

TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen



Calendar. In August the board will be planning the activities for the new calendar year starting October 1. We now need you to give us some input as to what you would like to see in the plan. Understand that we might not

be able to implement all suggestions, but we will try to use them in some way during the year. Here are a few guidelines: Sunday's classes after the general meeting are for learning new techniques specifically targeting the new weavers. Saturday classes are for more intermediate weavers who know what they are doing but want to learn something more challenging. This is also a good time to reflect on your own teaching skills and use TBG to launch new opportunities for you to teach classes outside the normal volunteering. If interested, start making your basket and submit the completed teacher application to me or to **Cindy Stanton** by August 20.

Because it's important to learn from teachers outside of TBG, we are interested in suggestions for visiting teachers. We try to invite to Hampton Roads the new teachers you experienced perhaps at other venues.

Pool Party. Saturday, August 6, at 10:00 a.m. is our annual pool party at the home of **Billie**

Dorris. During this event we will have our annual drawing for the volunteers who have supported the guild throughout the past year. Some of the prizes include a free TBG membership for the next year and bragging rights as the second person to choose classes for Guilders Weave. **Cathy Cupp** is scheduled to teach a class, but that may change. **Cindy Stanton** will have more information a little later, so check your emails regularly. It doesn't really matter what we do because we always have a great time!

Changes in Procedures and Bylaws. The two articles on page 2 discuss a change in the procedure for renewing membership dues (which includes a new late fee), and a change in the bylaw regarding eliminating family memberships. Please study these topics carefully and talk with your board members if you have questions.

Summertime. We are blasting into a really



HOT summer, and there's no better way to stay cool than by pulling out your favorite pattern to weave. Maybe get an early start on the swap basket for Guilders Weave, or try some other new techniques you might have been exposed to earlier this past year. How about designing something new which you could then put into the NCBA exhibit room next year. With all these suggestions in mind, have a great creative summer. ~Diane

CHANGE IN PROCEDURE REGARDING RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The board has been discussing ways to improve the promptness of members paying their dues. Unfortunately, some members are not renewing their dues by the established deadline of October 1, and many members are not renewing their dues until January during Guiders Weave. It seems like we are collecting dues all year round; and as our numbers increase, we are finding it more difficult to keep track of a member's status. Therefore, like many other organizations, the board felt it was important to establish a more specific schedule for paying dues. This schedule will clarify the member's responsibility toward renewing dues in a timely manner, and will hopefully eliminate some the guild's concerns associated with the current procedure for collecting dues.

The new procedure regarding renewal membership dues 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.	

These procedural changes will take effect with the renewal of dues this September 1, 2011. Of course, the guild will remind you of dues-paying deadlines through announcements at general meetings, emails, newsletters, and website.

I must admit that in the past the guild has been very lenient about allowing members who had not renewed their dues to still participate in TBG activities. But in order to be fair to those who pay their dues on time, we will be enforcing the deadlines in accordance with the schedule described above. Therefore, for those members who have been dropped on December 1 and have not reapplied for membership, they will no longer

be able to take advantage of all of the wonderful opportunities afforded the members who have renewed their dues at the proper time.

Membership Chairperson, **Sherral Nelson**, and the board have been working diligently to encourage members to become current, dues-paying members and to update the roster reflecting an accurate membership in good standing. Please help us by paying your renewal dues on time.
~Diane

CHANGE IN BYLAW REGARDING FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

The board's discussion regarding procedural changes for renewing membership dues generated a subsequent conversation about our current bylaw involving family memberships which states as follows: *Article IV Membership: Section 2: Classes of membership shall be individual, family (consisting of two or more persons located at one mailing address) and honorary (to be determined by the Board). All members shall have the right to vote.*

From this discussion a motion was made and seconded to remove the family membership from the bylaws and to have membership be limited to the individual and honorary classifications. The justification was that the family membership was arranged previously to save money when the newsletter was mailed to all members, which is now mailed only to a few members who do not have email. We also realized that no other basket guild practiced the family membership arrangement.

Other relevant bylaws read as follows: *Article IX, Procedure for Amending the Bylaws: Section 1: Any proposed changes in the Bylaws will be published in the Newsletter prior to a Board vote. Section 3: The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.* Therefore, if you have any opinion on this matter, please contact one of the board members. The board will vote to eliminate the family membership 30 days after it has been published. If passed, it will go into effect with the renewal of membership dues on September 1, 2011. ~Diane

CINDY'S CORNER

Do you have your bathing suit out and ready? Have your feet hit the sand yet? Have you selected your summer weaving projects? Let's see what we have been up to.

April. TBG participated in the Gathering of the Guilds at the Francis Land House in Virginia Beach.

Thanks to **Mary Jo Baylor** and crew for talking with all those interested in what we love to do—weaving.



Above, **Tina Chopin** demonstrates at the TBG display.



May 14 was the Open to the Public class. **Trudi MacMillan** and assistants taught both the market and the

round basket to excited weavers. We even recruited a couple of new members from that class; namely, **Regina Ashley-Stitzel**, who is shown above with **Billie Dorris**. Trudi, we appreciate your coordination and teaching.

June. **Susie Waters** and **Arlene Wallace** add overlays to their napkin baskets taught by **Alice Wyvill** at the June general meeting.



Thanks to **Sue Legault** for teaching the waxed linen hats. What a great way to try your hand at waxed linen. At left, **Debra O'Bier** concentrates as she weaves her hat of choice.



We have a new webmaster!

The board voted to hire **Annamarie Strawhand** to maintain our website. She will start updating our site very soon. You should not see much change at all. I will be involved as the liaison between TBG and Annamarie. Therefore, if anything needs to be posted, please continue to send it to me.

May. At the May general meeting, **Tina Chopin** and volunteers taught a darling spring basket with curls.



Happy  Weaving to Everyone!



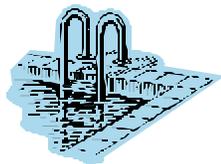
WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

by **Cindy Stanton**



The classes planned for July by visiting teacher, **Pam Wilson**, have been cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

- ➔ August 6, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.; annual pool party at the home of **Billie Dorris**; BRING:



- lawn chair
- a dish to share
- weaving tools and materials
- bathing suit, optional
- clothing, required

- ➔ **August 20; deadline for submitting basket proposals to Cindy Stanton for teaching classes during the next TBG calendar year**
- ➔ Sept. 11; general meeting at LUMC; elections, volunteer sign-ups, and weaving a basket for the church's Outreach Ministry
- ➔ Sept. 17, Saturday, LUMC, 9:00 a.m.; basket to be determined
- ➔ Oct. 1-2; Newport News Fall Festival
- ➔ Oct. 8-9; Waterways Heritage Festival, Chesapeake; see page 6

BASKET CHALLENGE HUGE SUCCESS

by **Dawn West**

I want to say thank you and "way to go" to all who participated in the basket challenge. I think I am safe in saying that everyone was pleasantly surprised when each basket was revealed. One could tell by all of the "oohs and aahs" when they were pulled out of the bags. Judging from the photo below, no two were alike; and I don't believe there was any shortage of creativity. You went above and beyond all expectations. Techniques used were twining, triple twining, twilling, randing, wrapping, and overlaying, just to mention a few. Then there were all kinds of colors, and beads, and feathers, and tie-ons. Some baskets had handles and some did not. I could go on and on, but I think you get my drift. TBG has some GREAT talent! To those who did not participate this time, get ready because I heard "we want to do this again" more than a few times.



Ooooooooooh, Aaaaaaaaaaah

GUILDERS WEAVE, 2012 January 12-15 From Jamie VanOekel



The stage has been set for Guilders Weave 2012.

The jury committee had some tough choices to make from a wonderful selection of teachers and baskets. All teacher letters

have gone out and the work has begun on the website presentations. We look forward to the offerings being ready in late July.

Between the time the class selections are posted to the website and the September 1 postmark date, we will only have one TBG gathering at the pool party. Please ask questions if something is not clear in a description of a basket.

Reminders:

Read and then read again a description of a basket that you are considering.

Review the registration policy.

Please make sure of your skill level in regards to the basket being taught. Email me if you aren't sure.

Check those dimensions! We put the golf ball in every picture to help, but you may need your ruler (or yardstick in a couple of cases), to really get an idea of what you are getting into.

Special tools or supplies needed? Take that trip to the hardware store, Radio Shack, etc. We love our tool bags.

Record 4 basket choices on your form that you are willing to take. It is truly the luck of the draw. Except for our "1st choice raffle winner" (ask **Cindy Stanton** who that is this year), the order of the draw is random by postmark date.

Ask questions. We do our best to correct everything before you see it, but something always sneaks through. Email or call me. It's OK. We hope you will be as excited about GW12 as we are. Enjoy your summer!

SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS

Members will be electing a President and Secretary in September to begin office in October. A nominating committee, chaired by **Marsha Broms**, will present a slate of candidates. However, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. You may nominate yourself or someone else after obtaining his/her consent by contacting **Marsha Broms** at 757.421.9464 or mdbroms@cox.net.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the general meeting of the August pool party.

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



PRESIDENT

Shall preside over all meetings of the board and the general membership. Shall appoint all committee chairs with board approval. Shall prepare a written agenda for all meetings. Shall assist with creating the budget and calendar for the next year.

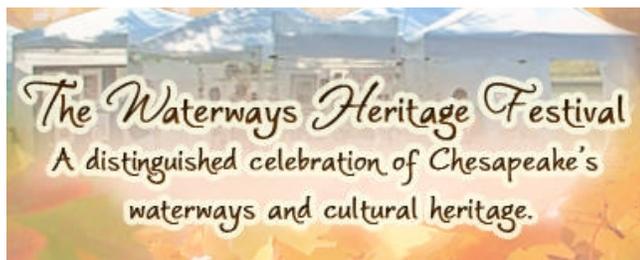
SECRETARY

Shall record the minutes of board and general meetings. Shall submit the minutes of the previous meeting to the board members at the current meeting. Shall maintain and file all minutes and transfer files to his/her successor. Shall prepare correspondence as directed by the board.

WATERWAYS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

by **Laura White**

The Waterways Heritage Festival will be held October 8-9 at Great Bridge Lock Park in Chesapeake. The guild will have a basket booth for display and demonstration. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this booth, contact **Laura White**. Our volunteers had a great time last year.



If you are interested in vending your baskets, the booth cost is \$60. The vendor will need to submit an application with 5-8 colored photos. Contact **Laura White** for more information and for a copy of the application. TBG member, **Lynn Ryan**, vended at this festival last year and can provide more information.



Samuel Yao, a basketry artist from Ann Arbor, Michigan, won the \$10,000 best-in-show prize at the 56th annual Boardwalk Art Show and Festival held June 17-19 in Virginia Beach, VA.

He created a 44-inch-tall basket made from palm flower stalks and palm seed pods, which took him about a month to weave. Thirteen art forms were on display; and Yao was one of 270 artists (fiber medium) from across the nation who showed their work at this event, which is one of the oldest and largest outdoor shows in the country. His winning basket can be viewed at www.cacv.org.



New Members . . .

Regina Ashley-Stitzel
Pattie Bagley
Judy Ann Bremmerman
Susan Daniels
Debbi Gagnar
Carol Lee
Paula McCann
Marcia Moe
Amanda Storie
Pam Waters

TBG Officers/Board Members, 2010-2011

President, Diane Short
 Vice President, Cindy Stanton
 Secretary, Dawn West
 Treasurer, Tina Chopin
 Membership, Sherral Nelson
 Historian, Mary Jo Baylor
 Newsletter, Vicki Cartos
 Guilders Weave 2012, Jamie VanOekel

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

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