

BIRCHBANK FARMS

2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49120

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Class Title: TEXTILES: What we wore - History of Textiles & Garments
Category: Historical Arts
Grades: 4th grade – 12th grade
Levels: All levels
When: Tuesdays at 12:30 pm until 1:50 pm, starting Sept. 15, 2020
Where: Birchbank Farms
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PLEASE NOTE: CLASS DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE IF ANY CLASS MUST BE SPLIT UP TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND STUDENT SAFETY.

Class Description

Students will experiment with weaving, knitting and dyeing the first 3 weeks and choose a final project the 4th week. Using one of the prior skills. Students will be responsible for providing their materials and tools for the final project. A group charity project will be worked on weeks 10 and 11 and a fun Holiday piece in the last class.

This is usually a full year class but your student is welcome to join us for one or both semesters. Each semester consists of 12 sessions, each 1 hour and 20 minutes long.

Syllabus /Outline

The syllabus is a general guideline. Projects, skill goals and order may be changed to better suit the skill level of a particular class, a particular student, available mediums and supplies and weather. Each student will be required to finish an individual or group project before the end of the semester for which information will be provided in the first class. Final project pictures will be displayed in the Gallery on our website.

Semester 1 Fall 2020

1 (9/15/20) Intro/baseline work, student contact, hold harmless , brief powerpoint presentation on textile development throughout history. Wall paper weaving.

2 (9/22/20) Weaving-yarn bag, plying and tassel.

3 (9/29/20) Knitting. Sample squares, needle size, yarn choices.

4 (10/6/20) Dyeing. Batik square with beeswax and dye bath. A Square pillow sham. (Felt with watercolor wall hanging option) Homework-review the options presented for the final project- return to class with a plan for the next 4 weeks.

- 5 (10/13/20) Finalize plan and determine materials required. Students will supply materials by the next class.
- 6 (10/20/20) work
- 7 (10/27/20)work
- 8 (11/3/20) work
- 9 (11/10/20)(Final project photos taken for Birchbank Schools website) finish . determine group project
- 10 (11/17/20) Group project.
- 11 (11/24/20 Thanksgiving week) Group charity project.
- 12- (12/1/20) bonus Fabric collage gift box.

Make- up class for Fall absence.... Look through craft books at home and find out more about your chosen craft. Present new ideas to class.

Semester 2- Spring 2021

- 1 (1/12/21) intro, baseline work, student contact, hold harmless Discuss last semester's projects and what you would do differently.(Or prior projects for new students) Simple board weaving with nails and odd /found items.
- 2 (1/19/21) Weaving- cardboard box loom.
- 3 (1/26/21) Crochet. Ply. Ojo –de-Dios
- 4 (2/2/21) Dye.....reverse dye with bleach and fabric pens. Homework.....review choices and determine a plan for how you would like to spend the rest of the semester.
- 5 (2/9/21) Review everyone's plans and determine budget and practicality. Materials list, items to be supplied by students by next class.
- 6 (2/16/21) Work on final project
- 7 (2/23/21)cont.
- 8 (3/2/21)cont.
- 9 (3/9/21) Final project photos taken for Birchbank School website Finish.
- 10 (3/16/21) Burlap wall hanging
- 11 (3/23/21) cont.

12- (3/30/21) Bonus Plants for a textile garden, start flax seeds.

*Make up class for Spring absence Search and find ideas in the field you have chosen and see if you can make a plan to incorporate them in your final project.

Attendance / Tardy Policy/COVID and Illness Policy

Your student's attendance and participation in class are required. Illness and pre-approved absences, family emergencies and weather or pandemic related closures will be excused. Make up work for absences in excess of two classes will be assigned if necessary. Your student is required to attend at least 80% of the classes scheduled.

Late arrivals interrupt other student's learning and will not be tolerated on an ongoing basis. If your student has a scheduling conflict and requires some flexibility, we will try to work with you but this must be discussed with and approved by Ms. Frizzo in advance.

There is a ten minute passing period. Students will be expected to assist in clean up and respect the class schedule. All students should endeavor to arrive on time, ready to learn. All students will leave their coats and bags in the entryway. Separate hooks are provided. Shoes will be removed or sanitized at the door. Students will then be required to wash their hands prior to the start of class and again at the end of class. Students will not share supplies and will have a designated place to put their supplies. The classroom will be sanitized by the teacher in between each class.

IF THE STUDENT OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS/HER FAMILY HAS A FEVER OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE THEY SHOULD STAY HOME. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE AND RECEIVE TIMELY VACCINATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR CHICKEN POX AND THE FLU AND CORONAVIRUS, IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

Questions, please visit our website or send us an email.