



TIDINGS

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The President's Pen

by Vicki Cartos

SUMMERTIME HISTORY LESSON

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I used to be the TBG newsletter editor from 2010-2013. During that time our founding member, Billie Dorris, wrote a paper for me entitled *In the Beginning—the History of TBG as I Remember It*. I never got a chance to use it in one of the newsletters, so I thought I would share some interesting facts inspired by

and paraphrased from her paper.

- Billie Dorris is the person responsible for the evolution of TBG. She had moved to Virginia Beach in the fall of 1994; and to quote Billie, “I was a weaver in search of friends.” As a result of her initial efforts which evolved into the guild we know as TBG today, she is affectionately referred to as our *Queen Mother*.
- The guild started as a chapter of High Country Basketry Guild. It was important for the new chapter to have a name that identified with the geographic region it served; hence, the word *Tidewater* was selected.
- In 1995, fewer than 20 people attended the first meeting of the Tidewater Chapter of the High Country Basketry Guild held at Princess Anne Recreation Center in Virginia Beach. The meetings soon moved to Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk.

- Of those original attendees, Billie Dorris, Lynn Ryan, and Meredith Macdonald are still members today. Another charter member, Joyce Smith, continues to teach at Guilders Weave.
- The guild was very active during its first year: participating in the Holly Festival of Trees and Gathering of the Guilds, displaying at Central Library in Virginia Beach, and holding its first Open to the Public.
- Among the early teachers were Lyn Siler, Bill and Charlene White, Joel and Dawn Simpson, Anne Bowers, and even Vladimir Yarish during his first teaching tour of the U.S.
- The first “winter weaving weekend” (the precursor to Guilders Weave) was held in January of 1998 at the American Legion in Newport News. The event was a collaborated effort between High Country and Tidewater.
- In 1999, members broke from High Country to form an independent guild named Tidewater Basketry Guild. The market basket image was chosen from several designs created by member Suzanne (Sam) Winters to be the official logo. The market design—like the name, *Tidewater*—helped to associate the guild with its geographic region.

On behalf of the other 135 TBG members, I say “thank you, Billie,” for pursuing your passion and for searching for those friends who wanted to weave with you. Your perseverance in 1995 resulted in amazing basket weaving opportunities for all of us throughout the last 23 years. The members look forward to many more years of weaving experiences inspired by your efforts.

Vicki

Vice Presidents Corner- Tina Plageman

Hello Guild Members! Thank you for joining us in the many weaving classes and events that have been held over the last few months! We sure are having a good time!! Making new friends, spending time with old ones, and going home with beautiful baskets to be proud of!!

On April 21st we held our Spring OTP class. Several of our guild members joined in on the "open weave" and were able to complete some unfinished baskets.

April and May provided members with a cute napkin basket that was taught by Rami. In April we started the basket and came back in May to finish it up by learning a new handle wrap. Those that were not participating in the class were able to learn a different handle wrap that was taught on a paint stick. We now have the start of a "paint stick collection" that will be around to use on future baskets. What a neat idea!!

At the May meeting, we revealed our finished Challenge Baskets!! It's amazing how the 16 members all started with the same round base and the completed baskets were all so different and beautiful!!

The rain cancelled our dye party that was scheduled for May. It has now been rescheduled for September.

Our June meeting got us in the patriotic mood by offering a wall hanging flag basket that was taught by Tina, with Cindy assisting. Twelve of our members participated after the meeting and took home a basket to hang proudly on their front door.

Elaine Sinclair visited us from West Virginia for a weekend of broom making on June 9th and 10th. Over 20 members participated in the classes and wove six different kinds of brooms. The most popular was the kitchen sweeper.

Tina

CALENDAR MEETING

It takes a lot of planning to offer the wonderful weaving opportunities that the guild brings to you. We would like to hear what you want. Did you see a basket that you liked? Have you seen a pretty rim that you would like to learn? Do you have a favorite teacher that you would like to come to us? We will do the planning, but we need YOU for the ideas!! If you have any ideas, suggestions, thoughts, etc., please contact Vicki or Tina and let them know!



Wonderful Elaine Sinclair Broom Class!
Thank you to all who attended!

UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

July 21st we have a guest teacher that will take us out of the normal weaving comfort zone we are in, and teach us how to make a bracelet using cording and beads. It will look pretty on your arm or make a special gift for someone! Sign up now, before you miss out!!

August 4th is the annual Pool Party. It will start at 10:00 a.m. in Moyock, NC at Tina's house. We will be weaving door prizes for Guilders Weave in red, white and blue. Join us for a fun time!! If you plan to attend bring your weaving supplies and a dish to share!

August 16th is our annual calendar meeting. We need your ideas!!

Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th, our visiting teacher will be Pam Milat. She is offering two classes each day, some for beginner weavers and some for the more advanced.

At our September monthly meeting, Jamie will be teaching an adorable little basket "Just for You" in fall colors. It will be a "make one/take one" class. Our final UFO will be in September.

September 22nd will be our re-scheduled dyeing party at Tina's house.

If you are interested in signing up for any or all of the listed classes/events, please contact Tina Plageman to get your name on the list.



Guilders' Weave 2019

At the **August pool party** I will be bring red, natural and blue reed in several different sizes with various bases, handles and tie-on's for everyone to start a patriotic basket to be used as a door prize at Guilders Weave 2019. I will have pictures for ideas and try to have some patterns. So, please bring your imagination, any bases and handles that you want to donate and any beginner patterns you may have. Remember we can just change the colors of your favorite pattern

Guilders Weave: Jurying has been done. We have some new teachers and many beautiful baskets. Look for information on the website in about a month!

Guilders weave volunteers: there are still opportunities available so see me.

IMPORTANT: Tina has asked several people to be the third chair this year but they have declined for personal reasons. They would be her co-chair for 2020 and would be the chairman for 2021. Yes- this is a lot of work but you have the opportunity to put your personal touches on a fantastic event. At the end-yes you are tired but you will feel fantastic by seeing everyone attending having a great time.

See me or Tina if you are interested.

GO USA!

Susie Waters, Chairman
Tina Plageman, Co-Chair

From the Mountains to the Coast...Never Enough Baskets, NCBA 2018

Here are a few notes from the NCBA convention this year.

Wednesday night started us off with TBG members, and others, pitching in to wrap all the weaving tables at the convention. Thank you to all that came out and helped. More hands make the task go quickly.

388 weavers were registered for convention this year.

A Little trivia: weavers came from 41 states, DC, Canada and Indonesia.

TBG had approximately 30 members in attendance. Out of those, TBG took home 8 ribbons, 8 raffles and 3 volunteer raffle prizes.

Here's the run down on the winners:

General Membership

1st Place-Mold Woven-Sue Legault-Davidson
2nd Place-Miniature--Sue Legault-Davidson
3rd Place-Mixed Media-Sue Legault-Davidson
2nd Place-Coiling-Carol VanDerzee
2nd Place-Mold Woven -Kim Voska
3rd Place- Mixed Media-Kim Voska

Professionals

1st Place- Miniature-Mary Pat Hollis
1st Place- Wicker-Pati English
NCBA 2019 convention theme is "Woven Together 2019", coordinators will be Brenda Elshof and Juanita Carreon.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated at the NCBA convention. I had a great time, as usual and hope you all did also.

Cindy

NCBA Exhibit Room

If you are planning to attend North Carolina Basketmakers Association's (NCBA) 2019 convention (and you should!), think about submitting your work to the exhibit room.

It's so exciting to see your creation on the table and everyone admiring it. This is the time to start thinking about what you can submit. It's a great way to show off your talent.

Remember the 1st place winner receives a cash prize.

What a great gift; you can buy more weaving supplies!

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. This can be found on the TBG website under the CONTACT US tab. If you're not sure please contact Wendy.

The new year will begin October 1st, 2018.

Wendy Holcomb is our membership chair.

Mail it in to:
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 P.O. Box 55133
 Norfolk, VA. 23505
 attn: Membership

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September 15	October 01

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"Momma" Carol Vanderzee



A loving tribute to "Momma" Carol Vanderzee

TBG lost a sweet member of our guild last month, Carol Vanderzee.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Carol and her daughter Kim thru the guild. When they became members, I remember starting to call Carol "Momma Carol" and she would always smile. When I've asked her to help or do anything, she was there with advice or volunteering Kim. :) Carol had a wit about her that was like no other. I remember her telling me one time, "Cindy, I love your hair, but I think it would look good shorter." I laughed and she did also. Carol was always good at giving advice.

Years ago, Carol starting submitting her creations in the Exhibit Room at NCBA, I would always try to figure out which one was hers but most of the time, I could never figure it out. Carol won many ribbons for her beautiful handy work. She always had an eye for the intricate work. Even as her eyesight was failing, she could still produce the most creative, tiny projects. I had the pleasure to receive a tiny "Momma Carol basket" at one of our Holiday Parties and I am thrilled to own and display it.

Carol loved weaving and she loved her weaving family.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Kim and her family, as we know they will surely miss "Momma Carol".

Carol, you will truly be missed!
Cindy



She was always there weaving, smiling and encouraging others to try something new!

