



TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen

Many of us have just returned from the North Carolina Basketmakers Association conference held in Durham, North Carolina, March 11-14. It truly is an out-of-body experience if you have not done this before. I understand that there were about 650 weavers in attendance. To see the tables lined up—row after row, three deep, from one end of the ballroom to the other—was an amazing sight. I tend to take from new and different teachers. This is one of the things I enjoy the most, as I want other TBG weavers to be exposed to these people, too. I returned from the conference with suggestions of teachers I would like to see come our way. I realize that sometimes seeing new ideas stimulates our creative juices.

Challenge Swap Basket. I have a new challenge for everyone in our group. When **Jamie VanOekel** was president, she started the Challenge Swap Basket, and I would like to continue this activity starting in April. The process is as follows. I want you to get creative and

make a wall basket, no bigger than 12 x 12 inches, with a handle. The handle does not need to be a hard D-handle nor does it need to be wrapped unless you want it to be. However, it must contain something that will allow it to be hung up. Other requirements are to use TWO techniques other than start and stop. Therefore, you need to use other techniques you have learned such as three-rod-wale (a.k.a. triple twining), French randing, or Japanese weaving, to name a few. We will discuss this project at the April meeting. It will be due at the June 6 meeting, at which time we will swap them. So ... get your thinking caps on!

April 11 Meeting. Our traditional activity at this meeting is the Show and Tell session highlighting the baskets created at NCBA. Also, if you were not able to attend the February meeting and would still like to share the baskets you made at January's Guilders Weave, please bring them. 

--Diane

Cindy's Corner

Whew, we are back from our trip to the North Carolina Basketmakers Convention and trying to catch up on sleep and finishing those UFOs!

February. February was a month of crazy weather and, therefore, lots of time for



weaving. At our meeting we had the Guilders Weave show and tell. Many beautiful baskets were shown such as these by **Anna Trimble, Tina Chopin, and Christy Newman.**

Thanks to **Sherral Nelson** for teaching the Casserole Basket on February 20 to 17 excited students, including **Shannon Lovvorn and Alyce Bargamin.**



March. At the March meeting, we wove a little Sewing Basket under the watchful eyes of **Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson** (as shown by **Kim Voska**). Thank you both for another great class. The following week took us to North



Carolina for the annual NCBA Convention for four days of weaving with old friends and new. March 19-21 was the annual Virginia Beach Craft Show. Thanks to **Jamie VanOekel** for chairing this activity and to all the volunteers.

Upcoming Events:

➔ April 10, Gathering of the Guilds, Francis Land House, Virginia Beach; **Trudi MacMillan**, chairperson

➔ April 11, General Meeting, 2:00 p.m., LUMC; NCBA and GW Show and Tell

➔ April 17, Acorn Basket, 9:00 a.m., LUMC; taught by **Susie Waters**



➔ May 2, General Meeting, 2:00 p.m., LUMC; Folded Letter Basket taught by **Jamie VanOekel**; UFO #3 due



➔ May 22, Open to the Public, 9:00 a.m., LUMC

➔ June 6, General Meeting, 2:00 p.m., LUMC; Americana Basket to be taught

Our calendar continues to fill up with exciting projects and fun volunteer opportunities. Please volunteer your time to continue to make our guild the best it can be. We cannot do this without your help!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions at vicepresident@tidewaterbasketryguild.org.

~Cindy

NCBA 2010

Our four days of weaving started off with a great four-hour ride to North Carolina with only a few scenic tours along the way. Excitement was building as we arrived and started to see the hustle and bustle of the volunteers. There were basket weavers everywhere! Once again this year TBG wrapped the weaving tables on Wednesday night. This has become a Wednesday night tradition for us. Thirteen of us took direction from **Billie Dorris** as to how to cut, wrap, and tape the tables; and with our volunteers, we wrapped approximately 225 tables. We have it down to a science!



TBG made a great showing; I counted 39 members in attendance. The exhibit room displayed many great creations; and once again, TBG members showed their talents and cleaned up with these awards:

1st Place

Carol Vanderzee,
Ribbed General
Membership



2nd Place

Judith Saunders, Wire and
Textile Professional

(Left) **3rd Place, Cindy Stanton**, Mold Woven

(Right) **2nd Place, Joanne Howard**, Mold Woven



(Left) **1st Place, Christy Newman**,
Miniature General
Membership

(Right) **3rd Place, Carol Ann Blair**,
Flat Reed General
Membership



Door Prize Winners

Donele Monte
Diane Short
Sandy Sowers
Joanne Howard

Tina Chopin
Bobbie Sorensen
Janice DePriest
Christy Newman

This weekend brought out a number of memories for me: our weaving buddies trying to pay dinner with a Sears card; signing at the dinner table; “turn right” was the direction given for breakfast, but it wasn’t followed; remember to order only one pancake; Pizza Party; trimming hair with weaving scissors (and by the way, don’t try this at home!); Billie watching the eagles hatch via the computer; and our “chips and salsa” night.



Seeing old friends like **Helen Sheets** and making new ones are what it’s all about. We experienced great weaving, great teachers, and great fun. And yes, **Flo Hoppe** was everything I expected and more.

Now if only I can catch up on my sleep!

~Cindy



Eda Moreno is already pleased with her not-quite-finished basket.

Did You Know?



New Members . . .

Loretta Sedler, Moyock, NC

Tina Plageman, Moyock, NC

In Memoriam

Missy Green, one of our newer members, passed away on January 29 after not being able to recover from a difficult surgery.

Future Weavers

Sherral Nelson's new grandbaby, Braelyn, was born on March 15 weighing 8 lbs. 11 ozs.



On March 16 a new granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth, was born to **Donna Atkinson** weighing 5 lbs. 13 ozs.

GUILDERS WEAVE, 2011

Guilders Weave, 2011—the dates are set, many committee chairpersons are in place, and we are ready to go!

The call to teachers will go out in March. If you have a favorite teacher who has never been to Guilders Weave or who has not been in a while, send their information to Shirley; and we will send them a letter. The call to teacher information will also be posted on the TBG Web site.

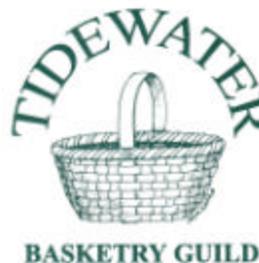
Have you booked your room? It is not too early to do so. GW11 will be held at Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel, Thursday, January 13, through Sunday, January 16. The number to call is 1-800-841-1112.

Room rates are as follows:

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| Standard: | Single | \$72 |
| | Double | \$72 |
| | Triple | \$77 |
| | Quad | \$82 |
| Suites: | Single | \$99 |
| | Double | \$99 |
| | Triple | \$109 |
| | Quad | \$109 |

We look forward to seeing you at GW11.

--Shirley Murphy, GW11 Chair
--Jamie VanOekel, GW11 Co-chair



| GUILDERS WEAVE, 2010 | | | |
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| Interesting Demographic Information | | | |
| by Billie Dorris | | | |
| Number of Attendees from Designated States | | Number of Teachers from Designated States | |
| Connecticut | 1 | Massachusetts | 1 |
| Georgia | 1 | Michigan | 1 |
| Idaho | 1 | Missouri | 1 |
| Indiana | 1 | New York | 1 |
| Kentucky | 1 | North Carolina | 3 |
| Maine | 1 | Ohio | 2 |
| Maryland | 35 | Tennessee | 1 |
| Minnesota | 1 | Vermont | 1 |
| Missouri | 2 | Virginia | 6 |
| North Carolina | 1 | Washington | 1 |
| Pennsylvania | 16 | West Virginia | 1 |
| West Virginia | 4 | Wisconsin | 1 |
| Virginia | 88 | | |
| Guild Members Attending | | | |
| Basket Bunch | | 6 | |
| Central Pennsylvania | | 11 | |
| Deer Creek | | 14 | |
| High Country | | 33 | |
| Tidewater | | 81 | |
| No guild affiliation | | 5 | |
| Note: The Queen Mother requests that you do not compute and compare totals! | | | |

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Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting - February 7, 2010

President Diane Short called the meeting to order at 2:05. She thanked everyone for coming and also thanked Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson for the wonderful refreshments that they brought for us to enjoy.

Diane asked if we had any visitors today and we did not.

Updates:

Diane announced that she had appointed Shirley Murphy as our new Member at Large and Shirley has accepted.

Bylaw change was explained and Article I was voted on at the Board meeting and was passed.

The casserole basket will be taught by Sherral Nelson on February 20th here at the church for \$15.00. The signup sheet is up front on the table and a picture of the basket is on the website.

UFO's: Alice Wyvill will again be our chair for this program and if you would like to participate please give Alice your list of 6 UFOs or email it to her as soon as possible. It was decided that number #4 on your list will be due at our March 7th meeting. Thanks, Alice!

The VA Beach Craft Show will be held March 19, - 21; Jamie VanOekel will chair this event. There is a signup sheet on the front table.

Gathering of the Guilds will be held April 10 and we need a chairperson for this. Any volunteers?

Tina will teach the sewing basket after the March 7th meeting. Cindy will post a picture of it on the website.

The ArtAward, which you received a post card for in your GW goodie bag, was postponed due to bad weather. It will now be held on February 20 - 21 at the VA Beach Convention Center. It features a variety of artists and mediums and they would eventually like for them all to be local artists. If you are able to go, please take your postcard as they will give a \$1.00 kickback to our guild for each one.

The Hunt Hampton History celebration will be held on March 6th.

New Business:

The New Life Great Bridge Baptist Church will host "A Night of Joy" for children and their families on Friday, March 26. They would like to have someone weave, in costume which they provide, for about an hour and 15 minutes. If anyone is interested, please let Diane know.

Lisa Yew gave Diane some information to pass on to the guild about a speaker coming to ODU to present a program on "Marsh Grasses of Iraq". It will be held February 16 at 12:00 pm. These grasses were used not only to weave baskets but also to build their houses.

Mary Normand has brought her GW goodie bag with all of its contents to donate. Mary pulled Don Colley as the lucky winner. Congratulations, Don and thank you, Mary!

Diane asked if there was any other business and Sally Phill, a new member, asked that new members receive a welcome letter so that they know how to get onto the site and into the membership section. The guild presently has a welcome letter and a notebook of information for new members; however, Sally had not received one. Cindy Stanton will give her the password right away and make sure that she receives a welcome notebook.

Susie Waters will teach the Acorn Basket on April 17 at a cost of \$12.00. There is a signup sheet at the front table with a picture of the basket.

Jan White volunteered at the registration table at Guilder's Weave and felt that the volunteers needed to be better informed with regards to people who are attending their first GW. She feels that she could be much better utilized if she had been better trained.

There were 29 members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22.

After the meeting we held show and tell from GW 2010. We all enjoyed seeing the wonderful and creative baskets woven during GW and hearing about the different teachers/classes.

When it was Shirley Murphy's turn to share she also had some comments about GW. Shirley was this year's GW co-chair and will be next year's GW Chairperson. Shirley thanked everyone for all of their help to make it such a success. She also addressed Jan's comments saying that this concern is being worked on for next year. She said that all of the comments on the evaluations sheets were read and all are being carefully considered as to how they can be improved on for a better GW. Shirley also addressed the concerns that people were rushed out of the classrooms on Friday night. She explained that this had to be done so that the tables could be set up for the teacher's to come in and have enough time to setup all of their merchandize for the upcoming market place.

Jamie VanOekel who will be Shirley's co-chair also mentioned that Susie is going to collect a kit from every class that we do this year to be put into our TBG's basket for next year's GW raffle. There will also be tools included among other things and it was going to be quite the raffle item next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn West



(Left) At the February meeting, **Liz Pangrac** showed her large, colorful twill basket created at GW 2010.



(Right) **Jan White** proudly displayed the baskets she made at GW 2010.

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting - March 7, 2010

President Diane Short called the meeting to order at 2:07. She began by thanking Susie Waters, Arlene Wallace, Donna Coleman and Kalynn Hassell for bringing the delicious refreshments.

Diane then asked if there were any visitors joining us; there were not.

Sherral Nelson gave us an update on how her casserole class went. She said that they all had a wonderful time and all 15 students finished their baskets before class was finished.

Alice Wyvill called upon the participants of the UFO program to show their finished projects. Out of 12 participating 11 had their finished baskets! Holly Finch won the prize and UFO number 3 was drawn to be finished next. Due to NCBA and the busy March schedule, we will skip April and number 3 will be due at the May meeting. Congratulations Holly!

Jamie VanOekel asked the members for help with the VA Beach Craft Show to be held March 19, 20 & 21. She has the sign-up sheet and will pass it around because she needs about 15 more people to fill the time slots. She explained that this show is the precursor for the south side OTP, which helps bring in new student weavers and hopefully new members. She asked that the volunteers bring their prize winning baskets or ones that they were just particularly proud of to put on display.

Trudi MacMillan has volunteered to chair the Gathering of the Guilds to be held April 10th. There is a sign-up sheet up at the front desk for this.

Cindy Stanton has sign-up sheets at the front table and encouraged all to sign up for the following classes:

- April 17 - Acorn Basket taught by Susie Waters at LUMC at 9 a.m.
- May 2, Folded Letter Basket - taught by Jamie VanOekel at LUMC after the general guild mtg
- June 19, Shell Basket - taught by Judith Saunders at LUMC at 9 a.m.

Diane announced that no one has shown interest in weaving for The New Life Great Bridge Baptist Church on March 26th. They would like someone there for about one and a half hours to weave in costume (which they provide). Please let her know if you would like to do this.

Diane also reminded members to bring any homemade baskets that they'd like to donate to the church's outreach program.

Susie Waters has agreed to keep a list of any molds or books that members have that they would be willing to loan others. She will make a form and bring to the next meeting for those to complete who have something to loan. Susie also wanted to make people aware that if they borrowed something, and for some reason it was lost, they would be responsible for replacing it.

Billie Dorris asked Cindy to remind everyone going to NCBA that our guild is responsible for wrapping the tables and anyone who could help please meet in the ballroom at 7:30.

If anyone wants to put anything in the newsletter, please have it to Vicki Cartos by March 15.

Jamie brought her baskets to share that she had made on the recent "weaving cruise" which she recently returned from, and thoroughly enjoyed. She had some lovely baskets to show off and she also brought several tools that she acquired and found very useful. One being a pair of "round" needle nose pliers, introduced to her by teacher Flo Hoppe, that she was able to purchase at Sears. The 2nd tool being a "scorp" which is originally a wood crafters tool. Debbie Hurd, another one of the teachers, used it to scarf rims.

Alice who had also been on the cruise, said it was a wonderful time and that the next cruise will be Feb 11, 2012. It would be going through the Panama Canal, to Costa Rica and several other places that she wasn't sure of yet. She told us that if we saved \$2.00 a day until the day of the cruise, we would have enough to pay for it. She encouraged us all to start saving and join them because it was so much fun. Ella Mae King, who had also cruised, added that the "saving" started the day they finished this past cruise, so we had a little bit of catching up to do.

Cease Pine wanted to know if anyone wanted to ride with her to NCBA to shop.

Members in Attendance: 35

Meeting adjourned at 2:31

The meeting was turned over to Tina Chopin, assisted by Donna Atkinson, to teach the Sewing Basket. A fun time was had by all weaving this great little basket!

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn West



New member, **Lori Sedler**, is flanked by veterans **Jan White** and **Doreen Smith**. They are working on the little sewing basket taught by **Tina Chopin** with assistance from **Donna Atkinson**.

Note from the Newsletter Editor:

Any news items, comments, suggestions, ideas, or photos should be sent to me by the 15th of June.

The next issue of *Tidings* will be published in July.

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