



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

How many baskets can 12 TBG members weave in 5 hours? After our Life Net basket weave in on November 17th we know that the answer is 33!!

We had a great time sharing tips and catching up. Of course the food wasn't so bad either!! We do have some great cooks!

Door prizes were given out every half hour. Then a second door prize every half hour for those who completed a basket. Lots of loot!

Thank you all for your participation in the project. TBG has supplied Life Net with 300 baskets since taking on the project in late January and actually handing out the first kits in March.

Life Net informed me late last week that they have accepted our proposal to weave 350 baskets for them in 2008 which was voted in at the November 11th General Meeting.

As always the Holiday Party at Billie's home was well attended and we had fun! Good food, good friends and good gifts! Thank you to everyone that attended and brought all the goodies to eat and thank you Billie for opening your home to us.

It can be a crazy and overwhelming holiday, hope you were able to sneak in a little time just for you. And a little weaving.

See you at Guilders Weave.

Weave with a smile! Jamie

Life Net

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

Happy New Year



Welcome 2008

UFO Contest

UFO's... Unfinished Objects!!
UFO. UFO #5 was due at the Nov. meeting and Sue Legault won the drawing for the day. UFO#2 is due at the January meeting.

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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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**Convention Reminders:**

Vendor purchases: remember to keep a list of the materials you have at home, this way when you get to the vendor table you will not purchase materials you have sitting on your shelf at home.

Raffle: You know all those address labels you have sitting in that drawer in your desk? Well, bring them to stick on the back of your raffle ticket, this way you don't have to write your name on EACH ticket.

Clothing: How to dress, that is always the question. Dress in layers. Layers is always the best, with all these people in one room, it's hard to keep it cool for some and warm for others, with layers, take off that sweatshirt and put it back on if needed. Being comfortable makes the weaving experience so much better

Hope you all have a wonderful convention. Make it a great experience and enjoy every minute!

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Notes from Diane.....

Can you believe that **Winter is here** and more new and exciting classes and baskets to experience?

The November 11, meeting was full with everyone wanting to make a cute little Snowman. It was interesting how each one was a little different. Thin ones, Fat ones, and even Bell shaped Snowman.

Then on November 17, twelve spirited souls came together to weave the Life Net baskets and enjoy a great day of food, fun, door prizes, conversation and lots of laughs. **SORRY** you missed the fun and the DOOR PRIZES. Maybe we will try it again as the group made a total of 33 baskets that day.

Next was the **Holiday party** at Billie's on Sunday **Dec. 2nd**. We had lots of members, lots of food and lots of fun. Thank you Billie for opening up your house to us each year!

January 6th 2008 at 2:00 pm is our last meeting before Guilder's Weave but I understand our committee has got their act together and we will not be stuffing bags. SO we decided to come up with a little basket pin to make up for the wintertime. Come see what it involved, plus our speaker will give us some ideas on what it takes to getting ready for a craft show.

Guilders Weave Jan 17-20 and must attend is how we feel.

February 3rd, is the Show and Tell of baskets made a GW.

Then later in **Feb.** we will have a class offering a Judith Saunders creation on **Sat. 23rd**. Sign ups will be taken at the January Meeting. Twelve spaces are available.

March 2nd meeting Kim Voska will have a Spring Basket to share with us.

Followed by the **NCBA convention March 13-16.**

AND IT JUST KEEPS GOING ON AND ON.....

RECAPING:

December 2nd: Holiday Party, Billie's House, Gift and Food

January 6th: Speaker and Winter Basket Pin

January 17-20th : Guilders Weave

February 3rd: show and Tell, GW

February 23rd, Sat. Judith Saunders

March 2nd: Spring Basket, Kim Voska



A Sad Note:

Fellow basket weaver, Lewis Megginson, died suddenly December 20th. He and his wife, Carolyn from Suffolk were both members of TBG up until about 4 years ago. They participated in many craft shows and bazaars selling their baskets. Lewis had knee replacement surgery recently and died suddenly 12/20. The family thinks it make have been a blood clot. Please remember Carolyn in your prayers.

Guilders Weave Committee 08- Where are we.....

We are down to the wire on this one. GW is just about 3 weeks away, are you ready? The GW committee is hard at work making name tags, signs, filling bags and finishing those last minute details to make your convention a success

Have you volunteered a few minutes of your time for GW? If not email guildersweave @tidewaterbasketryguild.org immediately and let us know when you are available and we will see where we need you.

Laura White
Guilders Weave 2008
Chairperson

2007 Memories



Left: Life Net Open Weave in Nov. Five hours- 33 basket!



Right: Sherral helps Liz with her rim.



Left: Arlene loves her Easter Basket.

Right: Janet and Marsha at the Gathering of the Guilds.



TBG Members Spotlight Meet Shirley Murphy

Hometown: I say Olar, South Carolina. That is where my parents lived when I was born and where my Grandparents lived. My father was a minister and we moved around lots in my life. I have live in Virginia Beach for 37 years.

How did I start weaving: A friend of mine found out through her hairdresser about The Open to the Public. We attended and I was HOOKED!!!



Shirley at the Gaily Hutchinson class 2007

How Long: Since October of 2000 (Gosh, that's been 7 years)

Favorite type of Basket to weave: Whatever I am doing at the time or whatever someone else is doing and I see !!! I love it all!

What else do I do? I am a full time secretary at Creed's Elementary in Virginia Beach, I am blessed to teach a Women's Bible Study class at my Church First Baptist Church Norfolk, as well as be a part of other Women's ministers there. My other hobby is Scrap booking!

Perfect day off: My perfect days are plentiful. God has truly blessed my life. But my favorite days are when my husband, two sons, my daughter-in-law and grandchildren are all sitting at my kitchen table together!

Something I would like everyone to know. I love being part of the Guild. While I don't have the opportunities to weave as often as I would like it is truly relaxing! I want to thank everyone who works so hard for all the events and classes. This is one of my favorite things to do. Basket weavers are truly special people. Always kind and helpful!

"Shirley thank you for helping out the guild!"

TBG Members Spotlight Meet Alyce Bargamin

Hometown: Norfolk, VA

How did I start weaving? Years ago saw the guilds booth at a craft show and came to an OTP class with my daughter, Beth.

How long: over 10 years ago. Can't remember what year.

How did you find TBG? Craft show.

Favorite type of weaving/basket? I just wove my first two Nantucket baskets this past summer and I fell in love. I'm shape challenged so any basket that has a wooden bottom is wonderful. I also found out that I like to twine.

What else do I do? I knit, sing in my Church choir (tenor), I collect pottery.

Guilds: TBG and NCBA

Best thing about weaving? The feeling of accomplishing something beautiful and useful. All the wonderful women I have met. Just a great group.

Perfect day off? I guess a day that I can spend doing whatever I want and spending time with my family. Of course a day spent with my crazy friends is a good way to spend a day off too, we do laugh a lot.

Something you would like us to know? I can't think of anything that you'll would like to know. Well, I have traveled to Italy and Sicily while my daughter lived there and fell in love with Italy... love to go there once a year if I could. There are a few things that I could tell you but I think I will keep my mouth shut.



Alyce weaving at GW 2005

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

TBG Members Spotlight

Meet Shannon Lovvorn

Hometown: I was born in Patuxent River, MD but I grew up in Norfolk, VA

How did I start weaving? I took an Open to the Public class at TBG

How long: October 2002

How did you find TBG? Shirley Murphy brought in the application for the Open to the Public class and asked me if I was interested in taking the class and the rest as they say is history.



Shannon at GW 2005

Favorite type of weaving/basket? Nantucket baskets

What else do I do? Traveling, quilting, reading, and movies.

Guilds: TBG and North Carolina basket guilds

Best thing about weaving? The new friends I've made

Perfect day off? Soaking up sun at the beach

Something you would like us to know? That Jesus Christ is the Master of my life and my Best Friend.

“Shannon thank you for all you do for TBG! “