



# TIDINGS

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## From the President's Pen



**Guilters Weave.** I know that we are all gearing up for Guilders Weave, January 12-15; and **Jamie VanOekel**, along with her committee, says that they are ready. We are all looking forward to a great time. I want to thank

Jamie and her committee members ahead of time as it takes a whole year to put GW together. Many long hours of hard work have been done by this group.

**Holiday Party.** We gathered on a beautiful day in December at the home of **Billie Dorris** for fellowship, food, and fun. Ask some of our good sports like **Holly Finch, Jamie VanOekel, and Kim Voska** about the laughter and surprises we all

had at their expense during our annual Chinese Auction. Also, ask **Susie Waters** (left) about her Volunteer of the Year award. Susie has been very involved with our guild by teaching basket classes to our members, assisting with Guilders Weave for

several years, agreeing to chair GW for 2013, and chairing the Newport News Fall Festival for

two consecutive years, just to name a few examples of her volunteering spirit. Finally, don't miss **Mary Jo Baylor's** fabulous group photo shown on page 6.

**January 8 Meeting.** Our next meeting is Sunday, January 8, 2012, at Larchmont UMC. **Tina Chopin** has agreed to teach a little heart basket to our group. We need to know right away if you are planning to make the basket. Therefore, contact **Cindy Stanton** immediately

if you wish to participate so that we have time to prepare enough kits.

**A Look Ahead.** The "basket challenge" is back by popular demand. We tried this last year with much success; and fortunately, **Dawn West** has

volunteered to be in charge of this venture again. It will be discussed at the January meeting so that we can order the necessary bases. The activity, which begins in February, is a three-part weave completed at home. Baskets change hands at each meeting until the completed baskets are revealed at the May meeting.

Also, **Jean Koon**, a TBG member, is teaching her unique oval marsh grass basket on Saturday, February 18. Enrollment is limited; so contact **Cindy Stanton** if you are interested.



**(President's Message continued)****Reminders for Everyone and for New Members in Particular.**

In closing, I want to give a festive New Year's welcome to the members who have recently joined TBG. Our meetings are generally held on the first Sunday of each month. Exceptions occur when first Sundays are holidays; hence, our next meeting is January 8 instead of January 1. Because of ongoing church renovations, we might need to change the meeting location. So, log on to our website at [www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org](http://www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org) and see if a change in location is posted. I suggest that all members check the website regularly for location changes. While at the site, click on the calendar link and see what wonderful plans we have coming up for the rest of the year. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of our new members and weaving with everyone throughout the year. ~Diane

**WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER****2012**

- ➔ January 8; monthly meeting @ LUMC; 2:00 p.m.; heart basket, Tina Chopin, instructor
- ➔ January 12-15; Guilders Weave
- ➔ February 5; monthly meeting @ LUMC; 2:00 p.m.; Guilders Weave show and tell
- ➔ February 18, Saturday; oval marsh grass basket; Jean Koon, instructor
- ➔ March 4; monthly meeting @ LUMC; 2:00 p.m.
- ➔ March 15-18; North Carolina Basketmakers Association (NCBA) convention
- ➔ April 1; monthly meeting @ LUMC; 2:00 p.m.; NCBA show and tell

**CINDY'S CORNER****DO YOU MAKE  
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?**

Another year of weaving with friends has come and gone. Can you believe it? It's been ten years since I started weaving with this wonderful, creative group. I am very thankful for all my weaving friends!

Did you know 40 to 45% of American adults make one or more resolutions each year? Among the top New Year's resolutions are to lose weight, to exercise, and to stop smoking. Also popular are resolutions dealing with better money management and debt reduction.

Each year I always make a few resolutions: exercise more, (oh, that one made the list), weave more, and other miscellaneous resolutions. This year the "weaving more" is going to be a top priority. Each year I try to weave Christmas gifts, and each year the week before Christmas I am weaving my fingers to the bone. When the gifts are completed and the expressions on the faces of the recipients are one of gratitude, I am thankful that I put in the time to weave. But each year I wish that I had started in January and made at least one gift a month. If I did that, I would have over half of my Santa list completed! So again this year, I aspire to weave more.



Are you making a resolution? What is it? I would be interested in knowing.

Happy **WINTER** Weaving!

~Cindy

## GUILDERS WEAVE 2012 January 12-15 From Jamie VanOekel



**Guilders Weave 2012 begins in a matter of days!**

**A quick year of planning has zoomed by. Soon we will be greeting**

**our buddies from Deer Creek, Central PA, Basket Bunch, Tri State, and High Country. The hotel and catering group are providing some extra fun with our Beach Party theme; so bring your cameras to capture the smiles.**

**GW12 will welcome 20 teachers and 145 students this year. Three of the teachers and 13 students are new to the GW experience. For those who know the ropes, please be open to answering questions and giving directions.**

**We will have on display the one and only Bra-ha-ha winner for “Best Craftsmanship” made by our own Susie Waters.**

**I recommend that you add the following to your *GW To Do List*:**

- ✓ **Log on to the John C. Campbell website to investigate the price of tuition for one class. This should motivate you to purchase tickets to this year’s special \$5 raffle.**
- ✓ **Double check the class descriptions for special tools you might need to bring.**
- ✓ **Bring your address labels to put on all those raffle tickets that you are going to buy. Christy Newman and Carol Ann Blair will be ready.**
- ✓ **Make your shopping list for Suzanne and Phil Moore’s merchandise.**

- ✓ **Make your shopping list for Marketplace.**
- ✓ **Finish your swap basket. The Deer Creek gals will be in charge.**
- ✓ **Secure that item you plan to donate for a door prize. Trudi MacMillan will take care of that for you.**
- ✓ **Prepare or purchase that favorite snack or dessert. Our Hospitality Room would not be complete without the great homemade goodies or store-bought items that you bring. (TBG provides water and soda.)**

**Many of you have already volunteered to help in various ways to make GW12 a success. We have come a long way and look forward to another great weekend. Susie Waters, Kim Voska, and I cannot say “thank you” enough for all that our committee chairs and assistants have endured. Just in case you would like to volunteer at GW, there will be more opportunities to help throughout the event.**



***Congratulations!***

**Judith Saunders** currently has two of her contemporary woven vessels on display on the

National Basketry Organization’s website. The official site is [www.nationalbasketry.org](http://www.nationalbasketry.org).

You can click on the Gallery of Baskets link on the left side of the web page and then click on Current Gallery. The first two pieces are Judith’s. Clicking on each image will enlarge the image and will display details about each piece.

# Fall MEMORIES

## Preparing for the holidays . . .



**Cathy Comer** taught classes on September 24/25. **Shannon Lovvorn** (left) is almost finished with her double wall basket from Saturday's class.

**Cindy Stanton** (right) is most satisfied with her diamond twill pail from Cathy Comer's Sunday class.



One of our TBG members, **Cathy Cupp**, spent the weekend of November 5/6 teaching pumpkin and Christmas baskets. I'm sure **Ella Mae King, Doreen Smith, and Dawn West** (shown below) enjoyed using their new pumpkin baskets during the 2011 holiday season.



Below, **Cathy Cupp** is surrounded by weavers needing assistance with their Christmas baskets.



October is festival month. **Laura White** (left) monitors an interested guest as she weaves a twill basket at the Waterways Heritage Festival in Chesapeake.



Thanks to **Trudi MacMillan, Alice Wyvill, and Kim Voska** for teaching the market and round baskets to seven students at the October 22 Open to the Public shown below.



Thanks to **Cindy Stanton, Donna Coleman, and Kim Voska** for teaching a class of the cutest little Christmas ornaments: stocking, reindeer, and angel.



### SUPPORTING CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION GALA



**Susie Waters** will be demonstrating and selling baskets at the Chesapeake Regional Health Foundation Gala on January 28. She is volunteering to sell your

baskets at this event if you would like for her to do so. Price your baskets accordingly because 20% of the proceeds will go to the Foundation. As a matter of convenience, Guilders Weave would be an opportune time for you to give Susie your baskets. Include your name and the basket's price. Susie hopes to make enough money to support the Foundation and to pay you after the event.

### TBG Officers/Board Members 2011-2012

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**W**ould you like to read an article about basket weavers helping Moroccan women to become independent? The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) published an article on December 13, 2011, entitled "My Business: Weaving Independence for Moroccan Women." The link is as follows:



[www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-16144113](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-16144113)



#### Weaving Tip from Billie Dorris.

#### Rule of Opposites:

This tip applies to working with a single, continuous weaver. If you want an odd number of spirals, you must have an even number of spokes. Conversely, an even number of spirals must have an odd number of spokes. Just remember, odd/even; never, odd/odd or even/even. Got that?



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**Thanks to Billie Dorris (seated in chair 2<sup>nd</sup> from left wearing red sweater), once again, for hosting our yearly Holiday Party.**

