

Running with Scissors

Michigan Fiber Artists

March/April 2008

A BIG newsletter!

We've got a lot going on and since I haven't put together a newsletter in a couple of months, this one will cover a lot!

We have tons of challenges as well so be sure to check out the challenge page as well.

The last page of the newsletter breaks down the due dates for everything, both challenges and exhibits. Remember that you are not required to participate in everything but I thought it might help keep track of all that we have going on.

So be sure to look through all of it and enjoy!

Lynn

Meeting dues

Dues for 2008 are now due. The cost for the year is \$15.

An additional \$3 was added this year to help cover the costs of our website:
<http://www.rws-fiberarts.org/index.htm>

If you pay on a month-to-month basis for the meeting room fee, please consider donating \$3 to help with the website.

You can bring your dues to the next meeting. Cash only, the group does not have a checking account.



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Due Date Break down

Fabric Dyeing Class

We are pleased to announce a class with Cathy Arnett covering basic fabric dyeing techniques!

Cathy is a very accomplished dyer and art quilter. Some of you may know her as the organizer as the Fabrications Retreat each fall in Lewiston, MI. (<http://fabricationsretreat.com/>)

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from her!

Spots are going quick, so sign up soon! (You can sign up by emailing Lynn at tatgirl207@earthlink.net)

What: Learn the basics of fabric dyeing with Cathy Arnett. Students will be dyeing fat quarters. The class fee includes 5 yards so each student can dye up to 20 fat quarters.

Where: Royal Oak

Date: Saturday July 12, 2008
9am-4pm with a one hour lunch break

How many: maximum of 15 students

Cost: \$75 (This includes six hours of instruction plus a kit. The kit includes 5 yards of PFD fabric, MX dyes and chemicals.)

What to bring: Students will only need to bring plastic tubs for holding dye, table coverings, paper towels, etc. A full supply list will be issued.

Deadline for sign up: May RWS meeting

Deadline for payment: June RWS meeting

Add your work to the RWS website!



We have a lot of new members! Welcome! If you would like to have your work on the group's website gallery, email the following information to Lynn at tatgirl207@earthlink.net:

- Your name
- The city you live in
- ONE image of your artwork (any kind of fiber art)
- The title and size of your artwork
- your website or blog (if you have one)

I'll add you to the Member Gallery once you've got this information to me.

Check out our website here:

<http://www.rws-fiberarts.org/index.htm>

Fabrications Retreat

This retreat is organized by Cathy Arnett and is in Lewiston, MI from October 7-10, 2008.

The retreat hosts five incredible teachers, all teaching challenging classes for fiber artists.

You can find all the information about the retreat at: <http://fabricationsretreat.com>

Its a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in art for a weekend in a resort setting!

Demo Schedule

May: melting felt
(Sidney Inch)

June: painting on batting
(Mary Dyer)

If you are interested in doing a demo, please pick a month and let us know what you would like to do!

If you would like to organize a class or bring in a teacher, please bring your suggestions to the next meeting!

August Escape Artists Retreat

We have another Escape Artists Retreat set for the beginning of August.

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 August 2 & Sunday August 3, 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: Botany quilts!

Use this weekend to finish up your projects for the group's Botany Exhibit in November. (See page 4 for details about the exhibit.)

If you are done with your Botany quilts, bring another quilt project to work on!

Thanks to Mary for organizing the retreat!

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.)*



Challenge News



Fabric Book Round Robin

At the April meeting we had the first round of exchanges for the Fabric Book Round Robin.

At each meeting you will do another trade with the members of your group. Remember that if you can't make it to the next meeting, please make arrangements to get your book there as well as to get the next book you are to work on.

And I Quote...

Create an art quilt based on your favorite saying, quote, or mantra!

Size: 8"x10" min to 15"x20" max

Due date: July RWS meeting

Use whatever techniques or embellishments you like!

Please write up an artist statement with your work.

Weird Michigan Challenge

Jackie and her husband, Victor, have put together a very exciting challenge for us.

You can view all the details for it on the web page they set up for it at:

www.studiolams.com/weird

Here is a summary of the challenge:

The art quilts created as a part of this challenge will be inspired by stories from the "Weird Michigan" book, a collection of bizarre stories about true Michigan oddities and exotic Michiganian history and folklore.

Added to the excitement is that this challenge is the first RWS art challenge with a musical component! For every art quilt that is created for the challenge, a matching music piece will be created by a talented pool of songwriters and musicians which compliments the story the art quilt is based on.

Size Limits: 12"x12" min to 4'x4' max (does not need to be square)

Due date: November RWS meeting

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
- This is a juried exhibit.
- For complete rules and information, go to 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
- 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

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Exhibits

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From the Back of the Sock Drawer

Exhibit dates: September 26-September 28, 2008

Where: American Sewing Expo

Rock Financial Showplace Novi, Michigan

Type of artwork: Sock Creatures

Details:

Any type of sock creature as long as its made from socks. These can include sock monkeys but please also make other types of creatures to give the exhibit a variety.

How many: As many as you want. Please consider making a couple if you are able. The expo would like between 30-50 creatures for the exhibit. If you know of artists outside the group that you think would like to contribute a creature or two, please invite them to do so.

What to include: Your creature(s) as awell as a label attached to them with your name and their name. As long as your creatures have nothing breakable on them, putting them in just a bag is fine. If they have breakables on them, please put them in a box.

Odds & Ends

- Feel free to add felt, buttons, embellishments to your creatures. The only requirement is that its body has to be made from socks but you can embellish as you like (hair, clothes, props, etc.)
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- There is no size requirement/restriction. Make them as big or as little as you like.
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- **The expo has requested a sock creature exhibit. This means no general plushies.** This includes plushies that are made from felt, fleece, knitted, crocheted or felted.
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- Your creatures will be returned to you at the October RWS meting.

DUE DATES

Below is an outline of the due date schedule for all the challenges and exhibits listed in this newsletter as well as what page lists the details. Remember, participate only in the ones you are interested in, its not required that you do them all if you don't want to. Enjoy!

<u>Challenge/Exhibit</u>	<u>Due date</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
And I Quote... (pg 5)	July RWS meeting	Mary Dyer
Sacred Space Art Quilt Exhibit (pg 6)	September 12, 2008	Anne Hiemstra
Breaking Traditions Art Quilt Exhibit (pg 6)	August RWS meeting	Lynn Krawczyk
From the Back of the Sock Drawer (pg 7)	August RWS meeting	Lynn Krawczyk
Collaboration quilt for Botany Exhibit (pg 4)	September RWS meeting	Deb Kolar
Quilts for Botany Exhibit (pg 4)	October RWS meeting	Deb Kolar
Weird Michigan Challenge (pg 5)	November RWS meeting	Jackie Lams