

TIDINGS

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The President's Pen by President Cindy Stanton



Happy New Year!

What a year 2013 has been for TBG...meetings, visiting teachers, guild teachers, basket techniques, volunteers and much, much, more.

Here's a highlight of a few... We welcomed Linda Allen and Debbie Hurd as our

visiting teachers this summer. Linda's specialty is waxed linen and Debbie's reed baskets. It is amazing how they brought so much talent and much knowledge as they shared with us. I hope you were able to take advantage of their visiting our area.

Saturday Classes were taught by guild members, Judith Saunders, Jamie Van Oekel, Laura White, Marsha Broms and Diane Short. Thank you all for spending your time teaching us, we appreciate you.

Our Sunday's are filled with meetings and small classes. Hearts, handles, ornaments, placemats and Easter baskets just to name a few. Each meeting brings a new weaving creation. In the New Year make sure you "fit" us in your calendar for the meetings.

We demonstrated and shared our love of baskets at festivals, craft fairs, art shows and exhibits around the area. If you ever have the opportunity to volunteer at these unique events, please say yes, it's a great time to weave and talk about what we all have in common-baskets.



The Annual Holiday Party was a huge success. Thank you Diane for opening up your home to us.



Congratulations to **Dawn West** on being our **Volunteer of the Year**. We cannot recognize everyone, but a few that were recognized for their many volunteers hours, Laura White, Jamie Van Oekel, Kim Voska, Billie Dorris, and Susie Waters. Thank you all for your commitment to TBG. We really appreciate you and all of our volunteers.

Christmas Club

We started a new weaving opportunity this year called Christmas Club. This open weave time is available to weave those gifts (or UFO's) throughout the year. I hope you all will take advantage of this uninterrupted time to weave.

Upcoming in 2014:

Guilters Weave 2014 is almost upon us and Chairperson Kim Voska and her Co-Chair Dawn West are ready. Many volunteer hours have already been expended and I'm sure they can use more volunteers, so don't forget to let them know you can help. So excited!

Visiting Teachers: Kathy Garren will be teaching her pine needle coiling on pottery vase that she and her sister make. And Billie Owens will be teaching his white oak baskets that he carefully prepares the materials for us.

Many opportunities to learn new baskets and techniques are being taught at our Sunday meetings and on that occasional Saturday. Check out the calendar as to not miss a one!

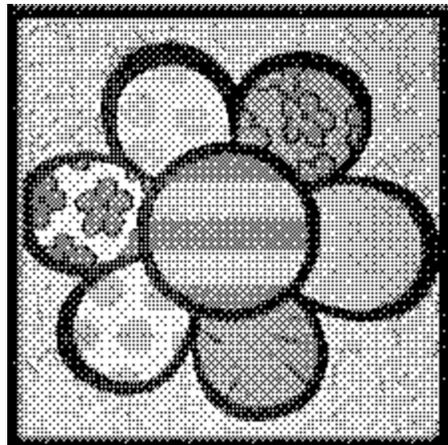
Our Church is still under renovations so please keep an eye out on our website for any changes that might take place.

It's been a wonderful year and I'm looking forward to another exciting one. Again, Thank you to everyone for all you do for our guild, if it wasn't for you we wouldn't be able to do what we do best, share the love of baskets!

Happy Weaving,
Cindy

Billie's Tips

How do you know if your package of reed has long or short pieces? Look at the cut end where it is bundled together. If the bundle is fat it has short pieces. If the bundle is skinny then the pieces are long.



GW

FLOWER POWER

Is almost here!

Start getting packed and ready! Bring your weaving tools, packed bags, and willingness to have fun! GW 14 is less than a month away! So many people have been working to make this event a reality and we are ready for you!

Some things to make sure to bring:

1. Homemade or store-bought items for our Hospitality Room (yum-yum)
2. Address labels for the raffle tickets
3. Money to spend on our Massage Therapist (a relaxing break may be needed) or to purchase weaving materials from either Suzanne Moore's NC Basketworks (our vendor) or from the Teachers' Marketplace!
4. Your nimble weaving fingers!

Looking forward to seeing you on
January 16th – January 19th, 2014!
Point Plaza Suites at City Center
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Newport News, VA 23601
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Dawn West Co-chair

Looking Back - 2013 (October, November and December)

In October we showcased our baskets and the guild at the Newport News Fall Festival and the Chesapeake Waterways Heritage Festival.

The Newport News Fall Festival on October 5 and 6 was a good place to show the folks on the peninsula what our guild is all about.

The guild participated in the Chesapeake Waterways Heritage Festival on October 12 and 13. The rain and soggy ground did not dampen the spirits of the participants, but it did shorten the event by a day.

In November, new guild offices were welcomed and retiring officers were honored.

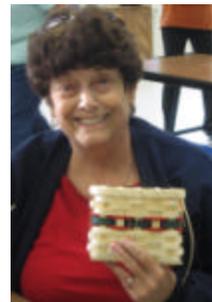


We say thank you to **Vicki Cartos**, Secretary and Newsletter editor, **Sherral Nelson**, Membership Chairman, and **Diane Short** President. Thanks also goes out to **Cindy Stanton**, retiring as vice president and **Susie Waters**, treasurer.



Diane Short passes the gravel to **Cindy Stanton**.

Kim Voska taught us how to make a holiday basket on November 3rd. **Cease Pine** proudly shows her new holiday basket.



Laura White, Diane Short and Marsha Broms taught a crew of eager elves how to make Santa Man baskets.



December saw our annual Christmas Party held at Diane Short's home. The food was delicious and the competition was fierce but friendly for the Chinese gift exchange.



Happy New Year!

Upcoming in 2014

- ➔ Jan. 5, general meeting will be held at the First Christian Church in Hampton. Susie Waters will teach "Winter by the sea" basket, free. UFO #6 is due
- ➔ Jan. 16-19, Guilders Weave
- ➔ Feb. 2, general meeting will feature show and tell from Guilders Weave. Kim Voska will teach a heart form basket. A UFO is due.
- ➔ Mar. 2, general meeting with a braid bracelet taught by Tamme Durant. A UFO is due.
- ➔ Mar. 13-16, NCBA
- ➔ Mar. 14-16, Virginia Beach Craft Show

Member News

Jean Koons won an honorable mention at the 2013 Craft Hilton Head exhibition, IMAGINE. This show featured 2D and 3D fine art craft entries that encompassed exemplary creativity, experimentation and imagination. A video clip of the judging by Suzie Chisolm can be found at <http://vimeo.com/81202193>.



Jean's basket is created from oyster shell, spartina patens (salt Marsh hay) driftwood and synthetic sinew.

Congratulations, Jean!

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