



# TIDINGS

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## The **SHORT** Report

by **President Diane Short**



**Reviewing 2012.** Wow! What a year Tidewater Basketry Guild has had! The Sunday meetings included four different basket classes covering various techniques such as adding a layer to form a shape, using large round reed to make a trivet, decorating a handle in

four different ways, and using small round reed to create a Christmas bell ornament. The guild also selected various basket techniques or styles—such as finished handles and baskets made with round reed—to highlight at its meetings through displays, demonstrations, and discussions.

The Saturday classes were very successful with **Jean Koon** teaching her marsh grass basket with oyster shell center, with **Susie Waters** showing us how to weave over a bud vase, and with **Jamie VanOekel's** two, hoop/rib basket projects: a watermelon basket during the summer and a pumpkin wall-hanging basket in the fall.

**Gail Hutchinson**, visiting teacher, taught a variety of baskets over a two-day period in July. In August, a small fall basket was taught free of charge as a thank-you for all of the volunteering our members do for our group.

Other successful 2012 activities included: (1) two Open to the Public sessions; (2) a basket challenge which started with round wooden bases that passed from weaver to weaver over a period of several months with finished baskets revealed in

May; (3) the UFO project was reintroduced by contributing \$7 to complete 7 baskets in 7 meetings with the winner taking all the money; and (4) the first ever BASKETpalooza was held at the September meeting for members to give away, swap, or sell their personal basket items.

TBG was visible in neighboring communities by participating in such events as the Gathering of the Guilds in Virginia Beach, the Newport News Fall Festival, and the Chesapeake Waterways Heritage Festival.

The year ended with a holiday party at my home where we awarded two Certificates of Appreciation to **Cindy Stanton** and **Susie Waters** and honored **Kim Voska** as the Volunteer of the Year.

All of this in just one year's time!

**Anticipating 2013.** We now look forward to Guilders Weave in January. **Susie Waters** and her team have been hard at work strategizing and organizing our weaving together over four days. I encourage you to take a little time to make a basket for the ever-popular Swap Basket segment of Guilders Weave.

The board has started to review our Procedures Manual which, along with the bylaws, helps to run the guild more smoothly. We are updating topics such as distinguishing our honorary members more appropriately, reporting the necessary tax forms to the IRS more timely, and listing the demonstrations and

displays in which we actually participate more accurately.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the new year!



# CINDY'S CORNER

As I write this, Guilders Weave 2013 is just around the corner, and NCBA is just around the next corner. Convention time again. The anticipation of convention is high! We can't wait. We go to our mailboxes or to our computers to find the brochure. We study the pages to find that "wow" basket. We make the list of classes and check it twice, three times, or four. With joy we sign up for classes and eagerly await our class list of the actual classes we are selected to attend. Every year I think, "This year I'm not going to get this class or that class." But, every year I am put into classes I love. Any time weaving is a great class. (Yes, Billie, even a twill class!)

It takes many volunteers many hours to put a convention together from beginning to end. And for some, it never ends. So make sure at your conventions this year that you thank the chairperson and the team of volunteers for all their many hours and hard work. As they say, "It takes a village," and I'm so happy to be part of the TBG village!



I wish you all a very happy new year and many hours of *winter* weaving.

~Cindy Stanton, VP

## GUILDERS WEAVE 2013 January 17-20 From Susie Waters



Guilders Weave is almost here, and we are in the final stages of preparations.

Remember to bring address labels for the raffle items, some extra cash for items needed from Suzanne Moore, and if possible, bring an item to share for the hospitality room. The guild will provide water and sodas.

The hotel provides breakfast and will be offering dinners for those interested on Thursday and Friday evenings at a cost of \$15—**cash only**. The menus will be at the front desk.

A massage therapist will be available at specified times.

Also, remember that we will be playing basket bingo right after marketplace on Friday evening.

Please call or email me if you have any questions before the big event. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

### TBG Officers/Board Members 2012-2013

- President.....Diane Short
- Vice President.....Cindy Stanton
- Secretary ..... Vicki Cartos
- Treasurer ..... Susie Waters
- Membership..... Sherral Nelson
- Historian.....Alyce Bargamin
- Newsletter..... Vicki Cartos
- Guilders Weave 2013 ..... Susie Waters

**New  
Member . . .**



**Kathryn Garren  
Chocowinity, NC**

## REWIND - 2012 (October and November)

**October** was an important month for TBG's community involvement with the Newport News Fall Festival and the Chesapeake Waterways Heritage Festival.

The **Newport News Fall Festival** on October 6 and 7 was a good news/bad news/good news occasion.



Good News: **Alice Wyvill** and her team managed the display on Saturday. **Rose Glen** and **Carol Van Derzee** (left) enjoyed the beautiful fall day as they greeted visitors to the exhibit.

Bad News: Sunday's weather was so rainy that **Susie Waters, Tamme Durant, Marisa Bethea,** and **Arlene Wallace** had to dismantle the display early in the day.

Good News: Because of Sunday's thunderstorms, the festival sponsors agreed to give the honorarium check to the guild despite TBG's early departure.



The guild thanks **Laura White** for chairing the Chesapeake festival and for providing the following information:

The guild participated in the **Waterways Heritage Festival** on October 13 and 14 at the Great Bridge Lock Park in Chesapeake. TBG members provided weaving demonstrations and hands-on weaving experience to the

general public as they watched exhibitors and vendors in the park. People who participated in weaving the four market baskets were entered into a drawing for the completed baskets. Our thanks to **Vicki Cartos, Trudi MacMillan, Sherral Nelson, Marsha Broms,** and **Doreen Smith** (shown helping participant) for their support of this festival.



**November's** meeting was a round-reed themed meeting. **Laura White** (left) discussed



how various types of baskets can be created with round reed, and **Jamie VanOekel** taught members how to

weave a Christmas bell ornament with round reed. **Holly Finch** (right) proudly displayed her finished ornament. Also, **Tina Chopin** (below) was honored for her four years of service as TBG's treasurer.



## REWIND - 2012 (December)

### Ho-Ho-Holiday Party



TBG's annual holiday party was held on December 2 at Diane Short's home. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful potluck lunch; after all, TBG

members (including **Billie Dorris**, **Vicki Cartos**, and **Sherry Matthews**) are a bunch of foodies at heart.

Two special announcements were made. **Susie Waters** and **Cindy Stanton** (right) were recognized for their special contributions with



**Certificates of Appreciation** and **Kim Voska** (left) was chosen as the **2012 Volunteer of the Year**.



The highly anticipated Chinese Gift Exchange provided jolly-holiday joy for those who got to keep the gifts they wanted and tough-tinsel disappointment for those who did not. **Dawn West** poignantly described how the Chinese Gift Exchange works: "She opened it, he took it, I got it!" As always, TBG members were good sports, and everyone left fa-la-la-ing.



TBG members were honored to be Diane Short's first party guests in her newly renovated family room.



## FAST FORWARD 2013

- ➔ Jan. 6, general meeting @ LUMC; heart basket taught by Cindy Stanton
- ➔ Jan. 17-20, Guilders Weave
- ➔ Feb. 3, general meeting @ LUMC; show and tell from Guilders Weave
- ➔ Feb. 23, Saturday class; basic stair-step basket taught by Jamie VanOekel
- ➔ Mar. 3, general meeting @ LUMC
- ➔ Mar. 15-17, Virginia Beach Craft Show
- ➔ Mar. 21-24, NCBA

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## member news

**Judith Saunders** and **Bobbie Sorensen** attended the Association of Michigan Basketmakers Convention in October. It was Bobbie's first Michigan Convention and Judith's third. Judith received two awards in the exhibit room: Best Art Piece and Best Miscellaneous Materials in the membership category. One piece was paper; the other was copper. Each award was \$50.



Judith also took two, week-long classes at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, this year. The April class was Vine Basketry with Mat Tommey, and the August class was basketry with paper focusing on surface design with Jackie Abrams. While Judith has created woven forms with paper for more than 20 years, this was her first opportunity to meet Jackie, the premier woven paper artist. She enjoyed seeing Jackie's teaching methods first hand and her discussions on ethics and professional courtesies in the arts.

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