than 4' wide by 6' high.
- **Artwork is due at the October meeting.**



*Here is a view of the exhibit space. There are more photos in the yahoo group under the Photos section.*

## Collaboration Quilt

One of the spaces in the gallery for 2d hanging art is very large. We will be doing a collaboration quilt to fill in this area. The work in the quilt will be for sale and will benefit a charity or group (yet to be determined) and will consist of 6" blocks.

**Block theme:** Each block should have an image of a single leaf on it. Just one leaf. It can be any leaf you want and you can use whatever technique you want to make it.

**Quantity:** make as many blocks as you are able or want to

**Due:** *Blocks are due at the September meeting. (These blocks are due a month earlier than the other artwork because they will need to be organized into a larger quilt.)*

# Upcoming Exhibits

Check here to find details for calls for entries. If you know of an upcoming show that you think the group would be interested in, please submit it for the next newsletter.

## **Sacred Space Art Quilt Exhibit**

**Entry due date:** September 12, 2008 (This is a RECEIVE BY date.)

**Accepted quilts due by:** October 10, 2008

**Exhibit dates:** November 1-November 30, 2008

**Where:** Nativity Episcopal Church  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

**Theme:** For All Saints

**Type of artwork:** Art quilts

**Details:**

- Exhibit curator: Anne Hiemstra  
[info@sacredspaceartquiltexhibit.com](mailto:info@sacredspaceartquiltexhibit.com)
- This is a juried exhibit.
- For complete rules and information, go to [www.SacredSpaceArtQuiltExhibit.com](http://www.SacredSpaceArtQuiltExhibit.com)

## **2008 Breaking Traditions Art Quilt Exhibit**

**Exhibit dates:** September 26-September 28, 2008

**Where:** American Sewing Expo  
Rock Financial Showplace Novi, Michigan

**Theme:** With One Voice

**Type of artwork:** Art quilts

**Details:**

- Exhibit curator: Lynn Krawczyk  
[FibraArtysta@earthlink.net](mailto:FibraArtysta@earthlink.net)
- This is an open call exhibit.
- This year's exhibit will benefit the American Cancer Society.
- For complete rules and information, go to [www.FibraArtysta.com/2008BTmain.htm](http://www.FibraArtysta.com/2008BTmain.htm)