



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

Has Fall jumped out at you with a big loud "BOO!!" this year? Not only are we looking at the end of October already, but we are going to be faced with the holiday season very soon! BOO!!

TBG had a couple of disappointing cancellations in October. First, the Williamsburg Occasion for the Arts folks informed us that they had not included space for groups such as ours to demonstrate our craft. Then our volunteer list for Newport News Fall Festival did not fill up as needed for us to make the commitment to set up there. While the weather ultimately proved to be a big problem this year, I hope next year will offer more of you the time to participate. As a result of the loss of both events we also did not generate new interest for our Open-to-the-Public classes.

I try to always thank our members for your participation whether you organize, teach, learn or feed us. I really do mean it. As you can tell from this October's events, one thing leads to another. TBG has been successful thus far because of the level of participation of members. Alice Wyvill invented our volunteer program which is currently managed by Kim Voska. It was specifically designed to do away with the possibility of intimidation so that more folks could feel involved and more at ease in our club. It also eases the workload for everyone while providing the niceties that we enjoy.

If you haven't spoken with Kim about what is available, I hope you will take the opportunity to do

so at the November meeting. For those of you who have volunteered or plan to volunteer....thank you for your participation! I mean it!!!

Now on to November! Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival is the first weekend (4th and 5th). Cindy can still use some help on Sunday. Our November meeting with our Holiday Pin class will be on November 12. That will also be our first UFO sighting!!! Are you ready? Then be ready for the fun and great food on December 3rd at Billie's when we have our Holiday Party.

I will look forward to seeing you soon!
Jamie

Happy Halloween



UFO Contest

UFO's... Unfinished Objects!!
UFO #6 on your list is due at the **Nov. 12th meeting...now get yourself weaving or have a really good excuse!**

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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.....

GW 07...Have you gotten that Door Prize or Welcome Bag item for GW? Bring your item/items to the meeting on Nov. 12th.

We need your help:

The **TBG Raffle Basket** this year is a **“Spoil Me Rotten”** Basket. Do you have an item for the basket? Bring your item/items to the Nov. 12th meeting. We also need a volunteer to weave the basket, are you interested? If so, contact Andrea Margrave.

Membership..Have you paid your dues for the Oct. 2006-Oct. 2007 yet? If not, contact Sherral Nelson today.

The Volunteer Program still has dates available for you to fill. Please contact Kim Voska today and sign up to help out at a meeting or class. We need your help!!!!

Open to the Public.. We need a Chairperson for the 2007 classes..n you organize? Call volunteers and students? Put together kits? You are the one..Call Kim Voska today to Volunteer. We need you!!! And remember you will not be alone, the board is always will to help.

Awards and Shows....If you have won an award or you are in a Basketweaving show/craft show here is your chance to toot your horn. Send the information to the webmaster/newsletter editor, Cindy Stanton to have them posted. You can include pictures too!

Notes from Diane.....

Here are the latest Calendar Notes...Lots of great classes coming up, cannot wait to see you all there!

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November 4-5, 2006 Chesapeake Heritage Festival, need a couple more volunteers

November 12, 2006 Meeting 2:00 pm, Holiday Pin Class, \$5.00, sign up with Cindy Stanton

December 3, 2006 Christmas Party at Billie's home, bring a dish to share and a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange

January 7, 2007 Meeting 2:00 pm, finish up GW Welcome Bags and Kit.

January 11-14, 2007 Guilders Weave

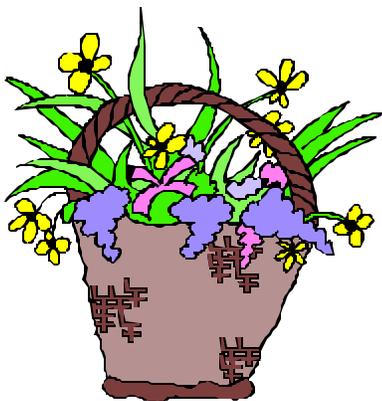
Invitational d'ART Center invites you to participate in a unique opportunity to sell your work at the d'ART Center in the Selden Arcade during the holidays . The shop will feature some of the regions most exciting and recognized artists.

November 18—December 31

Patrons' Sale Friday Dec.1—Arts After 5 Event 5-7

Artists are encouraged to sell hand made art, crafts, ornaments and gift items in a variety of media and within a wide and affordable price range. d'ART Center manages shop and retains 40% of sale. Space is limited.

Contact: Susan Bernard, Executive Director, d'ART Center
757/625.4211 www.d-artcenter.org



Our Deepest Sympathy to the following members...

Diane Short on the loss of her step-father

Lynn Ryan on the loss of her husband

Jane Brinkman on the loss of her father

You are in our thoughts and prayers....

Guilders Weave 2007

The long awaited assignment letters are in the mail! Hopefully, you will be reading the results with a smile on your face. Don't forget the deadline for sending in your class checks is NOVEMBER 4th. That is also the deadline for memorabilia.

Some of the classes filled up fast so hopefully you gave us a second, third, and fourth choice. If not and you are missing a class on one of the days there is a list of classes with openings on the Guilders Weave page on our website. We will update that site as classes fill. Email guildersweave7@cox.net with your selection. These classes will be filled in the order we receive requests. Some of the classes only have a couple places left so get your request in as soon as possible. We will respond by email.

Tina, Laura, and Donna

AWARDS & SHOWS

Congratulations to Laura White she won the monthly Baskets of Joy Drawing a Signed Martha Weatherbee book

Our own Judith Saunders is everywhere:

September 30th Judith was one of 40 artist in the Ocracoke's ART WALK.

October 3rd, she demonstrated at the State Fair in Richmond for the Artisan's Center of VA

She has two pieces in the Waves of Tradition Exhibition in Pawtucket, RI, September 10-November 3, sponsored by the Northeast Basketmakers Guild. One of the pieces received the Handweavers Guild of America Award.

Judith has received an invitation to be included in the Green Hills Rt Center Winter Show, Greensboro, NC, featuring 150 NC artists in December.

You Go Girl....Thank you Judith for sharing your Basketweaving knowledge!!

**Announcing Baby Boy
Quin Briggs Gray
Born Oct. 16, 2006
to Cathy and Brian Gray
"Congratulations Gray Family"**



TBG Members Spotlight

Meet Judith Saunders

Hometown: Born and raised in Norfolk, VA and now, officially, a resident of Ocracoke, NC

How did I start weaving? How long? I have been weaving for more than 25 years in great part due to my career as an art teacher. My first weaving began using a book called Basic Baskets, a small paperback by Mary Cary on working with round reed. The major influence on my current work and my enthusiasm, however, came when I took a one-week workshop at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN, in the early eighties with Shereen LaPlantz. It happened quite by accident. I signed up for a workshop called Cold Connections with Metals with David LaPlantz because I was teaching a metals class in a room with no ventilation. I needed a second workshop to meet my requirements for re-certification. I signed up for the Plaited Basketry workshop without knowing anything about plaited basketry. I feel so fortunate to have met and studied with both David and Shereen. They truly had a major impact on my teaching career and my personal artistic expression.



Judith at NCBA 2005 Red Ribbon Winner!

How did you find TBG? Joyce Smith and Sherral Nelson are responsible for my involvement with TBG. I wanted to take part in the January weaving weekend, which was at that time called Winter Weave. I wanted to meet and spend time with others interested in basketry.

Favorite type of weaving/basket? I guess anyone who knows me and has seen my work knows my passion for plaiting, especially, bias plaiting.

What else do I do? I spend as much time being an Ocracoke Island, NC resident as possible. I am a "Beach Bum" at heart and I am able to spend more time weaving there. I would love to have some weaving buddies come down to weave and enjoy the winter beach.

Guilds: TBG, NCBA, NBO

Best thing about weaving? Everything except the sore fingers and hands

Perfect day off? Time to walk on the beach, photograph at the beach, pick up treasured finds at the beach, and weave the rest of the day, especially with friends.

Something you would like us to know? Your friendships are among the special treasures I have found.

"Judith, Thank you for all you do for TBG"

TBG Members Spotlight

Meet Alice Wyvill

Hometown: I was born in Norfolk, VA, but raised in Honea Path, South Carolina.

How did I start weaving? The first basket I ever made was with the Newport News Department of Parks and Recreation (a ribbed egg basket) and decided right then and there that I'd never make that mistake again; however, a year later, I let Ella Mae talk me into going to Wilmington, NC with her to attend a day of weaving at Poplar Grove Plantation. I made a wine basket and a wall basket and became hooked!

How long: Since 1994

How did you find TBG? Met Billie at the Newport News Fall Festival in 1995.

Favorite type of weaving/basket? I like them all and can't decide which I prefer doing. I have flat reed, round reed, cane and ash and love working with all of it. I've even made other egg baskets!

What else do I do? Other than my job at Fort Eustis? Quilt, bead, read, garden, and babysit occasionally with my grandson.

Guilds: TBG and NCBA

Best thing about weaving? The sense of accomplishment when I've finished a basket, but the really best part is the camaraderie when weaving with others.

Perfect day off? Any day off from work is perfect whether its weaving or curling up with a good book on a rainy day, spending a pretty day with friends weaving or going out for lunch and shopping, or doing just about anything as long as it doesn't resemble housework. I like to play!

Something you would like us to know? I feel really blessed by having a job I enjoy, having a good relationship with each of my three daughters and their families, and good friends. I feel fortunate to have met so many wonderful people through basket weaving and am proud of our guild and the growth its made over the years. We just keep getting better and better!

" Alice, Thank you for all your do for TBG!"



Alice has a great time weaving at Guilders Weave!!

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting September 10, 2006

Amid commotion of getting ready to weave the Onion Basket, Jamie VanOekel was able to call the meeting to order.

She indicated that the front table had many sheets with volunteer opportunities for members to get involved. TBG would like to see some new faces helping. The Board has an exciting year of events planned but they can't be implemented without more participation from the guild members. Please donate your time to continue the growth of this wonderful group of weavers.

Alice Wyvill drew the number six for the first of the UFO baskets. The finished baskets will be shown at the November 12th meeting.

Unfortunately Sherry Matthews will not be able to continue in 2007 as our OTP coordinator. We are asking for someone to step into her place to keep this important event going. Sherry is still asking for volunteers to help with two (yes, two) OTP's in October. We will be having one on October 14th in Yorktown at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Ella Taylor Road and the 2nd on October 21st in Norfolk at Larchmont United Methodist Church. By doing this, we hope to accommodate weavers on both sides of the water.

Susie Waters told about Basket Bingo and Lunch to be held September 30th in Hampton. The cost is \$25 and the hours are 10:00 to 2:00. Every winner will get something from the Longaberger Basket Company.

Jack Donner brought some great show and tell baskets. Some he made and others were purchased. The weaving medium was varied ~ cedar bark, porcupine needles, telephone wire, seagrass, pine needles, paper rush, raffia. He explained making a small whisk broom. He also brought a large bag of dried gourds from his yard that were free for the taking.

Election of officers was held. Jerry Bernstein is once again our Treasurer and Diane Short is the new Vice President. Congratulations and thank you for sharing your time and talents to ensure smooth running of this active guild.

Jamie presented Cathy Gray with a basket and African violet plant as our thanks for her hard work as Vice President. With baby number five to arrive on December 7th, Cathy will be at fewer events. We will miss her smiling face and always eager to help attitude.

Since everyone was anxious to get started weaving, the general meeting ended and the fun began.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Williams
Secretary