



TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE!

Guilters Weave, 2011. I know that we are all gearing up for Guilters Weave, January 13-16; and **Shirley Murphy**, along with her committee, says that they are ready. I want to thank them ahead of time as it takes a whole year to put this together. Many long hours of hard work have been done by this group.

Holiday Party, 2010. While gathering at Billie Dorris' house on a very cold winter's day for our holiday party, we honored our Volunteer of the Year—**Laura White**. Laura has been very involved with designing and teaching baskets for our members as well as assisting/chairing various venues we support throughout the past year. To Laura, I say "congratulations and thank you." Our annual Chinese Auction gift exchange was a fun time as always, and I want to thank **Billie Dorris** for allowing us to congregate at her house—yet again—for holiday cheer.

January Meeting. Our next meeting will come very quickly after the New Year—Sunday,

January 2. The topic is staining. Now that you have finished that good-looking basket, what else can you do to enhance its beauty? Our two speakers, **Tina Chopin** and **Billie Dorris**, will cover the various aspects of dyeing different types of baskets, whether a reed basket or a Nantucket.

Basket Challenge. The January meeting will also include a sign-up for the Basket Challenge project which will begin in February and continue through three meetings. It is important to get an accurate count of participants so that the appropriate number of bases can be ordered. [See Dawn West's article on page 4 for a complete description of this project.](#)

Reminders. I want to welcome our newest members who have recently joined. Our meetings are generally the first Sunday of the month at Larchmont United Methodist Church, at 2:00 p.m. However, because of the church's renovations, it is important for all members to check our website regularly at www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org to see if the meeting location has been changed. While at the website, check out our calendar of events that are planned throughout the year.

I'm looking forward to interacting and weaving with everyone in 2011.

~Diane

Cindy's Corner

October. The rain did not dampen the spirits of **Susie Waters** and her crew at the Newport News Fall Festival. They represented TBG with great enthusiasm and spread the "weaving word." Also, TBG participated in a new activity,



the Waterways Heritage Festival, held along the Great Bridge locks. **Laura White** (shown helping a visitor weave while **Trudi MacMillan**

demos) was responsible for this great display, and her trusty weaving buddies were glad to help her. Finally, the fall Open to the Public was held with **Trudi MacMillan** and her volunteers teaching our favorite sport— weaving. Thanks to those folks for teaching others the tradition of weaving.

November. TBG members learned to weave a darling little Holiday Tea Light Basket designed and taught by **Laura White** with **Diane Short** and **Cindy Stanton** assisting. A special thanks to Laura's husband for cutting and



drilling all of those tiny bases. The Christmas Tree class was also held in November. Eighteen weavers made 18

different-looking beautiful trees with nary a Charlie Brown tree in the bunch.

December. Our annual Christmas Party was held at the home of **Billie Dorris** where we ate,

laughed, stole gifts, and just had a great time. The gifts made for the Chinese Auction were absolutely beautiful which further validates the



talent in our guild. Of course, it was difficult for **Holly Finch** and **Donna Atkinson** to appreciate their beautiful gifts because they kept getting theirs stolen. They are such good sports! Last, but certainly not least, I want to congratulate **Laura White** for

being selected this year's Volunteer of the Year, shown above with a pensive, yet appreciative, expression.

Upcoming Events:

- ➔ Jan. 2, general meeting, 2:00 p.m. @ LUMC; topic: staining baskets; Tina Chopin and Billie Dorris, presenters
- ➔ Jan. 13-16, Guilders Weave 2011; Shirley Murphy, chairperson
- ➔ Feb. 6, general meeting, 2:00 p.m. @ LUMC; show and tell from GW
- ➔ Feb. 19, Design Your Own Basket; LUMC; Tina Chopin, teacher
- ➔ Mar. 6, general meeting, 2:00 p.m. @ LUMC; French Randing
- ➔ Mar. 18-20, Virginia Beach Craft Show @ Virginia Beach Convention Center; Debra O'Bier, chairperson
- ➔ Mar. 17-20, North Carolina Basketmakers Association Convention
- ➔ April 2, Gathering of the Guilds; Mary Jo Baylor, chairperson



Happy Winter Weaving
to All, Cindy

GUILDERS WEAVE, 2011

From Shirley Murphy



Guilders Weave is right around the corner! We have registered 151 students, 20 teachers, and even the Moores (owners of NC Basket Works). I

hope you remembered to ask Santa to leave some extra cash in your stocking to spend at Market Place and North Carolina Basket Works. There will be 23 first-time attendees at Guilders Weave this year. Not only will you have the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones, but also have the good fortune to nurture these relationships by attending the Ice Cream Social on Friday night and the PJ Weave on Saturday night. Listed below are a few reminders:

- Plan to bring a snack to share in our Hospitality Room
- A complimentary breakfast will be served each day by the hotel
- No food or drinks at the weaving tables
- Don't forget to bring your Swap Basket
- While you may have a visitor come and walk through the weaving area, they may not sit in at classes
- NC Basket Works will be vending Thursday through Sunday morning
- Market Place will be held on Friday night
- Return address labels are helpful to place on the back of raffle tickets

I look forward to seeing all of you at Guilders Weave, January 13-16, 2011.



New Members . . .

Margaret Alderman – Palmyra, VA
 Margaret Allen-Pruett – Mechanicsville, VA
 Cindy Bray – New Castle, DE
 Lynne Calhoun – Williamsburg, VA
 Crystal Collins – Broadway, VA
 Pati English – Seneca, SC
 Lisa Jahn – North Hanover, NJ
 Jennifer Jenkins – Timberville, VA
 Leslie Lanier – Ocracoke, NC
 Kathleen Morrison – Wilmington, NC
 Virginia Palmer – Virginia Beach, VA
 Norma Sigal – Ocracoke, NC
 Terrylynn Taylor – Old Saybrook, CT
 Pam Waters – Dover, DE
 Augusta Webb – Norfolk, VA



ANNOUNCEMENT

Billie Dorris maintains a list of websites which includes basket weaving resources and vendors of supplies. If you have experienced a website that was helpful, reputable, and secure, please send that information to Billie.

TBG'S NEW BASKET CHALLENGE

From Dawn West

TBG would like to try something new to challenge our creativity. This idea came from the Cape Fear Basketmakers' article published in the February, 2010, issue of *The Reeders' Report*. Please consider participating as you read about the project. Let me begin by issuing a gentle warning. Because this is a three-month, progressive activity, you will need to commit to this project for the entire three-month period. Consequently, failing to participate all three months will create a domino effect resulting in subsequent members not being able to complete their parts of the challenge.

As Diane mentioned in her message from page 1, we will sign up for this project at the January meeting and vote on whether to use a round, square, or oval base. I will order the bases determined by the number of sign-ups and distribute them at the February meeting.

If you cannot attend the January meeting and would like to participate, contact Dawn West at 757.865.0753 by January 10.

Here's how the project works:

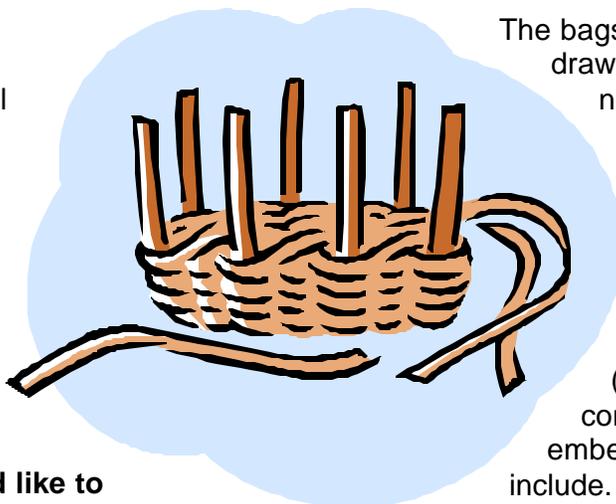
Before the March meeting, insert spokes into the base that you received at the February meeting and secure the spokes with twining. You may use weaving materials of any size and any color of your choosing.

Month #1 – March. Bring the partially-created basket in a brown paper bag to the March meeting. The brown paper bag will prevent mildew and keep the basket from being seen. Each participant is assigned a number, and your bag is numbered accordingly by someone not participating. Then each participant draws a

number for the bag they will take home. The non-participating member records who has what bag.

Before the April meeting, get those creative juices flowing by weaving the sides of your basket in any style and any color that you want. Stop short of the rim row.

Month #2 – April. Bring the almost-completed basket to the April meeting in the same brown paper bag in which you brought it home.



The bags are not opened before you draw another number. Again, the newly drawn number is recorded by the non-participating member, who, in turn, records which bag you will take home this time.

Before the May meeting, rim the basket, add a handle (or handles) if you wish, and complete any finishing touches or embellishments you want to include.

Month #3 – May – The Unveiling! Once again, place the now-completed basket in the brown paper bag and bring the finished masterpiece to the May meeting.

One by one, the record keeper announces each participant's number. As members claim their original bags, they reveal their new baskets! Just imagine how exciting it will be to watch as each newly-created basket emerges looking so different and unique from its March beginnings. After all of the baskets have been unveiled, members sign the baskets on which they worked.

I hope you give this challenge a try!

Congratulations to ...

{Editor's note: The following advertisement was submitted by one of our members, Karen Maugans.}

Judith Saunders.

Judith's copper bias weave pieces won three awards at the Association of Michigan Basketmakers Convention. The larger piece won Best Art Piece (General Membership) and Viewer's Choice. The smaller piece won Exceptional Merit for Miniatures (General Membership).



Joanne Howard.

Joanne's ash basket won the Best Traditional (General Membership) award at the Association of Michigan Basketmakers Convention.

Coming soon to our website will be a section illustrating various patterns, techniques, and instructions from baskets that have been created from our classes over the past years. **Laura White** is working on this project.



A New Name

Cupp Basket & Supply is now owned and operated by Karen Maugans (and her husband, Kim). If you are a participant of Guilder's Weave, and noticed that Cathy had a shadow – that was ME.

I took early retirement in 2003 (from a very stressful job) and immediately started working part time for Cathy at the basket shop. Now this job was FUN! No dress code, favorable hours, and the best boss ever, who is now a very dear and special friend.

Some times we would be working 'real hard' (*making a basket*), and Cathy would say '**Karen, when are you going to buy this business?**' I had no intention of buying a business, I was retired! Anyway my husband and I would chat about this from time to time just considering the possibilities. **May of 2009**, we made Cathy an offer and she accepted!!! The rest is history.

Don't fret Cathy now works part-time for me. I think that this is a true example of a 'role reversal'. She has more time to be a designer and creator. She is still at the shop, teaches lots of classes, provides individual assistance, and we share in working the weekends at the Shop.

I have been weaving for ~11 years, also teach classes, and design. Kim and I make the majority of the bases for the shop. If you have a special request, let us know!

We do have a web site www.cuppbaskets.com and plan on enhancing it in the future. Come to the shop - **Cupp Basket & Supply** offers high quality basket weaving supplies, tools and patterns. Cathy and I are willing to come to your location for teaching.

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Christmas Party, 2010
This group exudes holiday cheer!

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