



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Happy new TBG weaving year to you!

October 1 officially kicks off our new calendar year. When you see our new calendar, I hope you will be as excited as I am about the things to look forward to. We are still finalizing some visiting teachers and a couple of class meetings but all the prospects look good! Many thanks to Diane, Mary Jo, Laura, Cindy, and Shannon for their time and input to get things rolling.

If you missed our September meeting, you might not know that our new Treasurer is Tina Chopin. After chairing Guilders Weave for 2 consecutive years, Tina took some family time but is jumping back in with the OTP class this month, a November class and the treasurer post. We are very happy to have her.

Jerry Bernstein has served TBG for 2 terms (4 years) and kept us honest the whole time!!! Many thanks to Jerry for all the time and trips to the bank and post office he has made on our behalf.

We also voted to hang on to Diane Short as our VP. When you read her article in the newsletter, you can see how busy we kept her last year and how much she has already set in motion for our new year! Thank you, Diane, for sticking with us!

I recently told the story about my first TBG meeting. I had met Meredith MacDonald at the Gathering of the Guilds and had finally worked up enough courage to go to the church on meeting day. When I got there, I had to search them out as they were in the

upstairs room – all 5 of them. Alice, Laura, Meredith, and 2 others. We cut OTP kits that afternoon and chatted.

We've come a long way in 9 years. Sherral reported at our September board meeting that we now have 110 members. Our September meeting had 39 of those members in attendance. Volunteers were signed up by Shannon for all of the coming year's meetings. Many others have signed up to help make Guilders Weave work. That's how TBG goes. We are all volunteers who happily share in learning more about basket weaving and try to make that opportunity happen the best ways possible. Thank you for your part in keeping TBG running smoothly.

See you soon!
Jamie



Life Net

Don't forget to bring your Life Net baskets to each meeting. Hand them over the President Jamie and she will bet them stained and delivered to the Life Net organization.

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Note from the Editor...

Any news items for the newsletter need to be to me by the 15th of each month. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at newsletter@tidewaterbasketryguild.org or call me at 523-8630

For those of you who do not have a computer, any members you need to contact, please look up phones numbers in your Members Roster in your Tidewater Basketry Guild Notebook, we will not publish them in the newsletter in the future.

Thanks, Cindy Stanton

Do you have any new ideas for the newsletter? Please email/call Cindy at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

Reminders.....

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TBG annual dues are due in October. Please send your dues to the address above and make them attention Sherral Nelson, our Membership Chair.

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Have you ever had trouble trying to figure out what colors go together? You are making that perfect stool and you just cannot decide what shaker tape colors go together..try this link, it's a great tool, just pick colors and size and with a click of your button you see it right in front of you!

<http://www.basketmakerscatalog.com/mfiles/shakertape.mv?>

Thank you Ella Mae for sharing.

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Tip for starting a small base with round reed  
[http://www.basketweaving.com/styro\\_trick.htm](http://www.basketweaving.com/styro_trick.htm)  
Thank you Glen for sharing.

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2008-2009 Budget has been posted on our members only page of our website.
www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org



Notes from Diane.....

Where did the summer go? If you missed **Kathy Libby, Pool party** with a free basket opportunity, **August Weave** or **Peggie Wilcox** and we even did a basket at our **September meeting**, I'm sorry, but we sure did have fun. Learned a few new tips and had a great time with these teachers.

We have been laying out a **wonderful** calendar for the next year and bring in some of our own members to teach us a few new and interesting techniques. So watch the web site for updates.

October: We have no regular meeting but will be at the **Fall Festival** in Newport News Park on **4 & 5. Alice Wyvill and Liz Pangrac** are in charge.

From this event and the Heritage Days from last month we have **Open to the Public** on the **18th** which is a Saturday, at St. Luke's United Methodist church, on the peninsula. This starts at 9:00 am. **Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson** are in charge. Because we have the use of the Fellowship Hall we thought that it would be great to cut **Life Net kits** and weave, so come join us, 300 Ella Taylor, Yorktown. Bring a little sandwich or snack for yourself and drinks will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help with this charitable task.

November 2: Monthly meeting at 2:00 pm. Holiday basket, more to come.

On Saturday the **15th**, **Tina Chopin**, has agreed to teach a double wall basket. If you have not tried one or want to update your skills then this is the class for you. Signups will be soon and money due at the Nov. 2 meeting.

Dec. 7: Our annual Holiday Party at Billie's house at 2:00 pm Bring a food item to share and a basket related gift for the Chinese Exchange. (Worth about \$20.00) Its loads of fun!! Volunteer of the Year will also be revealed.

January 4: Meeting at 2:00 pm; we will learn how to make Yo-Yo's and Ruche (rosettes) out of fabric that we will later use on a basket we will make in March. **Carol Vanderezee** and her crew will demo and help us with the sewing.

Coming up is that all important Guilder Weave **January 15, 16, 17, & 18.**

RECAPPING:

October 18: OPT, Life Net, and open weave at St. Luke's church 9:00 am.

November 2: Meeting, Holiday basket 2:00 pm at Larchmont United Methodist

November 15: Sat. Double Wall Basket, Tina Chopin 9:00 am at Larchmont

December 7: Sun. Holiday Party Billie's 2:00 pm.

January 4: Meeting, Learn to make Yo-Yo's and Ruche Carol Vanderezee

TBG 2008-2009 Calendar

October 4 and 5: Newport News Fall Festival – Alice

October 18: OTP-Peninsula and Life Net Kits/Open Weave – Tina, Donna, Jamie

November 2: Meeting/Class Tree Basket

November 15: Saturday Class –Double Wall- Tina Chopin Teacher

December 7: Holiday Party – Billie's at 2 pm Volunteer of Year announced

January 4: Meeting/Class Yo - Yo's Carol Vanderzee, GW volunteer meeting (?)

January 15, 16, 17, 18: Guilders Weave in Newport News, VA

February 1: Meeting/GW Show and Tell

February 21: Saturday Class – Vase-Alice Wyvill

March 1: Meeting/Class Happy Pockets basket – Susie Waters/ Donna Coleman/ Tamme Durrant, Bring January class Yo -Yo's

March 18-22: NCBA Convention in North Carolina

March _____: Gathering of the Guilds (Date to be determined)

April 5: Meeting/ Show and Tell

April 24-26: Virginia Beach Craft Show

April 23-26: Smithsonian Craft Show

May 3: Meeting/Class Twill Coaster (Make 1/Take 1) and Swap Challenge

May 16: OTP-Southside

June 7: Meeting – Americana (Mini Just a Bit of Rust)

June 27 and 28: Visiting Teacher _____

July: Visiting Teacher-date and teacher to be determined.

August 8: Pool Party – Class Give Back day – weave Life Net basket and Out Reach program for Larchmont United Methodist Church

August 21, 22, 23: Kohler's Classes – Coventry Clubhouse

September 13: Meeting/Class, Officer Elections- (President/ Secretary)

September 26: Saturday Class– (class to be determined)

September 19 and 20: Heritage Days-Chesapeake

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – June 1, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Jamie VanOekel at 2:25. Jamie welcomed everyone and greeted a new member, Eda Morena. She also thanked Marsha Broms for our delicious refreshments.

Classes – Diane Short –

Cathy Cupp – Will be held Jun 21 here at the church. There is still room if you want to sign up, she will also bring items to sell. Please bring a dish to share, drinks will be provided.

Kathy Libby – Will be held July 26/27 at the Coventry Clubhouse in Yorktown.

Same info as above, still room in classes, bring food and money!

Upcoming Events on Calendar: - Diane –

August 2 – Pool party at Billie Dorris's house, more info to come.

August 15-17 August Weave – Will be held here at the church, really looking forward to it

September 7 – Meeting at the church

September 26-27 – Peggy Wilcox classes. Pictures will be on line please call or e-mail Diane your selections.

Jamie – Please turn in any outstanding receipts you may have to Jerry Bernstein because we will be holding our budget meeting this Thursday.

Spirit Wear – Susie Waters – Please turn in your orders to Susie. She also has several orders in for pick up.

Election Nominations: - Jamie – Elections will be held in September for the VP and Treasurer positions so anyone interested in running please see or email Jamie.

OTP – Donna Atkinson - She reports it was very successful. They had 10 students; 4 for the round basket and 6 for the market basket. We also recruited 2 new members from the class.

UFO: Alice Wyvill – We had 11 completed baskets with Susie Waters being the lucky winner of another kit. Number 1 was pulled for the next UFO due in August at the pool party.

Jamie challenged the guild to finish their “big scary basket”. She is sure that everyone probably has a basket that for whatever reason we are a bit afraid to tackle. She is encouraging everyone to finish it and bring it to the September meeting and tell your story behind it.

Show and Tell – Billie Dorris and Laura White shared their trip to the “Mad Weave” in Stowe, Vermont. They flew out and rented a car for the event. They talked about the wonderful classes they took and the fun time they had. They brought their beautiful baskets to show and encouraged all who could to go next year.

Members in Attendance: 34

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Laura White taught our Flag Ornament Patriotic Basket to all those who brought their tools to weave together. A great little basket! Thank you, Laura

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn West

Chesapeake Heritage Festival

This year's festival was held in conjunction with the Civil War Days at the Chesapeake City Park. We had two great days of wonderful weather. Lots of people turned out to admire our beautiful displays. Thank you to Laura and her crew of volunteers for all their hard work. Our own Carol Ann Blair received a 1st place ribbon and a Best in Division Silver Cup for her entry and Laura White received a 2nd and 3rd place ribbon for her entries. Great Job Carol Ann and Laura!!



Chesapeake Heritage Festival Display



Cindy and Marsha at the CHF

Peggie Wilcox is the latest visiting teacher to come to our guild. She comes from Franklin, North Carolina. Peggie is a native Iowan but moved to NC about five years ago. While in Iowa she started to weave with plant materials. Peggie makes reference to Flo Hoppe and how she influenced her in the making of her baskets. Peggie grows some of these materials, plus, gathers many of the unusual plants, going all the way back to Iowa to get the bulrush from her daughter's yard. She dries it and then when she is really to use it will soak it for a fair amount of time to soften the fibers so that they will be easier to weave. The practice of natural processes like this is something she believes is sorely lacking in our modern world. The materials are renewable, sustainable, non-toxic and biodegradable as well as beautiful natural colors and many are extremely fragrant. This whole process is an integral part of each basket she makes and each class she teaches. We had a truly wonderful time with Peggie and I know we showed her how great we are too. I know she will return.

A proud group!

Front: Liz, Alice, Kalynn

Back: Chris, Marsha, Jane, Jack, Peggie



Peggie (middle) shows Judith and Kim a stitch.



Guilters Weave 2009 Update

Registration for GW 2009 is near completion. I know everyone is eagerly awaiting the January classes. It has been a busy month and time has flown by for the committee members. **Do remember to send in your checks for your classes and your orders for the GW 09 memorabilia before 1 November.** As noted in the flyer with your class assignments, Susie Waters has requested that all donations for the Welcome Bags be delivered to her before 10 January.

We wanted to share some of the GW 2009 Statistics:

- 21 teachers will be teaching 61 basket classes.
- Registration officially closed on the 17th with 149 students (including 3 teachers).
- This is our largest registration ever exceeding 2008 by 4 students.
- 22 students registered as "first timers". Remember to give them a warm welcome.
- 21 people registered to vend at Market Place.
- 126 registrations were postmarked on 2 September 2008.
- TBG member Marsha Kilburn was the #1 pull for class assignments. Lucky Marsha.
- 87 of the first 90 students got all their first choices.

Everyone should have received their long awaited assignment letters. Letters were mailed on the 1st of October. We hope you read the results with a smile on your face. Don't forget the deadline is November 1st for sending both your class checks AND your memorabilia checks. Having everything due on one date should cause less confusion.

We really would have liked to give everyone their first choices in class assignments. Since this is impossible, we worked hard to make the process fair and give everyone an equal chance. We randomly drew one registration at a time from the 126 registrations postmarked on the 2nd of September. After these registrations were completed, we moved on to the 3rd, then the 4th, and so forth. As classes filled we started putting students in their second choice class. At the end of the day, there were several students who had no class assignments for one or more days. This generally happened because the student had only listed one or two choices for the day and those classes had filled up quickly. Giving us several choices for each day saved time, stress and a phone call. If you have not received your class assignment letter or if we have failed to assign a class for a day that you requested a class, call or email Billie Dorris, guildersweave@tidewaterbasketryguild.org or phone (757) 430-1254 immediately.

Do you have a roommate yet? Anyone who needs a roommate for GW should contact Shirley Murphy, Guilders Weave Co-chair, at murphies@cox.net.

If you have questions regarding Guilders Weave 2009, contact the committee chairpersons.

~Laura and Billie

Newport News Fall Festival

The 4-5 October weekend at the Newport Fall Festival was a huge success. The weather was perfect and the crowd was large with many of those visitors at our display. We handed out approximately 75 applications for the Open to the Public class and as part of our demonstration, made 21 Life Net baskets. Unfortunately, we did not win best display or best demonstration, but we did receive many compliments from our visitors on our display and baskets. Thank you, thank you to those that supported this effort with their time and baskets: Ella Mae King, Diane Short, Trudy Bloomquist, Dawn West, Carol Vanderzee, Kim Voska, Susie Waters, Tamme Durant, Arlene Wallace, Kalynn Hassell, Tina Chopin, Donna Atkinson, Jamie Van Oekel, and my co-coordinator, Liz Pangrac. Last but not least, thanks to Don Colley and Holly Finch for loaning us a large umbrella to shade us from the sun - it was so appreciated.

~Alice

TBG Members Spotlight

Meet Susie Waters

Hometown: Born in Lake Charles, LA (air force brat) but moved to Hampton at 6 weeks old. Husband, George. Sons, Steven, 20, Junior at ODU, active member of the National Guard and he will be joining the Army upon Graduation, and Wesley, 17, Senior, Kecoughtan High School--not sure of future yet.

How did I start weaving? Not sure when I exactly starting weaving--I remember weaving a few baskets at a craft store and then stopped and started back at Fort Monroe and have been there ever since.

How long? At least 10 years ago.

How did you find TBG? I wanted to do some more advanced classes and Arlene suggested that I visit a guild event to make an egg basket.

Favorite type of weaving/basket? I really don't have a favorite type of basket weaving since there are so many different materials and patterns to use. I am trying to do baskets with materials that I have never used before.

Guilds: TBG and just joined NCBA

Best thing about weaving? Visiting with good friends and leaving with a finished project.

Perfect day off? Sitting on the beach with a book or magazine just relaxing.

Something you would like us to know? I would like everyone to know that basket weaving keeps me sane I am an registered assistant to three stockbrokers--and as everyone knows as crazy as the stock market has been--I need my weaving and basket cases even more than ever. Thanks for keeping me sane!!



Susie shows off her beautiful stocking basket. .

Susie, thank you for being a part of TBG...

What have we been up to....

September 2008 -Janet Jackson entered 3 baskets in the Carroll County Fair this year and won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in the hand made basket category. Most baskets entered were rib baskets, these are very popular in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Carroll County is located in southwestern Virginia in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains with a population of about 30,000. With it's natural beauty, rich history, friendly people and rural tranquility, it is a great place to live. Hillsville, one of the towns in Carroll County, is where Janet lives as well as where the fair was held.

Carroll County's fair was an agricultural fair held in mid September this year. The theme was "Experiencing Our Treasures Past & Present". While many of the events were centered on agriculture, numerous events were not directly related to agriculture. The goals of the fair were to be both fun and educational for people of all ages. The fair gave one a chance to reminisce about the way things used to be and at the same time show how agriculture and the area in general has progressed. **Way to go Janet!**



Anne Bowers recently had a Basket Retreat in the Canaan Valley, West Virginia , in August - and West Virginia is truly "Heaven" - we stayed in a lovely lodge at the end of the road - deer visited while we were weaving, lots of birds and even geese. We went on field trips - one to a Loom Room where they made incredible rugs, towels, table mats, and sweaters, etc. They used old fashioned looms - so interesting. Then we visited a woman who lives on top of a mountain - her deck was at tree top level and you could see the whole valley and the surrounding mountains. Absolutely breath taking. She crochets, knits, sews and tats an astonishing collection of personal and home interior decor pieces. She specializes in "Kool Socks" and Icelandic sweaters. Both places were wonderful to visit. On the way out of Canaan Valley we stopped at a gallery that had items only made by West Virginians. Terrific. There were 8 of us who attended the Basket Retreat. We were each responsible for a meal (lunch or dinner) - breakfast was on our own. We ate almost as much as we wove - HA - the first night we sat outside on the deck under the moon with a fire going in the outside fire place and listened to the peace and quiet of the night. The lodge had a hot tub which we didn't have time to utilize - NEXT time hopefully. We wove a fall tote with leather handles, a pumpkin, a cell phone holder with a leather strap so you could attach it to your jeans, purse, etc. (it was a bear to make) - and then we made little pumpkins, a square rib basket with beautiful wrapped handles (2 choices) and then we could work on anything we might have brought and wanted to finish. We wove a total of 40 baskets from Fri- Sun. If anyone has a chance to go on a retreat do it - it was sooooo much fun. The bedrooms in the lodge were all different with antique beds, West Virginia made furniture - it was just so lovely. We went during the week of the Olympics and we didn't even turn the TV on and we just wove, and wove, and wove. The property had apple trees and Anne picked some one day and we had fried apples. Such fun. Enjoying nature was as much fun as weaving baskets. We were never hurried and miraculously everything worked out on time, even when we went on our field trips. Anne did a marvelous job for a first time retreat. It takes a great deal of effort to put on a retreat and especially for organization. And to think we still had time for field trips and to finish weaving a basket for a day. It was WONDERFUL..

~Jennie Ladew (Tidewater Guild and High Country and NC Basketry Guilds)

What have we been up to....

September 30th gave an all day basketry demonstration at the Virginia State Fair for the Artisans Center of Virginia (ACV) in Richmond. This made the third consecutive year that I been one of ACV's demonstrators at the fair.

Presently, I am busy preparing to teach at the Ocracoke School, October 26-31. There is still room in the class for a couple of "last minute" opportunists. The offer still stands for housing TBG members as long as there is space available.

It is now definite that some of my baskets will be included in the gallery section of the new book Plaited Basketry in Birch Bark by Vladimir Yarish, Flo Hoppe and Jim Widess, a Sterling Publication, due out in January 2009.

~Judith Saunders

I have some of my baskets in Hemingway Gallery (in OBX where I live), also have them for sale in Ocean Annie's, Beach Bums, and Coastal Karma. Don't know yet how they'll do - the tourist season is over for now. I sold several baskets in the Senior Craft Fair, and a couple at Kitty Hawk Heritage Day Festival.

~Jackie Church

August 2008-Your two Missouri members, Marilyn Margrave and Mona Hartzler, worked on the MO Basketweavers Guild convention in St. Louis. Joanne Howard and Sue Legault made their way west from VA for the event and a good time was had by all. The convention will be in Kansas City next August 6-9, 2009. Make your plans now to attend. It will be special! (You might be able to catch sight of them in the convention photo album at www.mbg.unionpoint.net.)~ Mona Hartzler

Basket Donation

Several weeks before the start of our new calendar year, I was talking with the assistant minister of Larchmont United Methodist church, Sarah Wastella. We were discussing our basket guild and she asked if our members had made baskets that they didn't want or need. She has a ministry of visiting the shut-ins or homebound people of the parish. She would like to share our love of basketry with these people by presenting them with little items they need in our homemade baskets. Sarah asked if we would consider donating some of our baskets for this commitment. We sent out a message this past month and many of you responded. The picture is these baskets I turned over to Sarah. We will continue these services, so if you would like to help bring your baskets to the meetings, just let me know when you drop them off and be sure that you sign and date them. Thank you for your help and interest in project. ~Diane

