



TIDINGS

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The President's Pen

Tina Plageman

Happy New Year 2026!! Can you believe another year has passed! Did you get all of your weaving resolutions completed? I sure didn't. I had good intentions, but you know how that goes!! So, I will try again. I have antlers that I want to weave up. I have a few handles that need to be used. My stash of bases is dwindling down, so I consider that a win. Signing up for the UFO activity will help me get some of this accomplished. There's no better time than the next couple of cold weather months to get some weaving in! Happy weaving, my friends!

As we begin the new year, I would like to present a few of my community ideas to the guild. I believe it's important to give back to those who don't weave. I would like to find a couple of organizations that would appreciate small baskets to be shared with others. If you have a nursing home, women's shelter, newborn mothers' organization, etc. that you work with, please share their contact information so we can set something up.

I would like to do another "kid's weaving day" perhaps with the girl scouts or another organization.

Our guild offers small classes after our monthly meetings, but it's important to get our members weaving at home and not always depending on a class. It's time to get out of our comfort zone and "designing" our own baskets. I would like to offer a variety of materials for them to pick and choose from and see what they come up with. Perhaps bring back the "basket in a bag" challenge that we have done in the past.

There's a lot of ideas that we can make happen if we all work together!!

I look forward to a great year here at TBG and my hope is that you will attend a meeting and join us in the fun.

Tina

Congratulations Susie Waters on your recent retirement!! You have worked hard to get to this point, and we wish you much happiness and relaxation from here on out!!



Vice President's Corner

LOOKING BACK:

Even though there was no October meeting, things were pretty busy for us. At the beginning of the month there was the Newport News Fall festival on the 4th and 5th.

Then in the middle of the month it was Open to the Public with a great turn out.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that helped to make both of these events a success.

November's meeting was filled with fun making tobacco basket ornaments and random weave angels. As part of this meeting, we made a very successful contribution to the church's food drive. Show and tell is always a delight to see what our weavers have been working on. On November 16th, the Francis Land House reopened and Cindy, Vicki and Beverly were there for it.

Thank you Rose for hosting the annual holiday party in December.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Do not forget our meeting on January 4th in Hampton. A napkin ring, make it and take it will be available after the meeting for free courtesy of Susie. There will be information regarding Guilders Weave 2026 on January 15-18th. I have to say, Tina and her committee have been very busy getting ready for GW.

Look at our calendar for upcoming meetings and classes that are going to be offered. It looks to be off to a great start for our year ahead. If you need to contact me, please email me at mommabnp@gmail.com

Wishing you all a very wonderful holiday season.

Sarah Baxter
Vice President

GUILDER'S WEAVE 2026.....

Twine After Twine

Oh, my goodness, it is almost here!! A little over two weeks and we will be together at the Marriott for four days of weaving, fellowship, and fun!! We look forward to welcoming 29 first timers to Guilders' Weave!!

We received the sad news that Cheryl Thomas will not be joining us this year due to family medical issues, and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

The support shown to our instructors was overwhelming with over 100 pre-ordered kits coming in!

It looks like the fleece jackets and cardigans were popular items added to our GW memorabilia this year! Wait til you see how nice they are!! A few extra were ordered and will be available for purchase at marketplace.

My committee and I have been working hard getting things completed. Marsha Broms opened her studio for us to hold a few weekly work sessions, and we destroyed it!! Imagine cutting materials for 200 kits, bundling it up according to rows on the basket, storing it in 8 different totes, and then putting the kits together. We were blessed to have Laura White join us and let me tell you.....she worked circles around us!! I'm sure she slept well those nights!

If that wasn't enough work for them, we were back for another two days to weave centerpieces for the banquet tables.

We are finally finished, and I thank each of them for the time we spent together.

Don't forget.....if you are joining us at Guilders' Weave, we still would like to invite you to come by on Friday night for some shopping. This will save you the cost of shipping and you will be supporting our vendors. Angie from The Country Seat will be our event vendor. If you would like to

order now and have her, bring it to GW for a pickup, go to the website, and place your order!!

See you in January!

Tina Plageman

Guilders Weave Prep is in full swing!



From the Country Seat:

You can take advantage of our 10% off sale now and pick up your order at Gilders Weave in January!

<https://www.countryseat.com/our-catalog.html>

Make sure to choose the Free Store Pick Up shipping option and type GW pick up in the Delivery Notes.



Holiday Party 2025

Sunday December 7th saw a gaggle of us (13 or so) heading to Rose Glen's homestead for our annual TBG Holiday Party. The side dishes to accompany the home Rose provided were scrumptious as usual. Kayleigh and Ryan Kibler brought us homemade butter for the fresh baked bread. Everyone went "nuts" for the candied pecans. Once we had shared the blessing of sustenance the spotlight turned to the gift swap. All in all, there wasn't much "stealing". Shirley Murphy showed us how it's done though and went home with a beautiful twill tray woven by Pam Crosson. Laura White joined the VB bunch to attend and share cheerful insights and observations for parties past. Everyone headed home with their spirits energized and much gratitude for Rose welcoming us into her home.

Thank you to our new Vice President Sarah Baxter for organizing the event.

Wishing you all a Wonder Season!

Juli Graboski



TBG Holiday Party 2025

Where have you been weaving?

I had the pleasure of going to Shenandoah Creates to weave willow with Jo Campbell-Amsler for a week in October. It was an experience of a lifetime. What a beautiful venue, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains. I highly suggest you visit their website, find a class that interests you, and sign up.

Rami McKinney and Judith Saunders were there too!

Tina Plageman

www.Shenandoahcreates.com



Jo Campbell-Amsler and her beautiful creations



Tips and Tidbits

Black Walnut Dye:

For those of you who use black walnuts for dye or to overdye finished baskets, you have probably had occasion to experience what can happen to that tub of brown ooze over time. When left to ferment, it can produce what might be called an unpleasant odor. We have two tips to keep walnut dye "acceptable":

1. Fill a five-gallon bucket with walnuts. Cover them with water and add 1/2 box of Calgon (The basket maker who recommended it said she has had her dye a year and it had not gone bad).
2. After using your dye, cool it, pour it into empty plastic containers leaving room for expansion. Label it and freeze it. When you need dye, thaw, strain it through a pantyhose filter, heat and use.

Long Island Basket Weavers 1993

If you have the space.....

Purchase two large outside trash cans with lids that lock. Fill one about half full of water. Add a pair of pantyhose filled with black walnuts. The ones starting to turn brown are best. After a couple of weeks, take this water mixture out and pour through some kind of sieve or strainer that is covered with a piece of cheesecloth, into the other trash can. You will notice that it is a dark brown. Add some water to this trash can. It's best to have it about half full. When you are ready to stain your baskets, simply dip the entire basket into the trash can and hang basket to dry. If this is too dark for you, the basket can be rinsed off with the hose to lighten it up. You could also fill a spray bottle with the strained walnut mixture, hang the basket on a hook or tree and spray. Dilute the mixture in the bottle to your desired color.

Always test a small area on the bottom of the basket for the darkness you want



"Member News"

From Shannon Lovvorn who wanted to share this note from a friend she is been mentoring in the art of basket weaving:

Homemade gifts hold a special place in my heart, radiating warmth and thoughtfulness. Whether I'm giving or receiving them. My family means the world to me and their heartfelt gratitude of the time and effort I put into crafting each gift makes the experience even more rewarding. My usual creations include jewelry, ceramics, pottery or glass making. This year however, under the nurturing guidance of Shannon Lovvorn, I discovered a new passion for creating exquisite baskets. As a member of the basket guild Shannon generously shared her expertise, guiding me through each step of the basket making process. The joy of weaving together natural materials into beautiful art has been a truly transformative experience. Thank you, Shannon, for your unwavering support and inspiration along this delight journey.

Love, Julia Polston

Some of the beautiful baskets that she has made.



Membership

Dear Members,

We thank you for renewing with us. So many of you easily and in a timely way, sent in your renewals. Thanks for making life easier on us. Now we are preparing to send out the last reminder and want to warn those who have not taken care of business that you will be dropped from our roster on the 31st of the month of December.

Send in renewals to:

Sandy Doyle
812 Adrian Drive
Virginia Beach VA 23452

Thanks,
Sandy Doyle
Membership Chair

Reimbursement Reminder \$\$\$

If you are submitting receipts to our guild for reimbursement, please include original receipts. If you have personal items on the receipt—write a check to the guild for your items so the guild will reimburse you for the entire bill. This record keeping shows the same amount on the receipts and the outgoing amount from the guild.

Thank you!

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Christy Newman
Newsletter Editor



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