



TIDINGS

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The President's Pen by President Cindy Stanton



Hello Basketweavers

Happy fall everyone! Summer is over and the cool air is starting to show up here in Tidewater and the holidays are right behind it. We have a lot going on, so let's get right to it:

Volunteers will be out and about all over the Tidewater area in the month of October. Newport News Fall Festival (Oct-1-2), Francis Land House Fall Festival (Oct. 15), Chesapeake

Waterway Heritage Festival (Oct. 8-9). We need your help, please offer to volunteer your time to get the word out about our craft. New weavers, it's a great opportunity.

Open to the Public class will be held on Oct. 22th at the First Christian Church, spread the word to your friends and family... we love to share/teach weaving. Contact Diane Short if you can help out.

UFO (Un-Finished Objects) 7/7/7 ended at the Sep. meeting. Marcy Murphy was our big winner. You go girl! By popular demand, our UFO program will start up again in November, so get your list ready.

Guilders Weave 2017 is almost upon us. Chairwoman Jan White and her team of volunteers are working hard on all the details to make this Guilders Weave another great year. See Jan's article for all the updated details.

The 2016-2017 Calendar is out. We have a few dates that we are still confirming for teachers. We have visiting teachers, members teaching and lots of exciting information and more to come.

Elections were held for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Tina Plageman was elected as your Vice President and Shirley Murphy as your Treasurer. A BIG Thank you Tina for a great job as Secretary and thank you to Sherry Mathews for being an awesome Treasurer. Vicki Cartos has agreed to be our Secretary for the next year until we vote in a new Secretary. Please think about running for a position on the board. It's a great way to get involved and to meet great members.

Dues are Due! If you are renewing its \$20.00, send it in today!

Many members have **volunteered** over the last few months, Big Thank You to them all. Here are a few highlights:

Thank you to Marcy Murphy for opening up your home to us at the annual pool party. Those in attendance had a fun time, won door prizes, got a little fish weaving in, lots of good food and plenty of laughter. Thank you to Marcy's son Cam for parking cars and helping with the hauling of everything. We basket weavers sure do carry a lot!

Thank you to Nominating Committee Chairperson Jamie VanOekel, committee members Diane Short, Marsha Broms and Vicki Cartos for all your work on the elections this year.

Thank you to Sue Legault-Davidson for hosting the last of the Anne Bowers Ribs 101 class. It was a great time and Sue hosted a great party!

Thank you to Tina Plageman for running the Sep meeting and teaching the class. You Rock Girl!!

Much appreciation is sent out to all members for making this such a wonderful group of basket weavers!

Have you seen us on FaceBook? Friends of TBG..Check us out. I wish you all a Happy Fall, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy Weaving, Cindy



We lost a very special gentleman this summer. "Jerry, you will be missed by us all!" I had the pleasure to win a "Jerry Basket" at GW14 and will treasure it always. Read a special tribute at the end of our newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE!



**Preparations for
Guilders Weave 2017
At the Marriott City Center
Are now underway!**

*Let your light shine.
Come down by the sea and weave with me.
January 12-15, 2017*

Hello to my fellow basket weavers,

Guilders Weave is fast approaching. Carol Ivy will be our masseuse again this year. She is excited to be returning. Save your time and money. We are getting ready to assign classes so be on the lookout for the magic letter with your class assignment. To date we have **127 students** and **22 teachers** registered for the event plus Laura and myself for a grand total of 151 people. AWESOME.....We want to thank everyone for their sweet little notes on their registration forms. This does not move you up in priority but does make us smile as we work our fingers to the bone. We did have 123 first day registrants. It would be nice to be able to read everyone's email address.

We will be welcoming several new teachers. Marilyn Moore whose work appears in the 500 Baskets book is joining us with her delicate wire artistry. Beth White, one of our members from Southwestern VA and TriState Guild will be making her debut as a GW teacher. Be sure to stop by and welcome them and our returning teachers.

We are seriously looking for exited helpers. We still have many jobs available for some lucky members with a little time and energy to spare. CALL ME. 757 509-2337. Email me at ladyecho@cox.net.

Jan White, Chair
Laura White Co-chair



Laura's mailbox on September 1st!

Pool Party 2016

Thank you Marcy for sharing your home with us this year.

There's was lots of food, fun,
fellowship and
FISH!

As you can see by the pictures and smiles it was a wonderful day.



Alyce, Rose and Shannon



Wendy and Vicki



Sybil, Marcy and Susie



Rose, Vicki and Marcy- "See we do get in the pool!"



The Whole Gang

Upcoming in 2016

Saturday-Sunday, 10/8-10/9--Waterways Heritage Festival

Sunday, 11/6--General Meeting, snowman or angel—
Diane Short--LUMC, Norfolk

Saturday, 11/19--Christmas Hat and/or Tree-Cindy Stanton-
LUMC, Norfolk

Sunday, 12/4--Holiday Party, Potluck, Chinese auction at
Diane Short's house, 2pm

Sunday, 1/8, General Meeting, wrapping paint sticks - two for
free, First Christian, Hampton. (Beginner and intermediate)

Thursday-Sunday, 1/12-1/15-Guilders weave, City Center
Marriott, Newport News

Sunday, 2/5-General Meeting, GW show and tell, one more
paint stick wrap-third in series. (Intermediate-Advanced).

Please email me at witchie24@mchsi.com with any
questions regarding our calendar or classes.

Thank you, Tina Plageman



TBG MEMBERSHIP NEWS!!

October 1st starts the New Year!! **It is time to pay 2016-17 dues.** I ask that you print a membership form and send it in with your \$20.00. This can be found on the TBG website under the CONTACT US tab.

Mail it in to:

TBG

P.O. Box 55133

Norfolk, VA 23505

Attention: Membership

Wendy Holcombe

Membership Chairperson

Where have you been weaving?

14 guild members recently completed the Anne Bowers Ribs 101 Series. This series was broken down in to three sessions of a Saturday/Sunday class. The first weekend we wove an 8" and a 10" egg basket. The second weekend we wove a potato basket and an herb-drying basket. The last weekend we wove a key carrier wall basket and a very unique wall hanging rib basket made from a variety of fibers.

I consider myself a very inexperienced weaver compared to other guild members and I wasn't too sure of this challenge and how I would do. Anne is a wonderful instructor. I truly enjoyed every class and learned so much over the course of this series. It was so much fun and I am ready for the next series!!

Thank you Jamie, Rami, and Sue for allowing us to use your homes and facilities. Thank you Anne for a wonderful experience!!

Anne presented us all with a certificate of accomplishment, which was well earned!

Those attending were Cindy Stanton, Kim Voska, Dawn West, Sybil Magrill, Marcy Murphy, Wendy Holcombe, Barbara Speight, Laura White, Marsha Broms, Rami McKinney, Jamie Van Oekel, Shirley Murphy, Sue Legault-Davidson, and Tina Plageman.



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Any news, corrections, comments, suggestions, ideas, or photos should be sent by the designated deadline dates.

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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. The new year begins October 1st. Wendy Holcomb is our new membership chair.

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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO

Jerry Bernstein

By Billie Dorris

"He will be missed by many" "Such a sweet man." "He was a very special guy and so kind & thoughtful!!" "Such a kind man." "Such a gentleman" "Gentle soul and always happy to help you"

These are just a few of the comments posted by fellow guild members on the death of Jerry Bernstein.

Jerry became a member of TBG, in the early days, after taking an OTP class. Although he didn't "do spreadsheets" he ably served the guild as treasurer keeping us on the straight and narrow money wise.

As he was a retired leather worker guild members were excited for him to teach the "mystery" braid. Although no one knew, he didn't have a clue what we were talking about. But he went home and learned so he could share the technique. Most everyone has a leather scissor/knife holder, embossed with the letters TBG, which were his contribution.

He volunteered for many weaving demonstrations and was WONDERFUL with children. Last fall he and I did a demo at the Francis Land House where we dressed in colonial attire. In britches and tri-corner hat he was a sight to behold. Not a kid went away with an unfinished basket.

Patience seemed to be his middle name. His daughter in law, Beth, teaches at Tarrallton Elementary School. Poppy, as he was known, volunteered by helping at the book fair and of course teaching basket weaving to the students in her class.

Several years ago I held what was called "at home Fridays". Anyone who wanted to weave or needed help was welcome to come for the day. Jerry was among the many who participated. By the time it was over we had become great friends.

Every so often I would get an email asking what my plans were. If we were both free he would stop at Subway and pick up a sandwich for us to share at lunch. In the beginning we worked on baskets but eventually just sat at the kitchen table and talked. We laughed; we cried and solved all problems of the world. Spanky loved when Jerry came for a visit and would always be sure to sit on the side away from me so I couldn't see the potato chips that were shared.

Jerry and his wife Faye drove their RV to Florida every winter. He always took weaving projects with him to work on during his time in the sun. One day he was working on a basket (Nantucket I think) that included black weavers. When time came to lash the rim he didn't have the appropriate rim filler. So....he removed the black plastic drawstring from a bag of fruit and used it as rim filler.

At his funeral the Rabbi talked of Jerry's love of weaving. He said that those who visited the home should pay particular attention to one of Jerry's baskets that caught his eye. The Porcupine!!!!

Jerry helped care for Faye during her last illness and when she died some of the spark went out of his life.

They had been married 65 years and had gone to elementary school together. I don't think he could imagine his life without her as a part of it. Beth said that he never made a decision without discussing it with Faye even after she was gone. He carried a chair in his car so he could sit by her grave and "talk things over".

He is, once again, by her side where he longed to be.

Although he is gone from our physical presence he lives on in our hearts and we are all better for having known him.

Please enjoy these pictures of Jerry through the years as a member of TBG.



Cease, Trisha, Rami and Jerry



Elementary School Class that "Poppy" taught



Billie and Jerry



Jerry showing a young weaver how its done!



Jerry and Jamie



Susie and Jerry