



TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen

Guilters Weave. WOW, WOW, triple-twine WOW! One hundred fifty plus basket weavers have just come off a weaving HIGH! This past January 14-17 was our annual Guilters Weave. It was a time to forget about the news, weather, laundry, meal preparations, or newsletter compositions. It was just the pure joy of communicating with fellow weavers and teachers, stopping for munchies, learning a new technique, gathering with friends, and laughing a lot. The best thing I liked about GW was meeting new people. We had 26 new people attending this year. I sat next to a woman from Allentown, Pennsylvania, whose friend heard about GW and talked her into coming. She was a quiet weaver, but we had a great time talking about basketry and laughing. I'm sure the two of them will be back.

People stopped me and made suggestions for next year's GW. I asked them to be sure to write their thoughts on the yellow evaluation form. If you didn't complete the evaluation form while at GW, please do so now and submit those ideas to Billie, Shirley, or Jamie.

Billie Dorris and her crew did a wonderful job. At the banquet Christy Newman presented Billie with a unique "thank you" basket fit for "The Queen Mother." I'm sure you can view this special basket at the next meeting. We are looking forward to Shirley Murphy and her assistant, Jamie Van Oekel, planning the GW 2011.

UFOs. Don't forget your list of six UFOs. What is a UFO? It stands for Un-Finished Object. This could be a pattern you want to try, a kit you have not started, or a basket you have started and need to finish. What a great way to complete those unfinished baskets. If you would like to participate, just prepare a list of the unfinished projects, numbered one to six, which you would like to complete over the next several months. Submit this list to Alice Wyvill (or email at alwyvill@verizon.net) at the February 7 meeting. At this meeting one of the six numbers will be drawn, and that will be the project to be completed for the March meeting. With the completion of each basket, your name is included in a drawing for a prize. More importantly, you are glowing with the satisfaction that you have completed one of your projects!

Please review the upcoming activities and classes listed in "Cindy's Corner." Cindy is now the contact person for these classes. She might be out of town a bit more, but she will get back to you.

February 7 "Show & Tell" Meeting. Bring your new baskets made at this year's GW as well as any completed evaluation forms. I'm sure that Shirley and Jamie will be very interested in your constructive comments, suggestions, and assessments of the classes and teachers.

--Diane

Bylaw Changes Needing Vote of Approval at Next Meeting:

As was reported at our January meeting, the bylaws concerning honorary members in Article IV, Section 2, as “not having the right to vote” was removed and now states “All members shall have the right to vote.”

The name of the organization was formerly stated in Article I, but our lawyer shifted this statement to Article II which now reads as follows:

Article II: Name

The name of the association shall be Tidewater Basketry Guild, Incorporated.

The statements regarding the location of our organization have been changed to Article I which now reads as follows:

Article I: Offices

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the City of Norfolk, Virginia. The Corporation may have such other offices, within the City of Norfolk, State of Virginia, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Corporation may require from time to time.

The Corporation shall have and continuously maintain a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with the registered office. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Cindy's Corner

As I start my term as your VP, it has already been very busy.

The wreath class was held in November. Kudos to Susie, Donna, Tammy, Kalynn, and Mary Jo for a great meeting. The easy oval twill class was also in November, and congratulations to Jamie for her great instruction.

The annual December Holiday Party was hosted this year by Tina. Thanks to Tina for opening her home to us. If you missed it, plan to attend next year. The gift exchange always proves to be a fun time.

Guilders Weave 2010—what can we say about this wonderful event. To Billie and her committees and volunteers, I say, “You ROCK! Job well done!” Thank you all for a great weekend and a smooth running event.

We are still looking for a chairperson for the Gathering of the Guilds, Saturday, April 10. Please volunteer to help out with this event. Volunteers are what make our guild shine. Contact me today.

Upcoming Events

- ➔ Feb. 7, General Meeting, 2:00 p.m., GW Show and Tell; bring UFO list to participate in UFO Challenge
- ➔ Feb. 20, Casserole Basket taught by Sherral Nelson; contact Cindy Stanton to enroll
- ➔ March 7, General Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Sewing Basket Class; contact Cindy to enroll
- ➔ March 11-14, North Carolina Basket Association Convention

Upcoming Events (con't)

- ➔ March 19-21, Virginia Beach Craft Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Jamie Van Oekel, chairperson
- ➔ April 10, Gathering of the Guilds, Francis Land House, Virginia Beach; chairperson still needed
- ➔ April 11, General Meeting, 2:00 p.m., NCBA Show and Tell
- ➔ April 17, Acorn basket, LUMC, 9:00 a.m., Susie Waters, instructor

Our Newest Members:

- ✓ Susan Darabond, Culpeper, VA
- ✓ Nancy Kimsey, Chesapeake, VA
- ✓ Jean Poythress Koon, Marattico, VA
- ✓ Carol Doll, Chesapeake, VA
- ✓ Bok Sook Conner, Yorktown, VA

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009

The Christmas Party was hosted by Tina Chopin at her home in Hampton for the first time. It had traditionally been at Billie Dorris' house in Virginia Beach, but it was decided to begin taking



turns having the party on both sides of the water. Lou Lay brought her famous crab appetizer; and, of course, it was gone in seconds.

During the Chinese auction, Arlene Wallace couldn't seem to keep the gifts she selected in her possession. Jamie Van Oekel was recognized, and indeed, honored as our Volunteer of the Year. She was also presented with a woven necklace to thank her for her four years of service as president of TBG. Finally, honorary memberships were awarded to Ella Mae King, Billie Dorris, Alice Wyvill, and Laura White.



Christmas Party, 2009
Jamie presented honorary memberships to Ella Mae King, Billie Dorris, Alice Wyvill, and Laura White (not pictured).



Christmas Party, 2009
Jamie Van Oekel was honored as Volunteer of the Year.



Christmas Party, 2009
The whole gang at Tina's house

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FROM DAWN WEST

Tidewater Basket Guild General Membership Meeting, January 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 by President Diane Short and she wished everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Diane thanked Shannon Lovvorn, Shirley Murphy and Alyce Bargarmin for bringing the "movie" refreshments.

Today we will be watching the tapes about weaving and Tina Chopin has also brought a slide show from the Native American Indian Display that she attended.

Diane welcomed everyone and asked if we had any visitors. Geraldine Kiser brought her daughter, Kathryn Kiser, and Doreen Smith brought Lori Sedler, who is interested in joining the guild. We are very glad to have them both here with us today.

Diane asked Jan White to report to the members on the Christmas party that was held at Tina's house. Jan said that all had a very good time with good food and a fun time present "stealing" with Arlene Wallace opening the most gifts.

Diane announced for those who were not able to attend the Christmas party that Jamie was honored as volunteer of the year and for her service has our president for the past 4 years. She was presented with a beautiful necklace made by Mary Jo Baylor. Also at the party Jamie honored Billie Dorris, Ella Mae King, Alice Wyvill, and Laura White (who was unable to attend) with being awarded the distinction of "honorary members" of the guild for their many contributions over the years. They were presented a lovely pin, with their names on it, made by Judith Saunders.

Jamie wore her necklace and had one of the pins with her, so she was able to pass them around for all of the members to see and appreciate the huge talent that Mary Jo and Judith have.

Jamie reported that all but 4 were able to attend her Easy Twill Basket Class that was held the weekend of the "flood". She felt all who attended had a great time weaving and just getting out of the house.

Diane explained the UFO program for those who were not familiar since Alice Wyvill, who is in charge of this program, was unable to attend today. For all who want to participate in the next round of UFOs, their list of 6 UFOs is due at the February meeting.

Cindy Stanton – Gave us an update of the upcoming classes.

Casserole Basket taught by Sherral Nelson, 2/20, \$15, sign up sheet on front table

Sewing Basket taught by Tina Chopin, 3/7 (meeting), Free, sign up sheet on front table

Upcoming visiting teachers are Barbara McCormick (Sweetgrass baskets) in July & Annetta Kraayeveld (Mini's & Reed baskets) coming in August

Cindy also wanted to see if there was any interest in Vladimir Yarish, coming as a visiting teacher. He specializes in birch bark; however, because he does come from Russia, his prices are a bit expensive. She would like for people to look over the brochure she has up front and indicate if you

would be interested in taking a class from him. This is only showing your interest, it doesn't commit you to anything.

Diane informed the guild that the board had voted today to change the wording in the bylaws, therefore making it possible for honorary members to still be voting members of the guild.

There will be an article published in the newsletter addressing where the Guild office will be located. This article needs to be published so it can be officially voted on by the board.

Billie Dorris gave an update for GW which is coming up next week! We are all excited and ready. (Please see attached report from Billie.)

Susie Waters announced that Arlene Wallace asked her to remind everyone to bring goodies for the hospitality room. She also informed us that they will not be making coffee as the hotel has it down in the lobby and no one drank it last year; however, they will supply water and soda again this year. She also asked that people bring their items in disposable containers or if they bring dishes be sure to come get them before they leave on Sunday.

Susie also had sweatshirt orders in and said that she will have more available at GW for sale if you hadn't ordered one yet. Susie said they will be stuffing the goodie bags about 1:00 on Thursday if you got there early to come help if you can.

Jamie asked that if you would like to bring an item to put in our raffle basket that it be garden related as our theme this year is "Spring Fever". Please bring it to the ball room as soon as you can so that we can get lots of tickets in our box.

Diane – Upcoming Events:

VA Bch Craft Show – 3/19 – 3/21, We need a chairperson for this event.

Gathering of the Guilds – Still not date and we also need a chair for this

Next Guild Meeting – 2/7 Show and Tell

March Guild Meeting – 3/7 Free Sewing Basket

Members in Attendance: 27

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 – Movie and popcorn time!

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn West

Guilters Weave Report on January 3 from Billie Dorris

Guilters Weave 2010

3 January 2010

142 registered students

20 teachers (3 taking classes, not included in above count) 1 assistant

2 vendors

164 total registered

3 full time guests (will be there entire weekend)

- 26 first timers.

2 shopping passes

Will send out email reminder tomorrow which will include updated menu. Info on website is incorrect. Banquet will have London Broil and Penne Pasta and chicken in a cream sauce.

Remind our people to bring things for hospitality suite.

Have spent approx. \$2,000- includes welcome bags, teachers name tags, admin cost.

Support the raffle as that's what covers the costs.

1 teacher with broken wrist!!!! Barb Weber

Billie Dorris

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY

by

Billie Dorris

In 1999 when I last chaired GW (Winter Weave), it was held at the American Legion and was sponsored jointly by High Country and TBG. Members of the two groups served as teachers. I don't remember how many attendees we had, but class assignments could be done with pencil and paper. We gathered on Friday evening to set up (we did everything) and then went to dinner (Italian of course). Classes began Saturday morning and ended Sunday afternoon. We had sub sandwiches for lunch; and for dinner, all chipped in to order pizza. EVERYONE brought snacks to share, and we could have fed a good size army. We didn't have market place, but rather, a "fire sale" of weaving items no longer wanted. Joyce Smith taught a Shaker basket.

GW 2010 was sponsored by TBG and held at Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel. The hotel did the set up and provided the meals. We had 145 students and 20 teachers. The teachers came from all over the United States. Class assignments required use of the dreaded spreadsheet. Classes began on Thursday evening and ended Sunday afternoon. We still brought snacks to share, and Joyce Smith still taught a Shaker basket.

The first raffle, a large Nantucket, came about because of paranoia that we wouldn't have enough money to pay the hotel. Now the proceeds help pay for the welcome bag and contents.

The fact that GW ran smoothly this year is a tribute to all those who came before and worked out all the kinks.

Rather than single out individuals, I'd like to express my appreciation to all the members of the guild who work together so seamlessly to make GW the success it is. One of the comments we have received time after time is that "your guild works so well together." I hope our guild's cooperation extends to Shirley, to Jamie, and to all future chairpersons so that each January we can all sigh and say, "Another great GW. Well done, TBG!"

All my thanks,

Billie

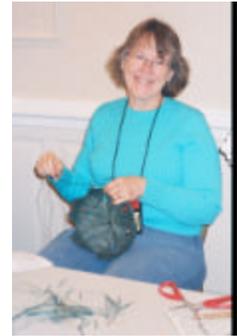
GUILDERS WEAVE, 2010



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Eda Moreno & Sherry Matthews



Geraldine Kiser



Carol Moff



Billie Dorris



Jackie Church



Bill Kay & Brook Rohman



Sharon Potter



Jamie Van Oekel



Cindy Stanton



Don Colley



Janet Jackson

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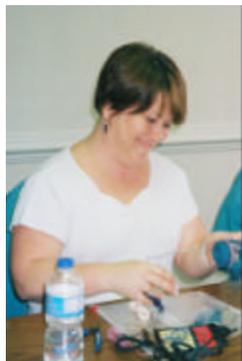
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Any news items, comments, suggestions, ideas, or photos should be sent to me by the 15th of each month.

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