



BASKETRY GUILD

From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

“I Love My Baskets!!!”

Arlene's favorite phrase is just right after a great time at Guilders Weave 08! I hope everyone learned more and met new basketweavers. While I enjoy all opportunities to weave and see familiar faces, my favorite is our own extravaganza. We all enjoy seeing our friends from other guilds and hearing of their experiences and ideas. We get more one-on-one time with the teachers and fellow weavers. I was still smiling and speaking to random strangers at the grocery store after I got home because I was so used to seeing happy weaver faces.

So thank you to all the GW 08 chairladies and committees and volunteers!!!!

We are looking forward to an active spring so watch Diane's announcements and sign ups.

March brings NCBA and our next meeting April 6th. Hope to see you there!

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.



Janice is the proud winner of the beautiful quilt made by Carol Ann. Wow, what talent we have in this guild!

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: A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands
: and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his
: heart is an artist. --Louis Nizer
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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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The information was mentioned in a meeting and was asked to be include in the newsletter.

Basket Care Tips and Hints from the Wicker Woman  
<http://www.wickerwoman.com/basketcare.html>

Weaver's Handbook for Pricing and Selling Handmade Baskets – free to print online  
<http://www.gratiotlakebasketry.com/specials.html>  
Warning before you print... It is 63 pages!

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GW 2008- Tamme and Liz work on their Nantucket Coaster taught by Joni Dee Ross.

Notes from Diane.....

Well this **Winter has been topsy-turvy** much like the schedule we laid out at the beginning of the year. But the board is pulling it together and offering you a variety of classes and teachers.

We are all reeling from our great time at GW! Four days of baskets and more baskets. I heard many people say they are gearing up for next year offerings.

On **Feb 23**, there were 13 people who attended the making of a Bias Weave Paper Basket with **Judith Sanders**. Everyone was so pleased to have an opportunity to learn this unique way of weaving. We are so glad that we have this wonderful teacher among us. I hope that she will do it again in the future.

March 2, meeting Kim Voska had designed a little **Spring Tulip Basket** to teach. What a great time we all had making the basket. Thank you Kim for all your hard work and wonderful class.

March 13-16- NCBA Convention—hope to see you all there!

April 6th meeting will be **Show and Tell-NCBA** and more...

April 26, Cathy Cupp will be in town to teach two baskets. In the morning she will do her **Melon Basket** (left) and she has a new way of teaching the God's Eye. This is a beginner's class but you don't want to miss this. In the Afternoon she will do an Intermediate class, the basket is **Candice** (right), which has a wooden base, tote type basket. Sign up's will be at the March meeting.



May 3 & 4, Kathy Libby from North Carolina will teach several classes. Put this on your calendar and be ready to sign up for these classes soon. She will be teaching at the church and one of her class will be after our meeting on the **May 4th**.

We have several opportunities to volunteer during the next several months. Please give a little of your time to show others what we all love, basket weaving.

RECAPING:

March 13-16th NCBA

March 29th. Gathering of the Guilds 10-4 Jamie Van Oekel (Four people)

April 6th, Meeting Show and Tell 2:00 pm

April 18th –20th VA Bch Spring Craft Market (need coordinator)

April 26th, Cathy Cupp, Two classes, Melon and one Intermediate basket

May 3rd and 4th Kathy Libby classes

May 4th, Meeting 2:00 pm

May 17th OTP- Southside at church.

Guilders Weave Committee 08- It's over.....

Guilders Weave 2008 hosted 132 students with 21 teachers holding 58 classes. We had 4 students cancel due to work requirements, 1 cancelled due to the weather, and 5 cancelled due to medical problems. This is the largest registration and attendance ever for GW.

Our thanks to everyone for their fantastic support for Guilders Weave 2008. Our committees were wonderful and everyone did an outstanding job. From the 153 people that participated, Over and over I heard compliments on our volunteers, our Welcome Bags, our basket kits, our memorabilia, our hospitality room, our teachers, everything.....

Special recognitions to:

Billie Dorris and Cindy Stanton for their support as GW co-chairs, their work at jurying all of our gorgeous baskets, their many, many hours working on the 10 Years of Weaving slide show, EVERYTHING.

Don Colley, Holly Finch and Diana Veazey for their three days of volunteer services. They did everything from collecting lunch tickets to helping the teachers set up their class spaces. Maybe they will forget to send in their applications for classes next year?

Diana Veazey and Carol Moff for the basket swap. Carol and Diana were a last minute replacement. We received many positive comments regarding the process of calling table by table to personally give out the swap baskets. Everyone seemed to appreciate both the speed and the personal touch.

Donna Atkinson and Tina Chopin for their support with the basket swap and the class room layouts. Their detailed layouts allowed us to get in an extra class.

Liz Pangrac and her enthusiastic volunteers for their outstanding job of keeping the hospitality suite well supplied and tidy throughout the event. Mary Jo Baylor for her outstanding history of the guild and Shirley Murphy and Billie Dorris for the 10 Years of Weaving displays. The addition of these displays made the hospitality room especially welcoming this year.

Shirley Murphy for making the masseuse services available to us all and to Shirley and Jan White for volunteering their every spare minute to raffle tickets, lunch tickets, and multiple other GW errands.

Susie Waters and her fast moving committees for making memorabilia and welcome bags such a hit. I was asked over and over again who was responsible for the welcome bags. Our thanks to all involved for their outstanding efforts.

Andrea and Marilyn Margrave for the very profitable raffle drawing. We depend on the funds from the raffle each year to support the next years Guilders Weave. Without this money the rising cost of meals would force us to increase our student registration fees.

Carol Ann Blair and Christy Newman for producing the TBG raffle quilt. This work of art certainly gave us a new appreciation of the sisters' talents. My thanks to Carol Ann for my beautiful tapestry Nantucket.

Sherral Nelson and Judith Saunders and committee members for their most efficient registration process this year.

Brenda McCall for the donation of her pattern for the Welcome Bag Basket Kit and to Janet Jackson and Marsha Broms for their time and efforts putting together 165 basket kits.

Carol Vanderzee and Kim Voska for answering my last minute call for handling the door prizes and for coordinating the spaces for our vendor and our marketplace. The phone calls and extra efforts with the teachers contributed to the outstanding success of this years Marketplace.

Shirley Murphy for taking charge of the 10 Years of Weaving Raffle. Janet Jackson for her generous donation of pattern, material, base, and handles for the 10 Year basket.

Dawn West for her role as caretaker of the pink rubber duckies. For those of you who may have missed the history of the pink duckies, Sue Legault carried this idea from the Missouri convention. Missouri organizers used rubber ducks to indicate CLEAN WATER for weavers.

To our vendor, donors, and other guilds for their raffle baskets, chocolate candy, diva performance, gift certificates, and everything.

This would be an impossible task without the support we receive from everyone. It is impossible to list everything that everyone did. No call for help went unanswered. Everyone pitched in. Thank you all ---students, teachers and volunteers. Laura.

UFO Challenge Wrap-Up

Sunday, March 2nd, marked the end of the guild's second UFO Challenge. Congratulations to all who participated. I hope everyone is as proud of their accomplishment as I am.

Those who want to participate in UFO Challenge Number Three should make up a list of six numbered UFO's, make a copy for themselves, and bring a copy to the April 6th meeting. A drawing will be held at that time to determine which UFO number needs to be finished by the next meeting.

As you know, a UFO is any "unfinished object" you have that you want to complete. It may be a basket you never finished, a pattern for a basket you never made up, or a kit you never got around to starting. The idea is motivate us to finally get these items made and to ease any guilt we may have been experiencing every time we looked their way. It worked for me and now as I look at my baskets, I wonder why I didn't finished them a long time ago.

As a result of both challenges a total of 90 baskets have been completed. Isn't that fantastic?

The breakout follows:

UFO Challenge Number 1

19 signed up participants, 16 actually participated, 5 completed all six UFO's
Cathy Cupp, Sue Legault, Diane Short, Susie Waters, Carol Vanderzee

Total UFO's completed: 56

UFO Challenge Number 2

10 signed up participants, 9 actually participated, 4 completed all six UFO's
Sue Legault, Susie Waters, Carol Vanderzee, Alice Wyvill

Total UFO's completed: 34

By the way I stated at the meeting that I had completed 12 baskets as a result of these two challenges, but I didn't. I never finished my Judy Wilson kit that was listed in the first challenge. I didn't list it for the second challenge and it's a sure bet that it won't show up on my list for the third challenge. Alice

GW 2008 Memories

Right; Peggy and Jamie have fun weaving a Venie Hinson Basket.

Below: Sam creating a beautiful gourd.



Above: Sharon weaves intently on her Fruit Basket taught by Mary Smith-Stokes.



Left: Shirley presents the 10 Years of Weaving Basket to winner Anne.

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – Jan 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Jamie VanOekel who thanked everyone for coming and welcomed new members and any guests. We have two new members, Jackie and Victoria.

Jamie thanked Doreen Smith for the wonderful refreshments she brought to share. Jamie also thanked Billie Dorris for once again hosting our Christmas party. She is a wonderful hostess and everyone thoroughly enjoyed all of the delicious food, fabulous gifts and each other's company. What a fine way to start off the holiday season.

Jamie received a card and picture from Cathy Gray. They are all settling in and the family is doing well. It will be on the front table for everyone to read.

Jamie also informed us that we had a former member, Mr. Megginson, to pass away in September.

Calendar/Class Update - Diane Short –

- She is still working on the Cass Schorsch classes.
- Judith Saunders will teach a bias basket 23 Feb here at the church at 9am. It will be \$30 due by Feb 1 with a max of 12 students. It will be all day so bring your lunch. There will be a sign up sheet passed around today.
- Kim Voska will teach a spring basket at the March meeting, sign ups in Feb.
- She is still working on April.

LifeNet Update – Jamie – We have done a great job with the LifeNet baskets. At the Nov weave in we had 12 people who wove 33 baskets in 5 hours. We had lots of fun, great food, door prizes and tips to share. She has her crew scheduled to make up the next batch of kits on Sun, Jan 13th.

GW 08 Update – Billie Dorris – They met with the hotel on Friday and all is in place and going very well. The nametags are made; and we have about 145 people, 161 total (from Laura) including teachers.

Diane Short asked about people coming to visit at Guilder's Weave. Technically only students are allowed in the classes as some teachers/students find it distracting to have visitors there. North Carolina has had trouble with theft and they now have a police officer standing by. Members are supposed to submit a request (which they can find online) for passes to market place (\$5 fee) ahead of time if they want to attend.

Tina Chopin invited everyone to participate in the basket swap even if you are a beginner. She feels that all baskets will be appreciated and it is fun to see the improvement made through the years of weaving.

Susie Waters has the memorabilia orders in and ready to pick up. She will have more jackets available at GW along with extra shirts and a few other items.

Shirley Murphy explained to everyone that the guild will have a 10 year anniversary basket that will be given away free at GW. Everyone who is registered will have their name entered in the drawing. Laura White made the basket and it will be filled with different items in multiples of 10. She asked that anyone who could please donate something such as a handle, lb. of reed, a pattern, etc. She will then order/buy whatever we need to complete a set of 10 items and have it ready for GW. Dawn West suggested that we include 10 small baskets made by volunteers. Many volunteers stepped up right away to make a basket or to donate items.

Andrea Margrave asked that if anyone had anything to donate for the raffle or had a door prize to please bring it GW.

Liz Pangrac will be in charge of the hospitality room again. She praised everyone for all of the wonderful treats brought in last year and asked that we please do it again this year. She has 4 volunteers ready to help her and asked that everyone please tidy up if you see anything that needs to be done when you visit the room. She needs about 4 coolers for the drinks; if you have one, please e-mail her.

UFO – Alice Wyvill – Participates who finished their UFOs were Sue Legault, Carol Vanderzee and Alice Wyvill. Carol was the lucky winner. The last UFO, #4, will be due in March. Jamie suggested that we not do another UFO round right away as she has a new idea for us.

August Weave Info – Jamie explained what it is for the new members and that it will be held Aug 15 – 17 here at the church. Classes on Sunday will be in the afternoon. The information sheets are available for anyone interested in teaching a class or wanting more information.

Cindy Stanton had the new newsletter ready and on the site, please sign on and enjoy it.

Show and Tell – Jamie encouraged members visit the wickerwoman.com and gratiotlakebasketry.com sites as they have great tips and information. They are both sites that you can find on our Resource List. Lyn Siler also has a new book available.

Jamie – Lynn Ryan was supposed to speak to us today about teaching/selling baskets but she was not able to make it.

There were 25 members in attendance.

The meeting ended with Diane Short expanding on the Weaver's Knot. She passed out the basic pattern and had many examples in lots of colors, sizes, and ideas of how to "fancy them up". Jan White also brought in one that had been made into a bookmark. The meeting ended with lots of fun making up new "knots". Respectfully submitted, Dawn

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – February 3, 2008

Meeting called to order by Vice President Diane Short at 2:10. President Jamie VanOekel is out of town.

Diane welcomed everyone with an opening joke. We welcomed two new members: Rose Glen and Kalynn Hassell.

Diane thanked Alyce Bargamin, Shirley Murphy, and Shannon Lovvorn for the wonderful refreshments.

Sign ups:

– Kim Voska will teach a spring tulip basket at the March meeting. There is a sign up sheet at the front table for the class. Kim will take as many as want to do the class and the price will be \$10.00.

– We need 4 volunteers for the Gathering of the Guilds, held on March 29 from 10am – 4pm. Billie Dorris explained that it is for all guilds and they display and demo their crafts. Jan White, Hitomi Garcia, and Victoria Ealey volunteered.

– There is also a sign up sheet for the VA Beach Craft Market held on April 18 – 20.

August Weave – There are information sheets available for any one interested in teaching at the front desk.

Judith Saunder's class on Feb 23rd will start between 9 – 9:30 and run all day here at the church so bring a lunch. The class is full so if you want to take it you will be placed on a waiting list.

GW Review:

Susie Waters is still selling. She has tee shirts, fleece jackets, towels, and tool bags still available at the front table. She also has freebies on the table, feel free to help yourself.

Diane also mentioned that if anyone has old nametags (red or black) that they want to bring back we will recycle them for next year.

Diane presented Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson with "thank-yous" from Jamie, which she was unable to give to them at GW. Laura White also presented Tina with an apron for being a past chair of GW (part of the 10th anniversary celebration).

Diane recognized Carol Ann Blair for the beautiful quilt that she made and donated for the guild's raffle at GW. Also for making the wonderful Nantucket miniature presented to Laura White as a thank you for the wonderful job as Chairman of GW. Billie brought the quilt up front for all to see as the winner, Janice DePriest, mailed it to her saying that she loved it, but she felt the quilt should stay with the guild.

Laura thanked everyone for doing such a wonderful job, helping to make GW 08 a wonderful success. She said it would be impossible to do without everyone's help. There were no major complaints, no "one person" problem this year and the teachers were excellent. She acknowledged everyone individually for doing such wonderful jobs and pitching in wherever needed. She read some of the comments from the evaluation sheets; overall students enjoy the friendliness, the hospitality room and the well-organized GW that we offer. On the down side, they feel that we need to stream line the events on banquet night so they have more time to visit and weave.

Victoria Ealey, first time GW student, commented on how wonderful the photo albums were in the hospitality room were and how everyone who came in the room enjoyed them. Thank you, Mary Jo Baylor.

Diane announced that Laura White has volunteered to chair GW again next year and Billie Dorris has once again volunteered to co-chair. Thank you ladies.

Laura announced that there were some flyers from vendors up front on the table for anyone who is interested.

Diane wanted everyone to know that during the year she keeps a log sheet of everyone who volunteers for the guild during the year, and their names will be drawn for prizes at the August pool party.

LifeNet baskets are available at the front to be signed out or to sign in completed ones.

Our last UFO will be due at the March meeting.

There were 37 members in attendance.

The meeting ended with a "Show and Tell" of all the wonderful projects completed or begun GW 08.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn

TBG Members Spotlight Meet Marsha Broms

Hometown: Clinton, Iowa

How did I start weaving? Laura White invited me over to weave with her and Janet Jackson, I was hooked!

How long: It's been almost 3 years.

How did you find TBG? Laura White



Favorite type of weaving/basket? I don't have a favorite yet, I need to experience all kinds of baskets many times before I can answer that one.

Marsha at GW 2007 shows off her bowl.

What else do I do? I work for Allied Technology Group a Government contractor working for the Navy via SPAWARSYSCEN and a Grandma to 9 wonderful grandchildren.

Guilds: TBG & NCBA

Best thing about weaving? The friendships and the girl talk have been very rewarding not to mention making some beautiful baskets.

Perfect day off? A day by my pool, listening to the birds in the yard and watching my flowers grow.

Something you would like us to know? I can't think of anything right now.

"Thank you Marsha for being a part of TBG!"

TBG Members Spotlight

Meet Janet Jackson

Hometown: Raised in southwestern Virginia in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the very small town of Rural Retreat, VA. I was born in WV but we moved when I was two years old. I have lived in the Tidewater area for about 30 years.

How did I start weaving: I saw a TBG display at the VA Beach Spring Craft Show and talked to some of the ladies there and thought how interesting it would be to make a basket. They encouraged me to come to the Open to the Public but my schedule didn't allow for either the Spring or Fall class. When I got home, I was telling my husband all about it and how disappointed I was that I could not go to the classes. He said I didn't know you wanted to weave baskets. He then told me he worked with a lady who loved basket weaving and he asked her to help me make a basket. That lady was Laura White and she invited me to her home and we made a market basket that sits on my kitchen counter today. I'm still going to her home and weaving baskets....she just can't get rid of me!!



Janet proudly shows off her winnings at GW 07

How long: About six years, but weaving consistently for the last three years.

How did you find TBG: Laura White encouraged me to join.

Favorite type of weaving: I love it all. I like making functional baskets.

What else do I do: I love to play piano, enjoy reading, movies and my Bunko group. I also love astronomy... looking at the moon and planets through the telescope is an awesome sight! I also work full time at Dominion which limits my time to "play".

Guilds: TBG and NCBA

Best thing about weaving: Absolutely love the friendships that have evolved from being involved in basketry and having that finished product is just the best.

Perfect day off: Sleeping in, going out for breakfast and then a walk and spending the rest of the day relaxing around the house with my husband and our dog, Joey....of course, working some weaving time into the day.

Something you would like us to know: Family and friends are so important to me. They are gifts from God and make life so much sweeter. I was not blessed with children, but I concentrate on being the "favorite" aunt to many nieces and nephews!

"Janet thank you for being a part of TBG! "