



## BASKETRY GUILD

# TIDINGS

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### Guilders Weave 2007 Memories

### *From the President's Pen...*

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

It's always so hard to adjust to real life after a weekend of weaving like we had at Guilders Weave 07. Why can't real life afford us more of the same opportunities that GW does? Lunch and dinner out with friends, weaving and finishing a basket without having to do a load of laundry or cart someone somewhere, munchies available whenever, and a prize just for showing up!!! Who's with me here? Total Immersion is the name of the game for GW. You forget the date. The hubbies and kids can eat the mac and cheese multiple times. You know the laundry will most likely not go anywhere while you're gone. While basket weaving is therapeutic, a whole weekend of it can be life altering! Once you've had one weaving weekend, you want more and you're willing to justify letting the other stuff go for just a little bit. I say that's a good thing!! We were so happy to see the faces that we see so seldom and catch up on their news. We were happy to watch our newer members become a part of GW by helping in committees, or taking that first class, or trying that new weaving medium. We are so happy that so many make the point to set aside that weekend and join in!

A hearty **WELL DONE** to Tina, Donna and Laura and committee chairs and volunteers!!! Thank you all for the time, planning, emailing and phone calling you did to make GW07 the success it was. We look forward to Laura taking over for GW08. I'm sure that she would welcome hearing from you with any ideas or offers to chair a committee.

Weave enjoyment!  
Jamie



Carol created a beautiful waxed linen basket for GW Chairwoman Tina. Thank you Carol!!



Did you know we had a "Renewal of Weaving Vows" ? Congratulations to Mr. And Mrs. Kent for 50 years of weaving their lives together!!

### UFO Contest

**UFO's... Unfinished Objects!!**

**UFO #2 on your list is due at the Feb.**

**4th meeting...now get yourself weaving or have a really good excuse!**



Suzie Waters finished her UFO#5, brought it to the January meeting, was entered into the UFO drawing and won! Way to go Suzie!!!

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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.....**

**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!!!!

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**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.

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**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!

**Guilders Weave 2007 Memories..**



Peggy, Tamme, Lu and Dianna have fun weaving at GW 07 this year!

## Notes from Diane.....

*WE ARE ON A ROLL!!!! The TBG board have set out to put together a wonderful calendar for 2007. Lots of new baskets to practice on and teachers Galore.*

What goes together with great food, fellowship, laughter, fun, and a great gift swap? The basket weavers of TBG at our annual Christmas party at Billie's. Thank you Billie for once more opening up your house to this wild group of basket cases.

One of our first opportunities to expand our knowledge was with GW in January. It ran so smooth and we had complements from both teachers and students, which speaks highly of our group friendliness. Now don't forget to bring those baskets, finish or not finished, to the Feb. meeting to share with everyone.

That leads us into our next meeting of Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, our annual Show and Tell from GW. Our #2 UFO is due at this time too. Don't miss out on signing up for **Sherral Nelson** Sat. class on Feb.17<sup>th</sup> as she instructs us on her Oval Natural Basket with several variations.

March 4<sup>th</sup> will be our Easter Basket with **Carol Woolard** and **Chris Irby** teaching and another UFO is due, to show us.

Two very important weekend dates to put in you calendars now for this summer classes, as we want you to be with us and not on vacation.

**July 13, 14, & 15: Jim and Miss Jimmie Kent** will be with us. Mr. Jim will teach several Nantucket baskets, one from start to finish. So if you want to have first hand teaching on Nantucket's, this is your man. He also will do a beginners class on Nantucket. PLUS Miss Jimmie has agreed to teach two classes so come sign up first before we open it up to other guilds.

**August 17,18, &19: Gail Hutchinson** will roll into town to share with us some of her new baskets. More information to follow in March.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** Show and Tell meeting 2:00 pm

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**, (Sat.) Oval Natural Basket **Sherral Nelson**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**, Meeting at 2:00 pm Small Easter basket **Carol Woolard** and **Chris Irby**

**March 2 to May 13<sup>th</sup>**, By Native Hands, Native American Baskets display in Portsmouth

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**, Native American baskets, TBG exhibit and weaving on basket

**March 22-25**, NCBA

**March 31**, Gathering of Guilds at Francis Land House **Peggy Williams**

### GW Memories...Virginia, Marsha, Cindy and Dawn weave at GW 2007!!!



## Guilters Weave 2007

Guilters Weave 07 is over and once again you all did a FANTASTIC job!!! We got lots and lots of complements and many have already tried to make their reservations for next year. Over and over I heard "this is the best convention we go to". I think they are right and I know why. One of the attendees put it this way, "Tidewater has something special. In most guilds people come just to get what they want out of it. You all really like each other and work as a team". That, ladies and gentlemen is what makes Guilters Weave so successful year after year. It has a little to do with the people who take the chair and lots and lots and lots to do with all the participation.

Special thanks must go to the committee chairs so I would like to repeat what I wrote in the booklet.

*I would personally like to thank the following people who served on the 2007 Guilters Weave Committee and donated many, many, many, **many** hours to making Guilters Weave a success.*

**Cindy Stanton**, once again, took charge of Basket Jurying, a formidable task! She is also the creator of all the signs and posters as well as our beautiful web site. .

**Kim Voska** and **Cathy Gray** are responsible for the great basket kit in your welcome bag. Cathy donated her pattern and Kim was responsible for getting all the kits put together. Kim also helped her mom organize the basket swap.

**Janet Jackson** and **Marsha Broms** have been collecting lots of wonderful door prizes for months. They help make our Banquet lots of fun!

**Liz Pangrac** provided us with lots of comfort food and a hospitality suite for relaxation and meeting new and longtime friends.

**Carol Vanderzee** took charge of our basket swap and helped her daughter Kim with the basket kits.

**Alice Wyvill** is responsible for allowing us an opportunity to spend, spend, spend for two hours at Market Place.

**Peggy Williams**, our Memorabilia Chairman spent lots of time helping design our beautiful t-shirts. She was inspired by suggestions from last year's evaluations so help us out again by making more suggestions!

**Sherry Mathews** and **Andrea Margrave** did a wonderful job getting our raffle together. The raffle money is used to keep down the costs of registration. We all appreciate that!

**Sherral Nelson, Judith Saunders, and Ella Mae King** are the smiling faces you met at the registration table. They man registration both late at night and very early in the morning!

**Cathy Gray** coordinated the vendors. She set up Suzanne Moore who brought you all her wonderful wares and she set up the masseuse. Aaaaaah.

**Susie Waters** and **Sue Legault** are responsible for all the wonderful goodies in your welcome bag. The welcome bags are always exciting!

**Laura White**, my Co-Chair, stepped in and helped in millions of ways – from drilling shells to proofreading. She is next years Chairman and I hope all of you give her the same support you have given me!

**Donna Atkinson**, my assistant, put in hundreds of hours on administrative details. She also provided a large shoulder when things didn't go quite as smoothly as I wanted them to go.

In addition I would like to thank all the people who helped the chairmen with their tasks, all the people who donated to the welcome bags, the door prizes, the raffle.

*Thank you. You all did your jobs beyond expectation, with a willing heart, and made my job a piece of cake!*

*Tina*



**Announcing Baby Girl**  
**Amelia Francis Margrave**  
**Born Oct. 31, 2006**  
**to Andrea and Tom Margrave**  
**"Congratulations Margrave Family"**

**This month's Members Spotlights feature Sisters-Carol Ann Blair and Christy Newman...enjoy reading how much these two are alike (or not!).**

## **TBG Members Spotlight**

### **Meet Carol Ann Blair**

**Hometown:** Chesapeake, Virginia

**How did I start weaving:** While living in Kentucky, a local church had monthly classes, I did my first class when I was 9 months pregnant with my oldest son, I made his Easter basket and was hooked.

**How long:** I have been weaving for 12 years

**How did you find TBG..** Christy hooked me up with Ella Mae

**Favorite type of weaving:** Nantucket's! I LOVE THEM!

**What else do I do.....** I work part time as a Radiology Technologist, I volunteer at my children's schools, I am a Pampered chef Representative, and am a stay at home mom

**Guilds:** I belong to TBG and NC

**Best thing about weaving-** Have that finished product

**Perfect day off:** A day at the beach with family

**Something you would like us to know:** I love to cook!



Carol Ann weaving at Guilders Weave 2005..Looks like she and Glen are having a GREAT time!!

**"Carol Ann thank you for being a part of TBG"**



TBG  
Members  
At GW



## TBG Members Spotlight

### Meet Christy Newman

**Hometown,** Chesapeake, Virginia

**How did I start weaving:** Many, many, many years ago at the local community center I took an egg basket class with my mom, yes I still have it and no you can't see it. Let's just say I've come a long way with my basket weaving.

**How long weaving:** I have been weaving around 26 years, but only consistently for the last 3 years.

**How did you find TBG:** Ella Mae

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** Anything with a mold, I am definitely "shape" challenged

**What else do I do?** I spend time with my two nephews (Carol Ann's boys), and travel to DC to spend time with my friend Michael

**Guilds:** I belong to TBG and NC

**Best thing about weaving?** FRIENDSHIPS!

**Perfect day off:** Spent relaxing at the beach

**Something you would like us to know about you:** I thought you already knew everything about me.....



Christy proudly displaying her gourd creation from Guilders Weave 2006

**"Thank you Christy for being a member of TBG"**

More Guilders Weave 2007 .....Sue, Diane, Glen, Joyce and Jerry



## **Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting January 7, 2007**

Meeting called to order by President Jamie VanOekel. She thanked Billie Dorris for hosting the annual Christmas party in December.

Sherral Nelson showed variations of the basket class she will be teaching on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The basket can have a swing handle, bushel handles or feet for chair side use. The cost is \$50 and is due today.

Billie Dorris showed a basket she received for Christmas from her daughter-in-law. It was purchased in Keoto Japan. It's purpose is to catch fish and is shaped so that the fish can not turn around and escape.

Billie also asked for helpers to cover the tables at NCBA. She will be doing this on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Please give her a hand if you are there Wednesday evening.

Tina Chopin reported that all is going well for Guilders Weave 2007.

Liz Pangrac is taking over the task of the hospitality room at GW '07. She was happy to receive great information from Dick and Carol Moff about previous years. Liz asked members to bring additional coolers and reminded everyone that food donations are needed to keep the room stocked at all times during the event. She also requested that TBG members help her by keeping the room tidied up when they notice the need.

Diane Short has confirmed upcoming classes with visiting teachers. Mr. Jim and Miss Jimmy Kent will be here on July 13, 14 and 15. They will bring definite proposals to GW '07. Tentatively they plan for Mr. Jim to teach an advanced class starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and finishing on the 14<sup>th</sup>. He will teach a beginner class on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Miss Jimmy will teach a class on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Diane arranged for Gail Hutchinson to teach on August 17, 18 and 19. Gail will also bring her proposed baskets to GW '07. At this time Diane is looking for a place to hold these classes. She says that by April she should have more information regarding costs and basket pictures.

Alice Wyvill had members show their UFO baskets. She explained again that each person who finishes a UFO will have their name put into a drawing for a grand prize. If all six baskets are completed, that person's name will be in six times, five baskets completed will have five names in, etc. The more baskets completed, the better your chances are to win. There is a monthly drawing also and this month's winner was Suzie Waters. February 4<sup>th</sup>'s UFO is number two.

Gathering of the Guilds will be March 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Peggy Williams is chairing this event and she needs a few volunteers to bring their baskets and spend the day weaving on a project of their choice. This will be from 10:00 to 4:00.

The Courthouse Galleries of Portsmouth (on High Street) will present: *By Native Hands, Native American Baskets*, from the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art from March 2 to May 13, 2007. They have requested that TBG provide a basket weaving demonstration on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00. Volunteers are needed for this time. Please notify Jamie VanOekel if you are interested. This will be a great opportunity to talk about our guild, pass out membership brochures and get interested people to sign up for the upcoming OTP's.

The Gallery also has a need for an individual to demonstrate weaving on May 12 and 13 from 12:00 to 3:00. This is not a guild function but an individual artisan to show their special talent. Please call or email Jamie if you would be interested in this opportunity.

The fun part of today's general meeting was stuffing the "welcome bags" for GW '07. The committee did a wonderful job of gathering useful items for all attendees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Williams