



# TIDINGS

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## *the President's Pen*

Susie Waters

First of all, I want to thank you all for the cards, notes, hugs and prayers for my family due to the unexpected death of my sister. This has been devastating to me as we were very close. I have lots of wonderful memories to cherish.

It was wonderful to see the Kids weaving month finally happen, I enjoyed helping the kids and their parents or grandparents in trying weaving. This event showed me that we need volunteers to help spread the love of weaving. So again---please volunteer when you can.

We have two new volunteer chairpersons. Shirley Murphy and Rose Glen have taken on the responsibilities of Open to the Public. Shirley and Rose will be looking for helpers in these events. Remember these events are how we share basketry and attract new members. I want to thank Sherral and Diane for taking care of Open to the Public for over 5 years

Please look at the calendar for the great classes at our Sunday meetings and the visiting teachers coming to our guild. Just an FYI, we have offered free classes for many months and you will see these go away at the end of this year.

We wanted everyone to come back to weaving since we were away from each other during covid. The cost of these classes will be minimal, but necessary to cover the increased expenses of materials and shipping costs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come to the board meetings which are open to all or come to me directly to discuss.

Thanks again for everything that you do for me and our guild,

Susie Waters

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*"We've Come a Long Way": '*

### *Revisiting Billie's words about GW*

In the archives of our newsletters sits a note from Billie Dorris penned for the January 2010 edition. She had just completed her turn as GW chairperson and reflects to her previous go at the GW helm in 1999. She even namedrops Joyce Smith for having taught a Shaker basket that year. If you get a chance, check out page 7 of our Tidings, Vol. 11, Issue 01 (Jan. 2010) in the newsletter section of the webpage. It is pretty inspiring stuff. We didn't have Billie and Joyce to join us at GW 2023 this year, but the spirit of the guild they fostered lives on in vivacious detail.

Juli G

## GUILDERS' WEAVE 2023

"Weaving Friendships.....One Basket at a Time!"

What a WONDERFUL time we had!! I believe we did just what the theme was this year!! As I walked around, I truly loved the laughter, smiles, conversations, craftsmanship and the friendships that came from every one of you!!

This year we had a record of 40 first time attendees!!! That is amazing!! Believe me, word is spreading quickly about what a wonderful event TBG puts on!! We had 20 teachers with us this year and 160 registered students. Some spouses joined in for lunches and the dinner, which took us to 187 folks this year. I will say, if you are not a member of TBG, you had better join to be sure you get in the first round of class drawings. I have a feeling that Kim will be maxed out next year and must turn some away.

The committee (Tina, Kim and Anna) met with the hotel staff and we covered every word that was written in the evaluations. They heard the good, the bad, and everything in between. Notes were taken and all issues will be addressed.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help me in ANY way! You may have thought it was "nothing" or only a small thing, but it all adds up to make the convention a success.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle. The money taken in from the raffle is the spending money for next year. Our profits were over \$4,200!

At the February meeting, Kim Voska was voted in as the GW Chairperson for 2024. This one will be our 25th year of having a convention and she has big ideas!

Tina

## Guilders Weave 2024 – Information!

Guilders Weave 2024 planning is underway and contact with teachers is happening! Our GW 24 will be the 25th convention and the theme is

**“Silver Jubilee of Woven Memories”**

Be on the lookout for little “snippets” of information coming to you all as we progress through the planning process!

As your coordinator for next year’s event, Kim was able to pass out information to teachers at the North Carolina Basketmakers Association convention during March 16 – 19th. If you are interested in helping out with any aspect of the planning, please contact Kim Voska! She plans to assemble a “historical perspective” of our 24 previous conventions in a timeline. Photos are welcome! There will be a sign up for additional committees and “areas to assist” at our April meeting in Norfolk. If you would like to see any particular teachers, let her know too!

## Tidewater Basketry Guild’s Annual Guilders Weave Weekend of Weaving January 11-14, 2024

Newport News Marriott at City Center  
740 Town Center Drive  
Newport News, VA 23606  
Guilders Weave 2024

Please check out our website [tidewaterbasketryguild.org](http://tidewaterbasketryguild.org). Information for next year’s convention available on website by April 1, 2023.

Teacher electronic submissions and application due back by June 10, 2023.

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## GW from a first timer's perspective

### Stars in My Eyes at GW 2023

I came for the weaving, but I'll be back for the weavers. This was my first GW and I'd heard wonderful things. I was given a tip beforehand that the event would have so much going-on it could feel a bit overwhelming for a newbie. So, I signed-up for classes well within my skill level with just a little stretch to new techniques. I loved all my basket (and sunflower) classes and reveled in every activity. My very favorite element, however, was experiencing the community of weavers. Sharing time, tips and humor with folks from TBG cemented a sense of belonging and camaraderie that filled my heart. They encourage and mentor and give me perspective to keep me growing as a basketmaker and creative being.

Immersion in everyone's excitement at GW left me starry-eyed. Speaking of stars, I was so honored to participate with my workshop teachers. Each were thoroughly enjoyable individuals, as well as truly on-point as instructors. I can't wait to learn with them again. Of course, much of the purpose of GW is to bring weavers together from our region and beyond. Big shout-out to all who traveled to convene. I met the most interesting and kind folks from all around who shared stories, basketry triumphs and bloopers, and great guidance for the weaving journey. I miss them all already.

To every person who made my first GW an enormous pleasure, whether hometown friend, inspiring teacher, or wise basketry sojourner, you are all stars in my eyes.

Juli G.

"To enjoy the journey and the movement without being attached to a specific outcome, that is something I love about making baskets."

~ La Kash ~ on Facebook 'Wild Basketry' Group

## GW First Timer

I was excited when Shannon invited me to join Tidewater Basketry Guild in August. Since I didn't know much about Guilders Weave, I asked Tina Plageman to let me know if there were any openings after everyone else had their selections. Fortunately, there were slots on Thursday and Saturday, so I signed up. Since Newport News is only about 45 minutes from home, I decided to go to work at school then commute to Guilders Weave each day.

Wow! Everyone was so welcoming! I received a great goodie bag when I arrived. It was exciting to walk around and see what everyone was creating. I left late that Thursday evening and finished up my basket well after midnight at home. After school on Friday, I headed back to see what Marketplace was all about. The choices were quite overwhelming for this newbie! I began a collection of kits and stayed for the magic show which was a lot of fun.

Saturday was a long but great day. I made a large tote basket but didn't finish. I was thankful that Tina had saved me a seat at the dinner. The raffle was incredible with a large variety of basket-related items! The basket swap was special. I found a basket kit in Colonial Williamsburg, which I made and put into the swap. I received a beautiful twill vase made by Diane Short. An opening became available on Sunday, so I was able to learn how to weave a Nantucket basket with a waxed linen band. I absolutely LOVED Guilders Weave. It was 4 days of basket-emersion! I learned so much and met so many nice people. I can't wait until next year's Guilders Weave!

Angie S.

## After Convention thoughts ....

I just returned last night from our annual Guilders Weave basket convention and whew... I am tired! It is a good tired though! I had so much fun. Old friends, new friends, lots of welcomes, lots of hugs, plenty of weaving and plenty of eating. Not much sleep-how can you when you are talking until 1am and up at 6 am, I will sleep later.

The one thing that I feel when I return from convention, other than tired, I feel the need to create. Seeing all the beautiful baskets and all the excited weavers I feel the need to create! Do you feel this way?

When I came in last night, I unloaded the car, unpacked the suitcase, put the new kits and materials in the basket room. Today, I am in the basket room looking at everything, now I am about to weave. Most would say "haven't you woven enough in the last 4 days?" "Yes, I have, but want to create more!"

How do you feel now that you are home? Are the creative juices flowing? Are you motivated to weave or design?

Have a great day enjoying coming back to reality and do not forget to do something creative today!!

Cindy

## Kids Weaving Month a Success!

Tidewater Basketry Guild named February 2023, Kids Weaving Month and adult and child weavers from across our area were very busy weaving the Laura Lee Zanger International Kids' Weaving Day pattern throughout the month during different Saturday dates! Special thanks to all of the TBG teams of members who helped guide these weavers through the basket weaving process!

This project began with the goal of helping children and adults learn about basket weaving through making the exact same basket on the same day (June 28, 2020) in different countries around the world. Laura Lee Zanger organized this effort and created the pattern. COVID 19 reared its ugly head and the effort was postponed until the next year but the pandemic did not cooperate. Eventually, the guidance was given for individual organizations to conduct the weaving instruction as they saw fit. Special thanks should be given to our original coordinator, Jamie VanOekel and her team of reed dyers (Cindy Stanton, Diane Short, Tina Plageman, Diane Short, Lynn Ryan, and Kim Voska). When Jamie moved during this waiting period, Sue Legault graciously took over the project before handing it off to Kim Voska.

TBG members conducted separate events in the following areas: Moyock, NC, Norfolk, VA, and Hampton, VA.

Thanks to Tina Plageman and her Moyock crew: Cindy Stanton, Shirley Murphy and Shannon Lovvorn. Thanks to Rami McKinney and her Norfolk crew: Sandy Doyle and Susie Waters. Last but not least thanks to Kim Voska and her Hampton Crew: Anna Donnelly, Jennifer Nichols, Rose Glenn, Juli Graboski, Nancy Geddes, and Diane Short.

There are many pictures from the various locations posted to the Friends of TBG Facebook page, posted during February. Check them out! Here is one of our Hampton group of happy weavers!



Kids Weaving in Hampton



## Kids Weaving Day on the Southside...

Our day dawned and we loaded and unloaded cars. Tables were set up and the participants began to filter in. The full families arrived, mom, dad and kids. Single moms with several kids in tow took a table. Grandmothers with their granddaughters arrived. Single young women came and found their space.

A few had woven before but the action started right in. Everyone was primed for the concept of over one and under one. Well, that concept was lost almost immediately. "Can you help me?" "I can't do this!" "This doesn't work!" "Can you please help her/him"

The idea that a parent and child would sit peacefully beside one another and discover the joy of weaving was quickly dispelled! Bringing your five-year-old to weave just did not seem to fly very well. Our four- and five-year-olds soon found the chairs in the other room much more entertaining and fulfilling than the suggested basket. The mom's soldiers on, ignoring the screams, squeals and round of rushing feet as spaces were explored.

Most of the participants spent their time helping their child, refining the over/under concept to reflect the over one and under one theory of weaving.

All volunteers; Rami, Suzie, Sandy wished they were the God from India that has the many arms. We were needed at two tables and four times at each table. We started rows, looked for why it wasn't working, tore it back to set them straight, aided in finishing rows and generally trying to be cheerleaders for all.

If you ever hear about a day like this happening near you, say "Yes, I'd like to help!" It was fun, exhausting, and rewarding. The young lady who posed with their finished baskets were super impressed that they made their own baskets. The women standing in the picture said it was like a Zen moment sitting and weaving. The moms of the two youngest sat and wove. The one was so excited and really wanted an OTP application. She was super impressed with the process. product and her time spent.

Her friend just could not figure it all out so she just started taking her weavers all over the place and tucking them and weaving them. She was truly satisfied to hear that she was creating a random weave! "It's a thing?!" We assured her it was and off she went with a smile on her face!

The families flew out the door for basketball pictures, gymnastics and all the things I remember running my time when the kids were small. They left with calls of thanks and some satisfied faces.

Remember, say yes, the next time. It was fun and the need is great. The participants don't need to have an expert as their assistant, just a person who understands over and under and has a vision of what all this reed may become!

Sandy Doyle

Kids Weaving Day In Norfolk/Southside





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### Kids Weaving in Moyock



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Our beautiful day started out with excited weavers from kids, moms, and grandmas. We had 4 tables, 12 weavers and 4 volunteers. Tina, Shirley, Shannon, and Cindy were chanting the over one, under one song and they got it!

Lunch time rolled around and hotdogs along with goodies were served. After lunch the weaving finished up with so much excitement. Shannon even had a special weaver, 9-year-old Cameron that told her "I couldn't have done this without you!" brought tears to her eyes. He then wanted to assist at all the tables.

All baskets were completed; everyone left with a smile on their face and even a few hugs were given.

It was an exciting, tiring and very satisfying day for all. And Shannon made a new friend!! Thank you volunteers for offering your day up to teaching what we all love...basketweaving! Cindy





## From the Vice President----

### Looking Back.....

As we welcomed in the new year, we also welcomed in several great classes that were offered after our monthly meetings. In January, Rami taught the woven snowflake. We were at FCC in Hampton and overcame some unexpected changes in our facility. The church sponsors the homeless and they were using the fellowship hall, but we made the best of it and used some of the classrooms, split our group in half and utilized the hallway for the rest of our needs. It was a bit crowded, but the snowflakes turned out to be a hit!!

At the February meeting, Diane, along with several helpers, taught members how to weave a twill pattern over a glass flower vase. It wasn't as easy as it looked, and most didn't finish in class. Information on how to finish the rim & YouTube video link was given to all and they were offered the opportunity to take the vase back to the March meeting to get extra help, if needed.

February also took us in to Kids' Weaving Month. Several of our members branched out and covered the Hampton Roads area and northeastern NC.

At the March meeting, members enjoyed a relaxing, easy weave project and learned how to make a floral bouquet. Tina, Rose and Laura led the class with great instructions on how to make the "buds" and arrange them in a cute hand-cut mini log for a pretty spring display. Special thanks to Karen Maugans for the instructions on how to make the "cattails" and the original pattern by Vickie Worrell.

March was also very busy for some of our members as we welcomed a first-time guest teacher, Bonnie Rideout to FCC in Hampton. Bonnie offered 4 baskets during the two days she was here, and we have some beautiful baskets to treasure for years to come!! Thank you, Bonnie!!

The following weekend, a group of our members headed west to Raleigh/Durham to attend NCBA. Thank you to our members who were around on Wednesday to help with wrapping the tables. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday left us with many beautiful baskets to take home!! Be sure to check out our Facebook Group "Friends of TBG" to see all the photos that were shared.

### Looking Ahead.....

April 2nd is our monthly meeting at LMCU in Norfolk. Diane will be teaching a mini pot belly basket with a wire handle. This is free to all members who

have signed up. Class size is limited and there is a waiting list.

April 15th is our spring OTP (Open to the Public) class that will be held at LMUC in Norfolk. Shirley Murphy is our new "Norfolk side" coordinator. Please tell a friend, co-worker, neighbor, or relative and help spread the joy of basketweaving!!

April 15th Marcy will be teaching a waxed linen medallion class. These will make beautiful tie-ons to one of your baskets!! There are still a couple of spots left in the class!!

April 15th Cindy and Vicki will be representing the Guild in Chesapeake, VA at the Shriners Revolutionary Beer Festival.

May 7th is our monthly meeting at FCC in Hampton. Tina will be teaching a cute basket with a wooden spoon woven into the back side. This is a free class. Be sure to contact her to sign up for it.

May 19th and 20th will bring Mary Annunziato back to the guild to teach her wool sunflowers and pinecones & boughs. If you are interested in attending, please let Tina know or sign up at the next meeting. In the morning on EACH day the sunflower will be offered. In the AFTERNOON of each day the pinecones & boughs will be offered. You choose the day you want to attend.

June 4th is our monthly meeting at LMUC in Norfolk. Susie will be teaching a red, white, and blue "popcorn basket". The cost is \$5. Contact Tina to sign up. The President's Challenge basket is due at the meeting!!

June 17th we will be holding a dye party at Marsha's home. A sign-up sheet will be out at the meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn to dye reed, if you don't know how OR to dye outside with no mess to clean up. Take your own reed and dye or there will be some reed available for purchase and dye to share.

July----ENJOY THE 4TH OF JULY We will not be having a monthly meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events!!

Tina

## The president's challenge baskets are due at the June meeting on the 4th!



### CONGRATULATIONS

Our very talented Judith Saunders recently received recognition with best in show at the Frank Stick Memorial Art Show in Manteo, NC.  
In Judith's own words:

"While I have received numerous awards for my creations, this is the first ever Best in Show and I am 100% excited and appreciative," "Copper is a favorite medium of mine. Prior to weaving, I must cut and straighten each strip of copper because it comes in rolls 12 inches wide and usually 10 feet long. Being able to create forms with both graceful curved surfaces and angles using only flat strips of copper continues to fascinate me and keeps me experimenting and wanting to discover new variations. While each weaving starts from a general idea, it evolves as I weave. I enjoy the lengthy conversions with the materials as each new form develops."

Congratulations on a beautiful piece of copper weaving Judith!

Presidents challenge — so many decisions!!!!  
Are you working on yours yet ???



### Weaving Opportunities

The Rapid Ann Garden Club is looking for a basket weaving presenter/demonstrator to attend one of their monthly meetings and share your pine needle weaving skills. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month and are located in Orange, VA, which is approximately 40 minutes from Charlottesville, VA.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Sheila at [eggsinmineral@gmail.com](mailto:eggsinmineral@gmail.com) or 540-894-6699.

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Are you looking for a **willow basket weaving** class? Great news.....Julie Abell will be hosting one in Gettysburg, PA.

In this two-day willow basketry workshop, running from 10am to 4pm on April 15th and 16th, students will each make a round-base basket, otherwise known as stake-and-strand, traditional to much of Europe. Learn to make the slath, two-rod twining, staking up, three-rod waling, French randing, a waled border, and handles of



your choice. Take home a round-base basket to use for the rest of your life and the skills to make more.

\*This workshop requires a fair amount of hand strength, patience, and sitting for many hours. Please take into consideration. Beginners and experienced weavers both are welcome.

Taught by Mary Lauren Fraser, willow casket weaver and basketry teacher in the Connecticut river valley in western Massachusetts. She apprenticed to Karen Collins in northern Scotland in 2014 and has since been weaving and teaching throughout New England. The workshop costs \$250 for two full days of instruction. There is additional \$50 in materials fees, for a total workshop cost of \$300. Two scholarship slots are available on a first-come first-serve basis for \$150. Please email Julie Abell at [inchbyinchwillows@gmail.com](mailto:inchbyinchwillows@gmail.com) to register.

A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot. If you end up being unable to attend, two weeks' notice is required to receive a full refund.

Contact Julie for more details [atinchbyinchwillows@gmail.com](mailto:atinchbyinchwillows@gmail.com)

May 6, 2023, the Franklin Experience will be having the Lumberjack Festevent in Franklin, VA. They are looking for a basket weaving vendor/demonstrator to attend this event. For more information: [franklinexpress2018@gmail.com](mailto:franklinexpress2018@gmail.com)

## WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING?

Tina's been busy with classes in Moyock. Look at the guild members who have been weaving with her!!

Cheryl, Sally, Shannon, Sheila, Janice, Alyce, Judy, Marcy, Angie, Carole, and Shirley.



## **TBG MEMBERSHIP NEWS!**

### ***Have you paid your dues?***

Because we are updating the notebook, we also ask that you **print a membership form** and send it in with your \$20 for current/renewing members, \$25 for new members. The form can be found on the TBG website under the FORMS tab. If you're not sure please contact Sandy Doyle.

### **The new year begins October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mail memberships to:  
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Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
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