



**BASKETRY GUILD**

# TIDINGS

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## *From the President's Pen...*

Our new year started on October 1, and so did my term as your new President. I can't promise you no new taxes or getting any bail out money, but I can promise you a great time if you put your efforts into helping out when we need volunteers! Each organization needs help, but our group is mainly showing other people what we love to do. Think about last spring, Ella Mae King took on the task of chairing the VB Craft Fair!! Thank you Ella Mae!! As you know we have just come through a very busy fall, with Susie Waters chairing the Newport News Fall Festival and Laura White with Heritage Days. And from that we had ten people that came to OTP, where Donna Atkinson and Tina Chopin taught the market basket. We thank them and all who participated. I had never helped with OTP and I learned several things.

Billie Dorris will be scouting for volunteers for Guilder Weave 2010. If you are hesitating because of lack of experience, let us assure you that other members will pitch in and help or consider co-chairing. Remember, the more you get involved with activities the more you will get out of the guild!

You don't have to be eighty plus years before you volunteer.

If you were not aware, Dawn West was voted in for another term as secretary. I wonder if she is good at writing speeches?

A new member of our board has been added by the name of Cindy Stanton who has agreed to finish out the term of Vice President. Please be sure to let Cindy know how much we appreciate her. With that in mind

Vicki Cartos, has accepted the position of Newsletter Editor. Welcome aboard Vicki and Cindy.

A big thank you to Carol Moff and her crew which had two classes this fall teaching the Porcupine Basket.

While I'm thanking people, we want to thank Jamie VanOekel for her outstanding job these past four years as President. Now she will have more time for those creative juices to flow and basket patterns to be produced. I'm pleased she will continue on the board as one of my advisor.

Now is the time to take a look at the calendar and what an impressive schedule of classes, events and visiting teachers that the board put together for us. MARK these dates now and be ready to sign up. Thanks to the Board for meeting and hatching this out. Cindy Stanton has posted it on the website and has included it with this newsletter.

Just a few reminders:

Please remember to pay your dues for the next year, \$20.00 to renew.

Our annual Holiday Party will be hosted by Tina Chopin this year. The gathering starts at 2:00 PM, on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring a finger food to share and if you like to participate in our "Wowzer" of a Chinese Auction, bring a basket related gift of between \$15-25. Come join us for a fun afternoon of food, fellowship, auction, and of course, dessert.

Finally, I need each and every one of you to help us, to continue to make this group a strong and unified guild. We have gotten such a wonderful reputation of being a caring and outreaching unit, and that only because of **amazing** people like you.

Looking forward to be in your company.

*Diane*

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**Note from the Editor...**

Any news items for the newsletter need to be to me by the 15th of each month. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at newsletter@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

For those of you who do not have a computer, any members you need to contact, please look up phones numbers in your Members Roster in your Tidewater Basketry Guild Notebook, we will not publish them in the newsletter in the future.  
Thanks, Vicki Cartos

Do you have any new ideas for the newsletter? Please email/call Vicki at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

**Reminders.....**

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Hobby town at Loehmanns' Plaza on Va. Beach Blvd (across from Central Library) carries the tiny drill bits that are used for Nantucket rims. They are \$1 a piece which seems a lot but if you have to order them and pay shipping it probably equals out. Plus they are easily available for those who don't plan ahead. They have all different sizes at the check out counter.

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The OTP class was a huge success. We had 10 students who completed the market basket. Everyone seemed very happy and went home with a completed basket. Thanks to Tina for being such a great teacher and all the guild members who assisted us.  
Donna  
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Thank you for the prayers and the sympathy card; it is greatly appreciated! Kalynn Hassell

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UFO:  
At this last meeting the members decided that they would like to continue with our UFO project. What is UFO?? It stands for Un-Finished Object. This could be a pattern you want to try, a kit you gotten, or a basket you started and need to finish. What a great way to complete those unfinished baskets. If you would like to partake you need to present to Alice Wyvill, a list numbered one through six with a project for each number which will be completed over the next several months. This list is to be turned in or emailed to Alice (alwyvill@verizon.net) by Feb 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that meeting one of the six numbers will be drawn and this is the project you will need to have ready for the March meeting. A little side message is with the completion of your basket your name will be put in a drawing for that day for a gift. Second of all you will have completed one of your projects! Come join us.

## Notes from the Past Vice President:

As I mentioned in my early report this has been a very active fall with, Jamie VanOekel teaching the Harvest Basket at September meeting, Newport News Fall Festival, Heritage Days, OTP, and two classes of Porcupine Basket. I feel like we have already been through a half a year and it's been only two months.

But here's what is coming right around the corner:

Dec. 6: **Holiday Party**, 2:00 pm. Tina Chopin, Finger Food, Chinese Auction  
49 Chowning Dr. Hampton, VA. 23664

Jan 3, 2010: **General Meeting** 2:00 PM, GW wrap up. Popcorn and Movies

Jan. 14-17 **Guilders Weave**, Point Plaza Hotel, Newport News

Feb. 7: General Meeting, 2:00 PM, **Show and Tell** from GW

Feb. 20: **Casserole Basket**, Sherral Nelson Signups being taken.

All of these classes and meeting will be at LUMC, which stands for Larchmont United Methodist Church, unless otherwise stated.

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Eat, Sleep, Weave!

That's the only way you will get a Nantucket Nesting set done in 5 days!

Laura, Diane, Diana and Jamie joined Mr. Jim and Miss Jimmie Kent to work like crazy people to create Nantucket Nesting Sets. Each set has 11 baskets. All the beautiful cherry wood work was prepared by Mr. Jim. He also had the stakes on the molds ready to weave when we got there.

We were joined by Ann Kelly from the Central PA guild and Cathy Howell, who is a local Snead's Ferry gal. We solved many problems, offered much advice and laughed a lot!

Our discoveries for the adventure:

Nexcare First Aid 3M tape waterproof tape – it protected the "hot spots" that we developed on our fingers but still allows movement without being bulky. While available at most drug stores, the price is better at WalMart or Target.

Husky knives for shaving ends of the cane. Good size, good weight and pretty colors. Can get replacement blades and they fold up.

A good hot wax machine is essential to relaxing the hands after 14 hours of weaving .

Miss Jimmie is a really good cook!

Mr. Jim is really, really patient!!!

And we all still like each other ...Jamie

**Guilders Weave 2010** is rapidly approaching. Classes have been sorted, memorabilia ordered and welcome bags filled.

In the midst of all your holiday shopping put a bit of money aside to spend at GW. Between Suzanne Moore's NC Basketworks, teachers market place and the raffle there will be lots of weaving goodies available.

Also remember we need all sorts of snacks for the hospitality room. Think about what you like to munch on during breaks and bring some to share with your fellow weavers. We need to keep our energy levels high. Refrigeration isn't available but other than that anything is welcome.

Once again we ask that you not take food from the room. No one is going to say anything if you stick a cookie in your pocket but we do appreciate the hotel allowing us to bring our own food and don't want to abuse the privilege. First timers will find the hospitality room is a great place to relax and make new friends. You will find people weaving as well as just socializing.

Please be considerate of others and don't bring anything but water into the weaving areas. Accidents do happen and think how you would feel if coffee or soda were spilled on your latest project. Or even worse if you ruined another person's basket. They might jump up and smack you!!

If you haven't ordered your memorabilia yet check with Susie as it might not be too late. As always TGB members have been most generous with their offers of help. Don't worry if you haven't been contacted yet. No doubt I will find lots of last minute things that need to be taken care of.

P.S. Spanky is having a terrible time dealing with the end of Daylight Savings Time. He just barked at me since he thinks his dinner is late!! He never barks at me. I feel like the kid who says to her mom about her brother. " Make him quit staring at me."

Can't wait 'til January. Billie

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**Proposed Bylaws Change.....**

The Board has been approached to change the wording in Article IV Section 2, because there is the feeling that if we would like to honor someone in our group, this person would lose their right to vote and they would not necessary want this honor if they could not vote. The Board would like to hear from anyone who is apposed to this change or have any comment on this issue. We will vote on this change at the January 2010 meeting.

**Article IV Section 2.** Classes of membership shall be individual, family (consisting of two or more persons located at one mailing address) and honorary (to be determined by the Board). All members, **except honorary, (this part will be removed)** shall have the right to vote.

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**For Sale:**

We have several coils of round reed that we would love to sell. Each will cost you \$5.00 and you can let Diane know if you would like them. I have one, #1 round reed and at least four, #4 round reed.

Additional we would like to sell the blue trunk used to store the supplies in for \$10.00. Let me know. Diane

## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Membership Meeting – September 13, 2009

President Jamie VanOekel opened the meeting at 2:10 by thanking our hostesses, Judith Saunders and Doreen Smith for their delicious refreshments.

Jamie welcomed everyone and asked if we had any visitors today. Jamie extended a warm welcome to Claudia Green and Cathy Dailey who were visiting.

Shannon Lovvorn – Shannon is sending around a sign up sheet for members to volunteer to bring refreshments for the upcoming year.

GW10 – Jamie – We have 130 registrations so far and we still have some openings. There will be a general volunteer sheet going around today to sign up to help with GW10.

Elections: Shannon – Ballots are being passed out and will be collected during the business meeting. Please vote.

Classes: Diane –

Summer classes: Kohlers: Thank you Liz Pangrac for all of your help with these classes!

Patti English: Thank you Diane for all of your work in coordinating for these classes.

Pool Party: Thank you Billie Dorris for hosting yet another wonderful time at your home. There were a lot of wonderful creative juices flowing in weaving all of the market baskets to donate to the church. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Dye Work Shop1 and 2: Thank you Marsha Broms for opening your home for these lessons in dying reed and thanks to all who participated.

New Sign ups:

Heritage Days: Sept 19 & 20 at the Chesapeake City Park, from 10 – 4. Laura White is working Sat. and Jamie is working Sun.

Newport News Fall Festival: Oct 3 & 4 at the Newport News City Park. Susie Waters is the chair for this, please see her to volunteer.

Porcupine Basket Class: Sept 26 here at the church at 9 a.m., bring your lunch. We hope to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Oct. – date to be determined.

OTP/Peninsula: Oct date to be determined, it will be held at St. Luke's in Yorktown, see Donna Atkinson and Tina Chopin to volunteer.

Rinko Wreath: Christmas wreath to be woven at Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Easy Oval Twill: Here at the church on Nov. 14th

UFO: Alice Wyvill – Seven members had their baskets finished with Carol Vanderzee winning the prize. UFO #6 will be due at our Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Election Results: Shannon – Diane Short will be the new President with 34 votes and Dawn West will again be the Secretary with 34 votes. Thank you for your service and congratulations!

Members in Attendance: 34

Meeting Adjourned at 2:35

Jamie to teach the Harvest Grape basket

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn West



## 2009-2010 TBG Calendar

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| Nov. 8<br>2:00PM        | General Meeting – LUMC<br>Class, UFO # 6                                                       | Rinko Wreath – Susie, Donna, Tammy,<br>Kalynn, & Mary Jo<br>Refreshments: Trudy MacMillian, Brook<br>Rohman |
| Nov. 14<br>9:00 AM      | Saturday Class – LUMC<br>Class filled- waiting list contact Diane                              | Easy Oval Twill - Jamie                                                                                     |
| Dec. 6<br>2:00 PM       | Holiday Party – Tina’s<br>Potluck Lunch, Volunteer of the Year<br>Basket Gift- Chinese Auction |                                                                                                             |
| 2010                    |                                                                                                |                                                                                                             |
| Jan. 3, 2010<br>2:00 PM | General Meeting – LUMC<br>GW wrap up, speaker, movie                                           | Laura White, Cindy Stanton<br>Refreshments: Shirley Murphy, Alyce<br>Bargamin, Shannon Lovvorn              |
| Jan. 14-17              | Guilders Weave – Point Plaza, Newport News                                                     | Billie Dorris, Shirley Murphy                                                                               |
| Feb. 7<br>2:00 PM       | General Meeting – LUMC<br>Show and Tell from Guilders Weave                                    | Refreshment: Donna Atkinson and Tina<br>Chopin                                                              |
| Feb. 20<br>9:00 AM      | Saturday Class                                                                                 | Casserole Basket – teacher Sherral Nel-<br>son                                                              |
| Mar. 7<br>2:00 PM       | General Meeting – LUMC<br>Class Sewing Basket – Tina Chopin                                    | Refreshments: Susie Waters, Arlene<br>Wallace, Donna Coleman, Kalynn Has-<br>sell                           |
| Mar 11-14               | NCBA                                                                                           |                                                                                                             |
| Mar. 19, 20, 21         | Virginia Beach Craft Show – VA BCH Conven-<br>tion Center                                      | Need chairperson                                                                                            |
| March ??                | Gathering of the Guilds – Francis Land House,<br>VA BCH                                        | Need Chairperson                                                                                            |
| April 11<br>2:00 PM     | General Meeting – LUMC<br>Show and Tell from NCBA                                              | Refreshments: Sherral Nelson                                                                                |
| April 17<br>9:00 AM     | Acorn Class                                                                                    | Susie Waters                                                                                                |

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| May 2<br>2:00 PM           | General Meeting – LUMC<br>Class: Folded letter basket            | Folded letter basket – Jamie<br>Refreshments: Marsha Broome, Rose<br>Glen |
| May 15 or 22<br>9:00 AM    | OTP – Southside - LUMC                                           | Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson with<br>helpers                            |
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| June 6<br>2:00 PM          | General Meeting –LUMC<br>Americana basket class                  | Jamie developing Napkin basket with<br>stars<br>Refreshments: Laura White |
| June 19 or 26              | Class Beginners Wax Linen or                                     | Judith Sanders Shell Class                                                |
| July 23, 24, 25<br>9:00 AM | Visiting Teacher – Barbara McCormick --<br>Sweetgrass            | Coventry Club House<br><b>100 Wrought Iron Bend Tabb, VA<br/>23693</b>    |
| Aug. 7<br>10:00 AM         | Pool Party – Billie’s<br>Class, volunteer drawing                |                                                                           |
| Aug. 20, 21, 22<br>9:00 AM | Visiting Teacher – Annetta Kraayeveld Mini’s<br>and reed baskets | Coventry Club House<br><b>100 Wrought Iron Bend Tabb, VA<br/>23693</b>    |
| Sept. 12<br>2:00 PM        | General Meeting – LUMC<br>Elections, class, volunteer sign ups   | Laura developing... class                                                 |
| Sept. 25<br>9:00 AM        | Saturday Class – LUMC                                            | Judith Sanders Shell Class                                                |
| Oct. 2 & 3                 | Newport News Fall Festival                                       | Need Chairperson                                                          |
| Nov. 7<br>2:00 PM          | General Meeting– LUMC<br>Class                                   |                                                                           |



## Our Memories



Past Pres Jamie and New Pres Diane



New VP Cindy



Judith won award at Michigan State Convention



Susie at the Newport New Fall Festival



Fred Kohler teaching



The week with the Kent's



Kay Kohler teaching