



BASKETRY GUILD

From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers, I hope you are enjoying your summer. While the guild is a little "kicked back" right now we still have several things to look forward to. The Kathy Libby Classes are coming up soon, followed closely by the August Pool Party and then August Weave.

We will be weaving at the pool party and I will have the basket ready for Cindy to put up on our website soon. Those of you who have signed up for August Weave classes now have your class letters in hand.

How are those UFO's and Big Scary Baskets coming along? Remember....the UFO is due at the pool party and the Big Scary Basket is due at the September meeting.

Our calendar planning meeting is coming up soon so please let any of the board members know if you have an idea for us to incorporate or a teacher you are interested in. Diane did a great job this year handling all the changes and keeping things lined up.

Our final paperwork for the Not-For-Profit guild status has been sent to the IRS. We hope to have that finalized in the next few months. Many thanks to Mary Jo, Laura, Billie and Jerry in seeing that through. Have a safe and happy summer!

Weave with a smile! Jamie

TIDINGS

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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.

GW 2008 Memories

As we move to GW 2009 here are a few pictures from last year's great event! Don't forget to start working on your swap basket!

Victoria works on her "Motions in Waves" with teacher Sharon Plumpe.



Dawn works to complete Jane Brinkman's "Twilled Canister".

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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.....

TBG Mailbox: We have had several pieces of mail returned to sender recently. At review, the mail had individual names as the addressee on each. We feel that any mail sent to our PO Box should be addressed to Tidewater Basketry Guild and then to the attention of the person who needs it.

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ATTN: (name of member or Chairperson)

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The May meeting brought us the "Mini Swap Challenge" below are beautiful creations that were



Open To the Public Class in May. Here is Virginia having a great time weaving her market basket.

Thank you to all those that volunteered to make the OTP such a fun day!



## Notes from Diane.....

We have had a most unique spring with many different classes and teachers being offered. If you missed these opportunities we hope to entice you with some of the things coming up this summer and early fall.

We had **Judith Sanders** teacher her Bias Weave basket in Feb. followed in March with a cute little Spring Tulip Basket with **Kim Voska**. **Cathy Cupp** did a Melon basket and a Candace Basket in June. And if you need to try something rustic, **Kathy Libby** will be here July 26 - 27<sup>th</sup> and there are still openings.

**July 26-27, Kathy Libby**, from North Carolina. At Coventry Club house, Yorktown, VA. Contact Diane Short to sign up, see Web site for what is being offered.

**August 2, Sat. Pool and Picnic Party.** Volunteer drawings for prize. Various techniques will be offered during the afternoon for review and participation. Come join the group for a fun day, of food, talk, prizes, and learning new things. At Billie Dorris house. Remember to bring you chair and a dish to share. Billie will provide the ham and if the NC smoke is a problem we will be weaving and eating inside.

**August 15/16/17 AUGUST WEAVE:** Here is a chance to try a little something different with some of our own people teaching classes. This is on the web site and should not be missed. Classes will be held at Larchmont United Methodist Church, Norfolk, VA.

**September 26/27/28 Peggie Wilcox** will be our visiting teacher. She works with naturals, using things like sweet grass, Maiden Hair Fern, cedar bark, rush and sedge. If you never worked with these fibers, this is a great introduction and a wonderful teacher. Look for classes on the web site. Then e-mail [basketmakr@aol.com](mailto:basketmakr@aol.com) or call Diane to register.

### RECAPPING:

**July 26-27** Kathy Libby, Sign Ups available

**August 2**, Pool & Picnic at Billie's Volunteer prize drawing, techniques

**August 15/16/17** August Weave classes at church Check Web site

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** Meeting, 2:00 pm at the church

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - 21** Civil War and Heritage Days

**Sept. 26, 27, & 28** Peggie Wilcox Natural Baskets, Check Web site

## Jabez in June...notes from Jamie..

Diane and I drove to the end of the road to find Jabez, Kentucky and the Bluegrass Area Basket Weaving Seminar and it was so worth it!!

Time comes to a halt at mile marker 0 on County Road 196. There's no television and only a few choice spots where cell phone reception is possible. There are wonderful rocking chairs on all the many porches, food a'plenty and several familiar faces. We knew the teachers who would be there but what a great surprise to see Joanne, Roma, Colleen and Mary Pat, too!! Our room was comfy and never a far walk from anything. We enjoyed a hilly hike to nearby Lake Cumberland. Master Gardener Diane was in her other element in pointing out plants and trees.

Attendance at Jabez is slightly more than our Guilder's Weave – around 215. Not everyone is there every day. You only really notice the numbers when it is time to line up for meals.

Our teachers were great. They had teacher's marketplace and vendors and basket swap. We enjoyed the whole atmosphere.

If you go.....: choose a book on tape or two for the ride; stop in Somerset for a meal or supplies before heading on in; be ready to relax and socialize and weave.



**Welcome to Jabez, Kentucky!  
Diane is all smiles!**

**Below is the 4-H Center where all the events happened..from the weaving, relaxing, eating and sleeping...what a great event !!**



## Stowe, Vermont – Trip details by Billie....

Laura and I left Hampton Roads on Mother's Day for a weeklong trip to the Basketry Festival sponsored by the Round Hearth Ski Lodge in Stowe, Vermont. Because my husband has many frequent flier miles we were able to fly rather than make the long trip by car. However, that meant we had to pack carefully, as we had to take our tools in our checked luggage. It's interesting how many tools you can do without when needs be. We arrived in Burlington on Sunday afternoon, rented a car and made the 30-mile drive to Stowe. We completed this part of the journey without Laura's suitcase as it was still in Norfolk or at JFK. It was finally delivered to the motel on Monday afternoon.

Although we could have stayed at the Round Hearth, as did many others, we (I) decided we were past the days of bunk beds and bathrooms down the hall. Instead we stayed in a nearby "early motel". Actually there didn't seem to be any of the ubiquitous hotel chains that are so familiar.

After checking in we went to the Round Hearth where we picked up our nametags and were welcomed by the staff. We were also given 1 door prize ticket for each day of classes we were taking. When we had been there about an hour someone made the announcement that there was a Nissan Murano in the parking lot with the engine running!! DUH!!! Somehow we had missed the point that you had to push the start/stop button as well as remove the keys. Of course I don't remember when I last saw a car that would run when the keys were removed from the ignition.

In the evening mini classes are offered at the Round Hearth. This was a good time to learn new techniques, as this seemed to be the focus of several classes. We learned knotting, looping and mad weave. Although the classes were great they were held in the main room where everyone gathered after dinner. It was hot, crowded and so noisy that you often couldn't hear the teacher above the general conversation.

The daily classes were held at the Midway Lodge on Mt. Mansfield. It offered large rooms with plenty of light from multistory windows. This also allowed a great view of the ski slopes that still had patches of snow. Classes were from 9am to noon and 1:30 –4:30 pm. Morning snacks were offered and a lunch buffet was set up in the main room. As always basket weavers eat well. Door prize drawings were held each day during lunch. Laura and I both won a couple of times.

The entire event lasts a week but you can attend as many days as you wish. Pricing is centered on the number of days. Some people came for just one class. Laura and I each took 4 classes. My classes, Monday and Tuesday Keiko Takeda (Tokyo), Wednesday and Thursday Wendy Durfey (Canada), Friday Judy Flanders (New York) and Sat. Tressa Sularz (Wisconsin). Laura's classes, Monday and Tuesday Judith Olney (Massachusetts), Wednesday and Thursday Keiko Takeda (Tokyo), Friday Flo Hoppe (New York) and Saturday Tressa Sularz (Wisconsin). There was a class on Sunday with Cass Schorsch that we were both interested in but it was full. Although we would have liked the class by Saturday we were "woven out" and ready to come home. An ongoing teachers' marketplace was set up in the lobby of Midway Lodge where you could shop to your hearts' content. Overall there were about 90 students. Some of the teachers took classes as well. They were your teacher one day and a fellow student the next. I think one of the things that make Stowe different than other gatherings is the uniqueness of the baskets. Also we were not familiar with some of the teachers. Since most of the teachers stay at the Round Hearth they are part of the social atmosphere in the evenings. They make a point of letting you know that they are available for help after class if need be.

Barb Weber and Heidi Wetzel from High Country were there as well as Pattie Bagley from Georgia who was teaching. We also met Debbie Trainor from Williamsburg who has since joined the guild.

On Saturday evening we packed our suitcases for the return trip. It took a lot of effort to fit everything in since we took too many clothes as always. Also basket makers always buy tools and supplies no matter how many they already have. We did leave behind the \$2 dishpans we had taken for water. Laura used two of her class baskets as her purse and carry on bag and I carried one of mine in my tote bag. On Sunday morning we returned to the airport for the trip home. Then the fun began. We were traveling under the new one checked bag rule. We each had one very large suitcase, which was allowed. However both were over the weight limit (50 lbs). The price for an overweight bag is \$80 for each bag. Luckily I had stuck an old duffle bag into my suitcase as a back up if needed. There we were in the middle of the airport sorting through the suitcases for tools, spoke weights and dirty clothes. We finally got the bags under the limit and only had to pay \$25 for the extra bag.

Stowe-continued

Laura and I thought Vermont one of the prettiest places we've ever been. Behind the motel the large lawn slopped down to a very active creek. Everything was green and fresh and many things had just begun to bloom. We had absolutely wonderful weather. Although we had both taken heavier jackets they weren't needed and we wore short sleeve shirts the entire time. We discussed what a wonderful place it probably was to live and then we noticed the 3-foot long sticks attached to the top of every fire hydrant. This is so they are easily spotted when covered with snow. It did snow the day after we left!! We found one outstanding restaurant where we enjoyed dinner on a couple of evenings. I'm sure there were more but many were closed. We also did the requisite tour of Ben and Jerry's. We visited a couple of exclusive (read expensive) fine craft/ art galleries and took pictures of the Trapp Family Lodge (way out of our price bracket) In the town of Stowe we saw no 7/11's, no Starbucks and no traffic light. There was a 3 way stop. All in all we had a marvelous trip, met some great people and learned a lot. Laura actually shared a room with me for a week and she didn't smack me once although I'm sure she wanted to.

If you are interested in seeing classes offered they are listed (at this time) at [www.Roundhearth.com/basketry](http://www.Roundhearth.com/basketry)



## Stowe, Vermont

**What a beautiful place to be  
and weave!!!**



**Billie and Laura showing the Tulip  
Basket they made at Stowe with  
teacher Tressa Sularz**

### Guilters Weave 2009 Update

Plans for Guilders Weave 2009 are well underway. The Jury Committee chaired by Diane Short, met in June and selected 62 classes taught by 22 teachers. The teachers have been notified and their registration forms are coming in daily. Cindy is hard at work getting the website updated with the new basket information and pictures. The website should be ready to view before the first of August. We are really excited with the baskets submitted this year. There are so many beautiful selections you will have a very hard time making up your mind! As hard as we try every year – the baskets are always nicer than the picture. Put the 1<sup>st</sup> of August on your calendar for the updated website.

Several members have asked what the student makeup was for the 143 students at GW 2008.

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| Basket Bunch                        | 7 attendees  |
| Central Pennsylvania Basketry Guild | 12 attendees |
| Deer Creek Basketry Guild           | 17 attendees |
| High Country Basketry Guild         | 33 attendees |
| Tidewater Basketry Guild            | 69 attendees |
| Tri-State Basketry Guild            | 3 attendees  |
| Non-Member                          | 2 attendees  |

Our committee chairs are all busy working on the many details necessary to make 2009 a smooth running event. Guilders weave would be an impossible task without all the help from our many volunteers. If you are still interested in volunteering and have not signed up, email us at [guildersweave@tidewaterbasketryguild.org](mailto:guildersweave@tidewaterbasketryguild.org).

### NCBA Memories TBG made a great showing at this years' 2008 NCBA Convention. Lots of ribbons were won with some absolutely beautiful creations.

Kim



Carol



Carol Ann



Mary Jo



TBG Members

Judith



Liz



Sue



## TBG Members Spotlight Meet Tamme Durant

**Hometown:** Gloucester, Mass

**How did I start weaving?** I was volunteering with the Girl Scouts with Jan White & Sue Legualt. One night they were talking about weaving and asked me to take a class at Fort Monroe.

**How long?** I'm thinking 1997ish

**How did you find TBG?** Sue Legualt and Arlene Wallace

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** Really any but do kinda like the more naturals, they are forgiving.

**What else do I do?** I Bowl 170-172 avg, kayak, camping, flower gardening and just sitting on the porch watching all the wildlife in our front yard. I call our house in the woods Camp Okie Dokie. It's great to listen to nature

**Guilds:** TBG

**Best thing about weaving?** It's relaxing and meeting new folks.

**Perfect day off?** Well everyday is a perfect day off, since I retired last March from driving a school bus for 26 years.

**Something you would like us to know?** That Life Is Good!



Guilder Weave 2007  
Tamme shows off her  
beautiful stool.

**Tamme, thank you for being a part of TBG...**

## TBG Members Spotlight

### Meet Glendya "Glen" Bowie

**Hometown:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**How did I start weaving?** Ella Mae King invited me to the OTP Class.

**How long?** 8 years ago (2000)

**How did you find TBG?** I attended the Spring Craft Show at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** I love them all , I'm still trying to decide which is my favorite. I guess, my favorite basket would be my very first basket, a market basket which I am still using.

**What else do I do ?** Travel and enjoy learning new crafts.

**Guilds:** TBG and NCBA

**Best thing about weaving?** The creativity it brings and being able to share the Art with others.

**Perfect day off?** Playing the Wii with my grandchildren.

**Something you would like us to know ?** Married for 48 years, mother of three , grandmother of four, life is good.



Christmas Party 2006  
Glen shows off the wonderful basket she received in the Gift Exchange.

**Thank you Glen for being a part of TBG!**

## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – March 2, 2008

Vice President Diane Short opened the meeting by thanking Carol Ann Blair and Christy Newman for the wonderful treats they brought to share. She also reminded people that if you bring refreshments for the guild to save your receipts as you can be reimbursed up to \$35.00. Jerry Bernstein is out of town so please turn in your receipts to Diane.

Diane shared with the guild that President Jamie Van Oekel's father had passed away. She brought a card for all of us to sign and also let us know that she had ordered flowers from the guild.

Diane announced that Shirley Murphy has stepped up to Co-Chair GW 09 along with Billie Dorris; Laura White will again serve as Chair. Then Billie will step up to Chair and Shirley will Co-Chair GW 10. Thank you ladies!

Diane – Gathering of the Guilds will be held March 29<sup>th</sup>. Liz Pangrac stepped up to join the other volunteers to represent our guild.

Diane - VA Beach Craft Market to be held April 18 – 20. Shannon Lovvorn has volunteered to head this event and we will pass the volunteer sheet around for others to sign up.

Diane thanked Cindy Stanton for updating the membership roster. You can print it out through the website.

Diane – We have the LifeNet basket kits up front for anyone to either check in those that are completed or to check out kits to do. Jamie sent in 50 completed baskets for February.

Billie Dorris – Billie asked for any volunteers to help wrap tables Wednesday night at 7:00 for NCBA. You get 1 ticket for the volunteer raffle for each hour you volunteer.

Diane – Cathy Cupp classes to be held April 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who had signed up for her Melon basket class at GW 08 she will honor the price of \$29.00. For all others it will be \$35.00. The afternoon class for the Candice basket will be \$40.00. Sign up sheet on the front table.

Diane - Kathy Libby classes. For anyone interested in her classes please look at the basket pictures on the front table and indicate which ones you would be interested in so that we can finalize which baskets she will teach in May.

Due to an accident in the meeting, it was brought to the member's attention that if you get a collapsible bucket it needs to be filled at least 2/3rds full or else it will collapse on you!

Diane - Laura White has volunteered to teach a basket at the June meeting.

Diane - Aug Weave Update: April 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get your paperwork in for anyone wanting to teach at this event.

UFOs – Alice Wyvill – This is our last UFO of this session. Carol Vanderzee, Kim Voska, Susie Waters, Dawn West, and Alice Wyvill completed their projects. Susie was the lucky winner of the prize for this month and Susie also won the prize for the overall six month program. Congratulations Susie!

It was decided by the guild that we would like to do another session of UFOs so bring your new list to the next meeting.

Judith Saunders taught a bias weave basket in Feb. and all the students brought their beautiful finished baskets to show. Judith decided she felt left out of the weaving as she taught, so she took all of the leftovers and wove a bunch of baskets herself! A great time was had by all resulting in a wonderful collection of colorful baskets.

Sherral Nelson brought her baskets to show that she had made at GW08 as she was unable to attend the last meeting. Great job Sherral.

36 members were in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned so that Kim Voska could teach her lovely spring basket with accents of cheerful yellow, pink or purple tulips.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn West

## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – April 6, 2008

President Jamie VanOekel opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Jamie thanked the following people:

Sherral Nelson for the wonderful refreshments she brought for the meeting today.

Victoria Ealey and Jan White for helping her at the Gathering of the Guilds. It turned out to be bad weather so they were glad to be inside. Jamie felt attendance was down from previous years, possibly because of the weather.

Kim Voska for being in charge of the March project, a spring tulip basket.

The members for all of the cards, emails, the plant and all of the concern for her during her time of loss.

Jamie updated the members on Diane Short's condition and said she has a card for everyone to sign up front to send Diane. She also read a thank you card from Diane.

Membership Update – Sherral Nelson and Jamie – We now have 104 members! Sherral has new booklets for anyone who hasn't gotten one. Jamie explained that when something is sent to our P.O. box either Jerry Bernstein or Mary Jo Baylor will pick it up. They will then email the information to who ever needs to take action on it

Calendar Update: Jamie –

- Jamie passed out a list of updated events .
- May 4 agenda change:
  - Mini Swap Basket - Alice Wyvill's idea to have a swap among members with a small basket no larger than 5X5 and no more than \$5 in cost
  - 1<sup>st</sup> UFO due
  - Weave LifeNet baskets after meeting
- New date for Cathy Cupp is June 21. Sign up sheet up front
- New date for Kathy Libby is May 17-18

Spiritwear Update: Susie Waters – New demin shirt \$24.00, golf shirt \$23.00 (lots of colors). Will be up on the website with order forms. Orders will probably be a one meeting turn around. Susie had some order forms and passed around a demin shirt for members to try on for size.

GW09 – Laura – There is a sign up sheet for volunteers and Laura asked that each chair please try to bring in at least one new volunteer.

There will be sign up sheets up front for the following:

- VA Beach Craft Market – Shannon
- OTP – May 17, need teachers and helpers – Tina/Donna (Kathy Libby classes same day)
- June patriotic class – Laura - \$5
- GW 09 volunteers – see Laura

Be sure to turn in UFO lists to Alice Wyvill. Alice drew #5 for our first UFO which will be due next month.

August Weave proposals are due today.

Members in attendance: 36

Meeting adjourned at 2:35

NCBA Show and Tell  
Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn West



## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – May 4, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Jamie VanOekel at 2:17. Jamie welcomed everyone and thanked Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson for our refreshments.

Jamie had everyone who helped at the VA Bch Craft Show stand so that we could thank them. There was a good group of people who helped and they all had a good time. They had quite a few people who had wanted to buy the baskets on display.

Jamie also thanked everyone who had participated in LifeNet Basket Day. There were 9 who helped cut and put together 137 kits. They shared a wonderful lunch and then 7 were able to stay and weave a basket.

Calendar Update and Sign Ups: Jamie -

OTP May 17 – Tina - They have all the volunteers they need with 8 paid students and one check in the mail for a ninth student. Will take a couple more students.

Cathy Cupp is set for June 21 here at the church. Need to pay by the June meeting.

Kathy Libby classes changed to July 26-27 at the Coventry Club House. In addition to her classes she will have a lot of kits to sell.

June meeting Laura White will teach Patriotic basket for \$5, with a class max of 30. Please pay today.

Spirit wear: Susie Waters– Will take orders anytime. Passed out filled orders, has already sold 20 golf shirts and 21 demin shirts.

August Weave: Jamie – Jamie passed around pictures of baskets that will be offered at the August Weave so that everyone could get a tease preview. Cindy Stanton will soon have them posted on the web.

UFO – Alice Wyvill – We have 18 people signed up for this UFO session. 15 people had their projects finished and Shirley Murphy won the prize which was a kit. Liz Pangrac finished a sweetgrass basket and showed a sweetgrass tray which she had purchased from her teacher, Barbara McCormik. She and Alice had taken the class together and had enjoyed Barbara very much and asked her to submit to GW 09.

Mini Basket Swap – Jamie – Our first TBG swap was a huge success. There was a wonderful variety of creative baskets made by the members and all who participated enjoyed receiving a lovely basket from another member. Everyone would like to do it again.

Dawn West had pictures of the antler basket, she had made for her brother, to pass around.

Members in attendance: 27

Meeting adjourned at 2:40

LifeNet baskets woven by those who could stay.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn West

