



TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen



Guilders Weave. Just 3½ months until Guilders Weave, and the excitement is building. You should receive your letter soon--if not already--listing your selected classes. Read **Jamie VanOekel's** article on page 5 about the newest opportunity

being offered to Guilders Weave thanks to **Patty Bagley**, resident basketry instructor at the John C. Campbell Folk Art School. You won't want to miss your chance!

Elections. At the September meeting, the offices of president and secretary were on the ballot, and the voters have spoken. I'm pleased to announce that **Vicki Cartos** is our new secretary. She has also agreed to continue publishing the newsletter which has received rave reviews. **Dawn West**, our outgoing secretary, has worked two terms; and I know we will continue to have her help whenever we need her. Even though I was not able to attend the meeting, I was re-elected as president. Thank you for your support.

Calendar. The most exciting news is that your board is finalizing the calendar for next year. Some 2011 highlights include: (1) a pumpkin basket taught by **Cathy Cupp** on Saturday, November 5; (2) on Sunday, November 6, during our regular meeting, Cathy will join us again to teach your choice of Christmas baskets; and (3) on Saturday, November 19, a class is planned to teach various small holiday ornaments on a rotating basis. These classes should be fun and just in time for the harvest and holiday seasons. Communicate

with **Cindy Stanton** if you are interested in participating.

Looking ahead to 2012, be ready for an encore opportunity of the previously successful Challenge Basket project. Sign-ups will be in January with a start date in February.

One of our members, **Jean Koon**, currently teaches her signature basket woven from marsh grasses on the Eastern Shore. Fortunately, she has agreed to come to Hampton Roads to teach this basket in February. I'm so excited to see a "natural" class come our way.

Other calendar ideas include: (1) taking a kit and making the basket at home, and then finishing a more challenging rim in class during our regular Sunday meeting; (2) exploring ways to decorate a simple handle to make it pop from the basket; (3) weaving a cheese-style basket; and (4) enjoying a presentation on "wheat weaving" by Pam Goss.

The completed calendar of events will be posted on the website within the month.

Volunteering. We always need members to step forward and chair various commitments. If you are interested in volunteering to help with one of the classes, craft fairs, Guilders Weave, etc., let us know. It is the best way to have a great experience and be involved with the group.

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On a Personal Note. As many of you know, I had a surprising surgery the week before our September meeting that knocked me out for a while. I want to thank the following people: (1) the folks that stepped up and finished making the kits for the September meeting; (2) **Cindy Stanton** for presiding over the board and regular meetings; and (3) anyone else that had a hand in helping. I know that you are all unique and special, and that I can count on you to come through when I need it. Thank you very much. ~Diane



The **NEW** procedure regarding renewal membership dues, which is now in effect, is as follows:

October 1*	membership renewal dues of \$20 to be paid, which covers calendar year October 1 through September 30
Oct. 2 – 31	30-day grace period with no penalty added to renewal membership dues (\$20)
Nov. 1 – 30	\$5-late fee applied to renewal membership dues (\$25)
December 1	member dropped and must reapply for membership at the new-member rate of \$25
*NOTE: Dues will always be accepted at anytime; you do not have to wait for October 1.	

Another change in membership policy, which is now in effect, is the elimination of **family** memberships. The bylaw now states:

Article IV Membership: Section 2:

Classes of membership shall be individual and honorary (to be determined by the Board). All members shall have the right to vote.



www.brahaha.org

Susie Waters is participating in the fourth annual Bra-ha-ha. The event is an artistic, whimsical contest sponsored by Chesapeake Regional Medical Center as a way to confront breast cancer awareness and raise money for research.



Participants must completely cover a 38C bra in interesting, creative, humorous, out-of-the-box, and decorative ways in order to tell a story that celebrates the spirit of breast cancer survivors and to honor the memory of those who did not.



Shown are the front, side, and back views of the bra that Susie wove for entry into the Bra-ha-ha contest. You can see Susie’s bra on display, along with the other 329 entries, in Norfolk at MacArthur Mall’s Center Court, October 3-15, free of charge.



CINDY'S CORNER

TBG experienced a little unusual bad luck this summer with the unfortunate cancellations of our visiting teachers.

Nevertheless, we had another fun time at the pool party thanks to **Billie Dorris's**

hospitality and to **Laura White, Marsha Brom, and Diane Short** for teaching the tote basket.



The September meeting afforded TBG with an opportunity to provide a valuable service to Larchmont United Methodist Church by weaving baskets for their outreach program as shown by new member, **Martine Billiemaz.**

Also from the September meeting, congratulations go to **Diane Short** for being re-elected as president and to our new secretary, **Vicki Cartos.**

Volunteering. I would like to take this opportunity to give a BIG THANK YOU to all of our volunteers. Our organization is just like any other—we need volunteers to function at an effective level. Many of you have volunteered your time and energy throughout the years to make our group run smoothly.



It is so exciting to see new members come into our guild and jump right in with volunteering; it really makes my heart smile. I remember when I first joined the guild. I had phone conversations with **Billie Dorris** who encouraged me to attend. I didn't know one person in the group. My girlfriend was supposed to go to the meeting with me. However, she got sick; so I went alone. **Ella Mae King** came right up to me, welcomed me, introduced me to everyone, and always remembered my name. After the meeting I was hooked and then jumped in

with both feet to volunteer. As they say, the rest is history.

We currently have many great volunteers, but we can always use more. If you are able to volunteer even one hour, we will appreciate it because every hour counts. At the moment our most urgent volunteer opportunity is Guilders Weave, chaired by **Jamie VanOekel.** Give Jamie a call and offer your services.

Happy *Fall* Weaving to Everyone!



~Cindy Stanton

WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

- ➔ Oct. 1-2, Newport News Fall Festival; contact person, Susie Waters
- ➔ Oct. 6-9, Suffolk Peanut Festival; contact person, Sherry Matthews
- ➔ Oct. 8-9, Waterways Heritage Festival; contact person, Laura White
- ➔ Oct. 22, Open to the Public; St. Luke's UMC on the Peninsula; contact person, Trudi MacMillan
- ➔ Nov. 5, Saturday class at LUMC; Pumpkin Basket with Cathy Cupp
- ➔ Nov. 6, general meeting at LUMC; Holiday Basket with Cathy Cupp
- ➔ Nov. 19, Saturday class at LUMC; Christmas Ornaments
- ➔ Dec. 4, Holiday Party, 2:00 p.m., location TBA; potluck lunch, basket-related gift swap (\$20)
- ➔ Jan. 8, 2012, general meeting at LUMC
- ➔ Jan. 12-15, Guilders Weave

SUFFOLK PEANUT FESTIVAL



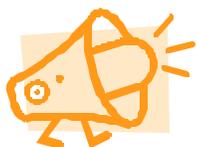
Sherry Matthews wants to inform TBG members that the Suffolk Peanut Festival is having a “Hometown County Fair Tent” where a variety of items, including baskets, can be entered for judging with ribbon prizes awarded. The festival runs from October 6-9 at the Suffolk Executive Airport. It would be nice to have some of our members enter their baskets. Baskets may be delivered to the Suffolk Art Gallery or given directly to Sherry if anyone would like to enter early. The judging deadline is Thursday morning, October 6. For more information, email Sherry Matthews at slmbaskets@aol.com.

Also, **Sherry Matthews** is

teaching a basket class at the Suffolk Art Gallery on Sunday, October 16, 1-5 p.m. The basket is one of Suzanne Moore’s patterns called “Tie One On,” which has a pink ribbon breast cancer theme. A fee of \$35 is due by October 1. Email questions to Sherry Matthews at slmbaskets@aol.com.



CALLING ALL MEMBERS



TBG often emails members on short notice about a change in location or other important, urgent information. Unfortunately, we are discovering incorrect email addresses.

PLEASE check the members-only page on the TBG website to verify the accuracy of your email address and send corrections to Diane Short at basketmakr@aol.com. Can’t get on that link? Email Diane, and she will get back with you.

NATIONAL BASKETRY ORGANIZATION

Judith Saunders and **Colleen Skelton** attended the National Basketry Organization (NBO) Convention the first week in August at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts. NBO’s website states that the organization



“specializes in promoting education in the art, skill, heritage, and appreciation of traditional and contemporary basketry.”

Judith and Colleen were happy to see some familiar faces such as Barbara Weber, Dorothy Scheiman, and Ruth Garcia (shown above with Colleen). Joanne Kelly-Catsos was attending as a board member and student. Participants were exhausted, as every minute of time was scheduled among classes, seminars, and bus rides to the Boston Museum of Fine Art, the Fuller Gallery, The Peabody Museum and Museum of Natural History at Harvard, and the Mobilia Gallery in Cambridge.

Below are Judith and Margaret Pelletier, Mik’maq weaver from Canada, holding the basket that Judith purchased at the scholarship auction. The enlarged photo of the basket features the lovely details.



GUILDERS WEAVE 2012

January 12-15

From Jamie VanOekel



The wheels are turning faster and faster for Guilders Weave. By the time you are reading this, class assignments will be out. Soon menu details will be published to the website. Our banquet will have a Beach Party theme this year. So don't tuck your flip flops and Hawaiian shirts too far back in the closet!

Many hands make the work go faster. Guilders Weave relies on the participation of many members of the guild to make it all happen. Our committee chairpersons are in place, and they will need more help either before or during the event.

All chairpersons are listed on page 6. If you are interested in being involved with any of these tasks, please check with them. Lots will be happening between now and December.

Special Raffle. We are very excited about our big raffle news! Patty Bagley is the resident basketry instructor at the John C. Campbell Folk Art School. She has chosen TBG as the recipient of a tuition voucher that will cover a class of the winner's choice. We will have some of the current catalogs at each meeting so that you can examine what is currently being offered. You can also research the school by going to their website at www.folkschool.org.

Patty recently wrote the following to us:

So, exactly what are we offering?

The John C. Campbell Folk School is a unique place. Classes are offered 47 weeks and 12 weekends each year. Each week or weekend, 12 - 16 classes are offered in over 40 different areas. Besides the world renown instructors and classes, students at the Folk School enjoy a week of camaraderie and community from the

morning walks and morning songs to the family style meals and evening dances and demonstrations.

In the Basketry area we have some outstanding instructors: JoAnn Catsos, Martha Weatherby, Alan Litchfield, Jo Campbell Amsler, Jill Choate, Emma Jackson Garrett, Matt Tommey, Tika Tucker, Pati English and many more. I'm especially pleased that Eric Taylor will be joining us in 2012. A week long class can really give you an in depth understanding of a particular style of basket or your favorite instructor.

2011 tuition for a week long class at the Folk School ranges in price from \$488 for a slightly shorter week to \$620 for Advanced weeks. We are offering a week long tuition for the week of the winner's choice and in the area of their choice.

What's not covered are Room and Board and materials fees. Room and Board range from \$428 for a dorm arrangement (including all meals) to \$670 for Premium Guest Quarters. There are even options for camping and meal only plans if you end up staying off campus. Materials fees vary with each instructor but if the fee is over \$100 it is noted in the catalog and on the website, which has more details and lots more information at www.folkschool.org.

So take some time and check it out! The tickets for the John C. Campbell Folk School raffle will be \$5 each and sold separately from the regular raffle tickets.



Jamie's Mailbox on September 2

GUILDERS WEAVE 2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Jamie VanOekel	GW 2012 Chair
Susie Waters	GW 2012 Co-chair
Kim Voska	GW 2012 Co-chair
Kim Voska	Teacher name tags
Shannon Lovvorn Alyce Bargamin Shirley Murphy	Teacher gift bags
Shannon Lovvorn	Student name tags
Jamie VanOekel Susie Waters Dawn West	Welcome bags
Tina Chopin	Welcome bag kits
Kim Voska	Class signs for hallway and tables
Dawn West	Masseuse
Susie Waters	Memorabilia
Sherral Nelson	Registration
Christy Newman Carol Ann Blair	Raffle
Trudi MacMillan	Door Prizes
Shirley Murphy Doreen Smith	Welcome new participants/Answer general questions
Marsha Brom Laura White	Guild raffle: picnic basket
Alyce Bargamin Shannon Lovvorn Rose Glen	Lunch/Banquet greeters
Jamie VanOekel Susie Waters Kim Voska	Marketplace set up
Arlene Wallace	Hospitality room
Shirley Murphy Jamie VanOekel Susie Waters Kim Voska Diane Short Cindy Stanton Christy Newman	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 20px;">Jury</div>  </div>



New Members . . .

Martine Billiemaz, Norfolk, VA

Colleen Doman, Springfield, VA

Cathy Lehman, Raleigh, NC

Denise Sharp, Reading, PA

**TBG Officers/Board Members
2011-2012**

President.....Diane Short
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 Treasurer Tina Chopin
 Membership..... Sherral Nelson
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 Guilders Weave 2012Jamie VanOekel

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

~Vicki Cartos
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