



TIDINGS

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The *SHORT* Report



Calendar. Each August the board plans for next year's calendar activities which start in October, and each year the membership is asked to provide suggestions for classes, teachers, and speakers. This means calling

or emailing **Cindy Stanton** or me with a list of projects you would like for us to consider. In order to teach various types of weaving techniques during Sunday's general meetings or to offer Saturday programs that have more challenging baskets, it is necessary for members to commit to helping with these activities. Therefore, if you have a short, 15-minute technique that you would like to share with the group at a Sunday meeting or suggestions for classes and visiting teachers, please let me know so that we can include your presentations and ideas in our schedule.

Also, we are looking for members who would like to teach classes outside the customary volunteering for the guild. If you are interested in doing this, please submit your basket and proposal to Cindy Stanton or me by *August 15*.

Pool Party. Saturday, August 4, at 10:00 a.m. will be the annual pool party at the home of **Billie Dorris** to celebrate the contributions of our volunteers. The annual drawings for the

volunteers who have supported the guild throughout the past year will be held at this event. Among the many prizes will be a *free* TBG membership for the next calendar year, a *first-to-choose* opportunity for GW13 classes, and a *free* registration for GW13. This is a great time to let your hair down, swim a little, and create a *surprise basket*. Because I will have only enough weaving supplies for those who sign up ahead of time, it is important that you let **Cindy Stanton** know that you plan to attend the pool party and make the basket.

September Meeting. In addition to electing the next Vice President and Treasurer, we will be observing all things "basket" with a BASKETpalooza (see page 4), starting the "7-7-7 UFO" project (see page 4), and picnicking.

Newport News Fall Festival. **Alice Wyvill**, **Liz Pangrac**, and **Susie Waters** have agreed to team-chair the Newport News Fall Festival, October 6 & 7. This festival gives TBG members the opportunity to display and demo our talents to the public and recruit prospective new members to attend our OTP. Please let them know if you can help.

Waterways Heritage Festival. The Waterways Heritage Festival in Chesapeake is October 13 & 14. Contact **Laura White**, chairperson, if you can volunteer to assist with this event.

{President's Message continued}

Never Too Early. Renewal membership dues (\$20) are due in October for the 2012-2013 year. Since we do not have an October meeting, I encourage you to mail your check ahead of time to **Sherral Nelson**, membership chairperson, before the October 31, 2012, deadline to avoid the late fee of \$5 beginning November 1, 2012.



Have a great summer and see you at the **Gail Hutchinson** classes, July 27-29, and at the Volunteer Appreciation Pool Party, August 4.

~Diane Short, President

GUILDERS WEAVE 2013 January 17-20 From Susie Waters



Jurying for GW 2013 was completed on Saturday, June 2. The jurying team of **Kim Voska, Dawn West, Diane Short, Cindy Stanton, Jamie VanOekel, and Arlene**

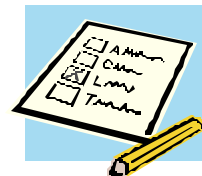
Wallace had to make difficult decisions in order to choose 70 baskets by 20 teachers from a field of 147 baskets and 28 teachers. You will meet some new teachers this year in addition to our reliable favorites.

Cindy Stanton worked very hard photographing all of the baskets and is currently preparing the website with all of the GW information targeted to be ready by August 1. Stay tuned.

SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS

Members will be electing a Vice President and Treasurer at the September meeting to begin office in October. **Laura White**, election facilitator, will present a slate of candidates. Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the general meeting at the August 4 pool party. You may nominate yourself or someone else after obtaining his/her consent by contacting **Laura White** at 757.547.1805 or lrwhite8@cox.net. Nominations will close August 4.

Below are the position descriptions for Vice President and Treasurer to help you make well-informed nominations:



VICE-PRESIDENT

Shall preside over any meeting at which the president is unable to attend. Shall have primary responsibility for preparing a yearly calendar of events with the president's help, for presenting the calendar to the board for approval, and for contacting/scheduling guest teachers as needed. Shall collect money for the classes and remind participants of their selected classes via meeting announcements, newsletters, emails, and website. Shall maintain a log of volunteers throughout the year to be used for the "volunteer drawings" at the annual pool party. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the president.

TREASURER

Shall record and disperse the funds of the guild and shall maintain up-to-date financial reports for presentation at each board meeting. Shall present an annual written financial report to the board and other documentation as required for government filing. Shall keep all records and pass them on to his/her successor.

CINDY'S CORNER

The Guilders Weave jurying and picture taking was completed in June. The committee of seven started the day with oooohhhhs and aaaahhhhs as we first arrived. Chairman Susie Waters had tables lined around her living room and den with 147 baskets set up for everyone to see. When we first saw this many baskets, it was a bit overwhelming. First you hear "Oh, this one is cute" or "No this one is sweet" or "No this one is beautiful" or "Oh here's another." And you can't stop yourself. We were given about 30 minutes to look, touch, smell, and talk about the baskets. Then the fun began.

The chairman called us all to sit down, take a clipboard, and start the process. Before lunch it usually was pretty easy. We evaluated the baskets each teacher had submitted. We wrote notes. Then lunch was served. You know basket weavers. We love to eat, and all our members are such wonderful cooks. How could we resist?

After lunch was usually the hardest part of the day. We voted on teachers and made our choices. As one member said, "We must vote some off the island." This was where we look at type of basket, materials used, level of weaving, costs, and anything else to help make the decision needed. This was where you sometimes vote and lose. It was all part of the day. After about four hours of this, the committee had a strong list of great classes to offer our students.

Unfortunately, we cannot choose every teacher, and that really pulls at your heart. We love all our teachers!

We must then pack all the baskets and have them ready for shipment back to their owners. This was completed by the seven of us, and all boxes were stacked and ready for shipment. All in all the day was great. Thanks to Chairman Susie and the entire committee for a JOB WELL DONE!

Now it's my turn to get the website updated with the chosen baskets and everything else involved. When will this be done? Soon—ladies and gentlemen—soon.



Happy **SUMMER** Weaving to All,

~Cindy Stanton, VP

TBG Officers/Board Members 2011-2012

- President.....Diane Short
- Vice President.....Cindy Stanton
- Secretary Vicki Cartos
- Treasurer Tina Chopin
- Membership..... Sherral Nelson
- Historian..... Mary Jo Baylor
- Newsletter..... Vicki Cartos
- Guilders Weave 2013 Susie Waters

BASKETpalooza

and PICNIC

Sunday, September 9, 2012
Larchmont UMC Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.

Do you have basket kits you would like to sell? Do you have basket items to barter? Heck, do you have basket stuff you just want to give away? Do you have basket things you don't want or need? Do you have multiples of patterns, kits, and books?

It's time to purge and de-clutter your basket stuff. Set up a table to sell, swap, and/or share the basket items you've been hoarding for years.

Even though Tina Chopin, treasurer, will provide a "change" station as a courtesy to members, participants are asked to supply their own stash of ones for making change.

Plans for the picnic are still being decided. Stay tuned for further details.



UFOs

7 projects – 7 months – 7 dollars

Before you sell, swap, or give away your basket paraphernalia at the September meeting's *BASKETpalooza*, you will want to keep some patterns and kits for the reprise of the UFO project with a little twist. So as you look through those patterns and kits and take inventory of the unfinished projects lurking at home, make a list of what you would like to do for the "7-7-7 UFOs." Starting in September, submit a list of 7 projects you want to complete over the course of 7 monthly meetings during the TBG calendar year and contribute \$7 (\$1 for each of the 7 projects) for the grand cash prize.

One project will be selected at the September meeting to be completed by the November meeting. Show the finished basket, and your name will be placed in a drawing to win something that month and in the overall drawing at the end of the seven months. At the end of seven projects, one name will be drawn, and this lucky 7-7-7 member will go home with money!

New Members . . .



Candice Fountain, Madison, VA
Rosemary Howbrigg, Charlestown, RI
Diana "Dee" Johnson, Philippi, WA
Elizabeth Strahorn, Forest Hill, MD
Sylvia Carrol Swan, N. Wilkesboro, NC
Kevin Wilder, Newport News, VA

from the past . . .

April. **Cindy Stanton** represented TBG during the Gathering of the Guilds at the Francis Land House in Virginia Beach.



Six participants made market and round baskets at the semi-annual Open to the Public. **Shannon Lovvorn** and **Alyce Bargamin** are shown helping students with the market basket.



Also, thanks to **Trudi MacMillan** (OTP chairperson) and **Billie Dorris** for making this important recruiting activity a success.



The program for April's meeting was "show and tell" from the NCBA convention. Lynn Ryan points out the scallops and overlays that are featured in the "Victorian Oval Basket" taught by Dianne Gleixner.

June. **Susie Waters** "measures up" by showing off her yardstick illustrating four decorative techniques for covering basket handles. Thanks to **Cindy Stanton**, **Tina Chopin**, **Jamie VanOekel**, and **Diane Short** for teaching these methods at the June meeting.



May. The "big reveal" was the focus of May's monthly meeting. Each basket was created by three weavers over a three-month period. It's obvious that our members are great creative artists.



. . . into the future

- ➔ July 27-29; Gail Hutchinson, visiting teacher; LUMC. Cindy Stanton needs your basket choices and money immediately. See website for details.
- ➔ August 4; Volunteer Appreciation Pool Party; Billie Dorris' home; 10:00 a.m. Must contact Cindy Stanton immediately if you wish to make the "surprise" basket. Bring:
 - lawn chair/small table
 - dish to share
 - weaving tools
- ➔ Sept. 9; regular meeting and picnic; LUMC; elections, BASKETpalooza, UFO project. Consider paying your dues at this meeting since membership dues are due in October, and there is no October meeting.

Rose Glen and **Diane Short** will enjoy using the lovely, functional bud vases taught by **Susie Waters** on Saturday, May 19.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS

by Shannon Lovvorn

Now is the time to start thinking about becoming a “refreshment volunteer” for the fall. It’s a great opportunity to be an active part of the guild, and everyone appreciates it so much. After all, we love to eat! The duty consists of providing refreshments at one meeting for about 35 people.



The process is quite simple. Just purchase or prepare a few light snacks such as cheese, crackers, fruit, etc. Then submit to the treasurer an “After Action/Expense Report” with receipts so that you can get reimbursed. There is just a little time and effort involved, but no expense. As a bonus, your name is added toward the volunteer drawings held at the pool party. This will increase your chances of winning some great prizes.

At the September meeting, I will have the sign-up sheet ready for your signature.

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<u>Deadline Dates</u>	<u>Publication Dates</u>
December 15	January 01
March 15	April 01
June 15	July 01
September 15	October 01

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

~Vicki Cartos
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

➔ Class:

Oval marsh grass basket with oyster shell center taught by Jean Koon, October 19-21, 2012. Details at:

<http://msconsortium.org/#/basketry-workshop/4546440634>

➔ Basket weaving convention:

“Odyssey 2012” sponsored by Central Pennsylvania Basket Weaving Guild, September 13-16, 2012; teachers include: Anne Bowers, Billy Owens, Pati English, Barbara Weber, Gail Hutchinson, Ruth Garcia, Angie Wagner, and Anne Coleman; Details at: www.basketry.homestead.com

➔ Teaching:

Teaching participants how to weave a plant support or trellis (3-4 hour class) through the Virginia Horticultural Foundation, February, 2013. Details at: www.program@mahsc.org

➔ Selling:

OBX Summer Arts Festival, July 11-12. Details: www.outerbankschamber.com
 Link: Events and Happenings

Cape Hatteras Summer Arts & Crafts Show at Cape Hatteras Secondary School, August 1-2.

Christmas Extravaganza at Chippokes Plantation State Park and Plantation Christmas, October 26-28, outside event. Details: contact Wendy Moulton at 757.685.0414.