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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

“**weave** (wev) v. ...3. To interweave or combine elements into a whole” Websters New College Dictionary.

The members of TBG have this definition down pat! Not only are we putting pieces of reed together to make wonderful baskets, we also are combining talents and time to improve a successful group. That continuous weaver has helped connect many new friends who have turned into a really lively bunch!!

Our TBG classes have been full of laughter and sharing. The February 25th french randing class and March meeting class were both well-attended. My heartfelt thanks to all the helpers and volunteers at both of those classes.

NCBA was great as usual!! There was so much showing off at the April meeting, it was great! We all loved the new baskets and ideas that come back to the guild.

Those of you who have been to our meetings have heard me ask for “Tips to Share” and “Weavin’ Around” announcements. If you have learned something that would be helpful to all of us, please feel free to share. “Weavin’ Around” announcements are another way to share class, show or exhibit information with everyone. Traditionally, our February and April meetings are devoted to showing off and sharing experiences. We will now offer the opportunity to “Show and Tell” at each

meeting. We want to see what you’re trying the rest of the year, too. So don’t be bashful! We encourage sharing and bragging!!

Don’t forget to check the calendar, we have so many activities in May for you to enjoy. Our next meeting is on June 4th . Until then . . . Happy Weaving!!

Jamie

GW 2006 Memories



Above Alice weaves a Market basket taught by Gail Hutchinson.

Below Christy holds up the beautiful Gourd she completed.



Below Polly, Jamie and Judith stop and take a break to chat.



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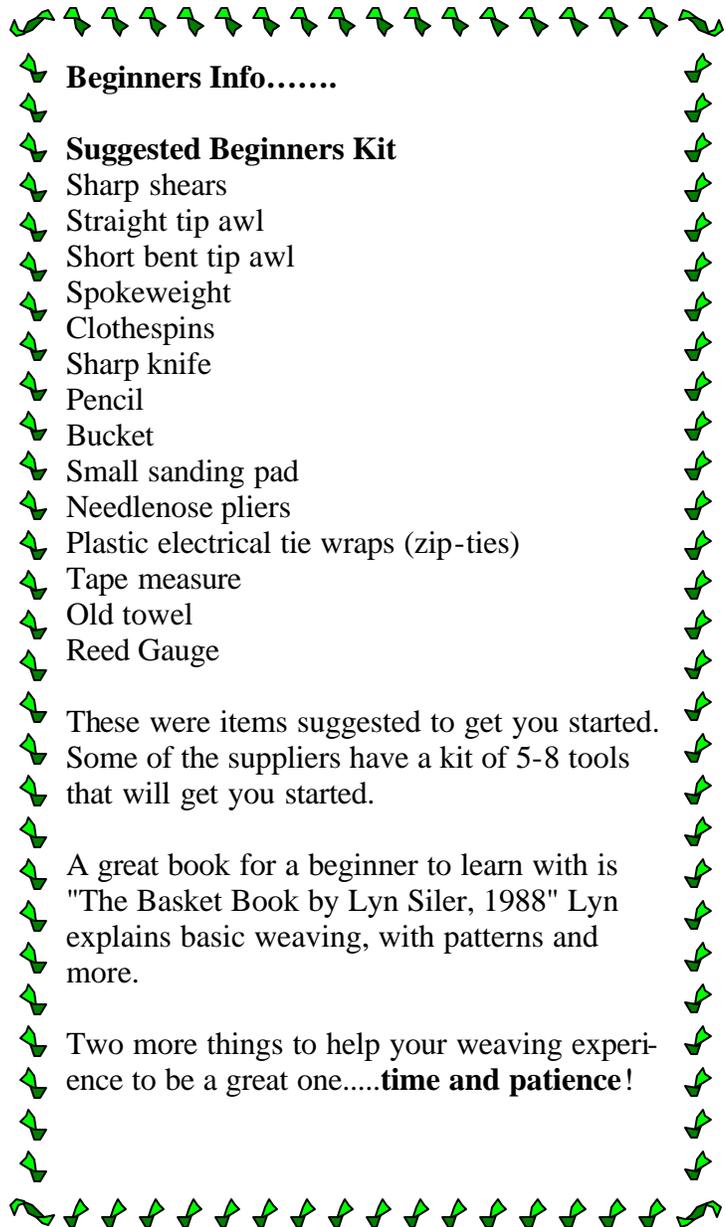
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Note from the Editor...

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

**Beginners Info.....****Suggested Beginners Kit**

- Sharp shears
- Straight tip awl
- Short bent tip awl
- Spokeweight
- Clothespins
- Sharp knife
- Pencil
- Bucket
- Small sanding pad
- Needlenose pliers
- Plastic electrical tie wraps (zip-ties)
- Tape measure
- Old towel
- Reed Gauge

These were items suggested to get you started. Some of the suppliers have a kit of 5-8 tools that will get you started.

A great book for a beginner to learn with is "The Basket Book by Lyn Siler, 1988" Lyn explains basic weaving, with patterns and more.

Two more things to help your weaving experience to be a great one.....**time and patience!**

Website update....

The Members Only page is back up and running. If you do not have the updated user name and password, email the webmaster.

Thank you for your patience while the website was updated.

Do you have any new ideas for the newsletter? Please email/call Cindy at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

Notes from Cathy.....

Hello Everyone!

Wasn't the Mini Bunny Tray so cute? Thanks so much to Jamie for designing and teaching such a fun basket at March's meeting!

On Saturday, March 25th, TBG demonstrated at the Francis Land House in Virginia Beach, for the Gathering of the Guilds. This was a great family event where you can see demonstrations from all of the local guilds. If you didn't come by this year, make sure you do next.

Spring is just about here and that means ... Virginia Beach Craft Market! We still have several openings that must be filled. You get FREE parking and FREE ENTRY into the event. Also, everyone who volunteers gets to help weave a "demonstration basket." At the end of the event, your name will be entered to win that basket! What more incentive could you want?! Friday has many openings to fill. Also, there are spots available for Saturday afternoon and on Sunday to help clean up. Please contact Cathy Gray (thegraymatter@cox.net) to get your name on the list. TBG has always done what it takes to work together and put on a great demonstration, so thank you for all your help!

Sherry Matthews (slmbaskets@aol.com) is organizing the May 20th Open to the Public (OTP) class. If you know of anyone who would like to learn to make a basket, or if you would like to help in the class, give Sherry a call and let her know! This is a great opportunity to introduce friends and co-workers to weaving and maybe even join the guild!

Anne Bowers is coming in July to teach two baskets! On Friday July 7, she will be teaching "Margaret's Square" medium (8x8) ribbed basket. It is an intermediate level class. On Saturday the 8th, Anne will be teaching an Antler Topped Mini Double Walled Seagrass Basket. This class is all levels. Check out the website for pictures and more information. Please contact me (thegraymatter@cox.net) to pay for your class. Spots are going fast! Happy Spring! Cathy

Calendar Notes...

May 7, 2006 NO meeting

May 6, 7, 2006 Cass Schorsch classes at the home of Billie Dorris

May 12-14, 2006 Virginia Beach Craft Market at Pavilion

May 20, 2006 Open To The Public Class 9:00 to 4:00 \$25.00

June 4, 2006 Meeting at 2:00 Liberty Basket (\$10.00)

**HAPPY
EASTER**



Note from Billie:
Thank you to all the volunteers that helped wrap and tape the tables at NCBA. Your hard work was greatly appreciated!

Guilders Weave 2007

It's not too early to be thinking about Guilders Weave 07. The dates are Thursday, January 11, 2007 through Sunday, January 14 at Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel. The rates will be slightly higher with standard rooms at \$69.00 and suites at \$119.00. For all you early birds who don't want to wait to make your reservations, the phone number is 757-599-4460. Be sure to tell them you are coming for Guilders Weave so you get the discounted rate. We will be keeping a list of people looking for roommates so let us know if you are in need of one.

We are always looking for "a few good men" - or women. If you are interested in being a part of making GW07 "happen" let us know!

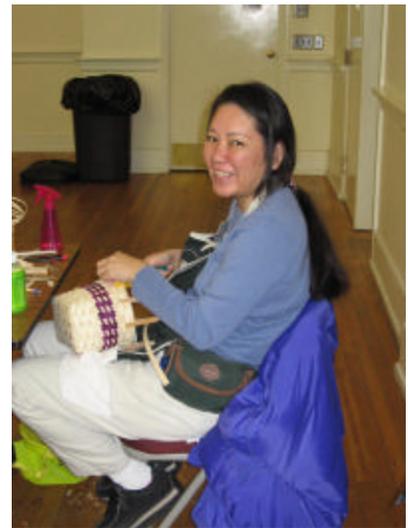
Tina, Laura, and Donna



Donna weaves the Mini Bunny Basket.

TBG Basket Classes

TBG Members learn a technique at most meeting, here are a few pictures from recent meetings.



Hitomi learns French Randing on her TBG Letter Basket.

Dawn helps out Sharon with French Randing.



Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting March 5, 2006 @ 2:00pm

Meeting called to order at 2:15pm by President Jamie VanOekel.

Jamie welcomed everyone and visitors. Thanked our volunteers for the day, Arlene Wallace, Susie Waters and Tammie Durrant for the wonderful goodies.

New members today..Marsha Broms ..welcome.

Thank you to those helpers on Sat. Feb. 25th for helping out at the TBG Letter Basket. We had 21 students.

Gathering of the Guilds will be coming up March 25th, we have Peggy, Kellie, Hitomi and Cathy helping out that day.

Open to The Public will be May 20th, with Sherry chairing this event. We still need a teacher for the market basket. If you can help, contact Sherry Matthews.

We are still looking for a spot in the Newport News area for the Oct. OTP class.

Cass Schorsch class- Laura- update- class will be held at Billie's home, Sat and Sun. May 6-7. We would like to do a potluck or something of that nature for lunches, more to follow.

Membership update- Sherral- to date we have 80 paid members (including 2 today). New member binders were passed out to those new members in attendance.

Website update- Cindy- Members Only page is now up and running. Those in attendance were given the new user name and password, if you need this information, please contact Cindy at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org Check out your information on the members only page and let Cindy know if the information is incorrect.

Anne Bowers Class- July 21,22, 2006. Cathy- Sign up and pay today. Last date to sign up and pay is April 2nd.

Volunteer Update- Kim-There will be a Volunteer Instruction Sheet coming out very soon to all those that volunteer. This is a "how to" sheet.

August Weave In- Jamie-we have sent out the information to all, if you are interested in teaching please submit your information now.

Tips to Share- nothing.

Show and Tell- Kim made a basket for her Relay for Life team and it was auctioned off, bringing in a whopping \$255.00! Way to go Kim!!!!

Hitomi showed us a woven trivet that she made out of rolled paper material that she purchased in Japan. Very intricate work, it was neat and beautiful.

Historian:-Mary Jo- check out the latest pictures in the scrap book.

Name tags- Anyone needing nametags, submit your name and \$5.00 to Carol Moff.

Guilders Weave 2007 -Tina- update- Jan. 11-14, 2007- we have signed the hotel contract. Rooms are \$69.00/suites \$119.00.

36 members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned.

Jamie to now teach the Mini Bunny Basket to approx. 25 members.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stanton

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting April 2, 2006 @ 2:00pm

Meeting called to order at 2:15 pm by President Jamie VanOekel.

Jamie welcomed everyone and visitors, Judith Saunders mother, Mildred. Thank you to our volunteer for the day, Sherral Nelson for the wonderful goodies.

Thank you to those helpers from the March Class for helping out at the TBG Mini Bunny Basket; Dawn, Laura, Cathy and Cindy. We had 20 students and 4 kits sold.

Gathering of the Guilds was a success, thank you Peggy, Kellie, and Hitomi for volunteering.

Cass Schorsch class- Laura- update- class will be held at Billie's home, Sat and Sun. May 6-7. We need volunteers to bring Salad's and desserts to share each day and TBG will provide drinks. We also have 1 member who cannot attend, we are looking for someone to take a class each day, if you are interested, please contact Laura White.

Open to The Public will be May 20th, with Sherry chairing this event. We still need a few helpers, if you can help, please contact Sherry Matthews. Peggy, Kim and Cathy will be teaching.

VA. Beach Pavilion Craft Market- Cathy- we are in need of a few more people to volunteer please let Cathy Gray know when you can work.

Anne Bowers Class- Cathy- date has changed to July 7-8, 2006. Sign up and pay today.

Special Event May 20th –Hitomi will teach 4 people the Paper Coasters. The cost will be \$10.00. See Hitomi Garcia if you are interested.

Nominating Committee-Jamie- Anyone interested in running for VP or Treasurer, please let Jamie know. Cathy has agreed to run for VP again and Jamie will contact Jerry to see if he is interested in running for Treasurer another term.

August Weave In- Jamie-deadline is today for anyone interested in teaching a class at the August Weave In.

NCBA-we had 32 TBG members in attendance. Great time was had by all. Judith Saunders and Kim Voska both won 3 ribbons in the exhibit room.

NCBA Show and Tell.

30 members in attendance today.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stanton

Happy Spring



TBG Members Spotlight

Meet Ella Mae King

Hometown: Wilmington, NC

How did I start weaving? In 1982, after my husband's death, one of his faithful nurses, a weaver herself, suggested I might enjoy basketweaving. She shared some basic techniques as a starter. I struggled and continued trying off and on—not yet hooked!

How long? In '83 or '84 on a trip "home," I spied a basketry shop in nearby Hampstead, stopped in, took an instant liking to the owner—Pat Graham, who later would become one of the organizers of the NCBA. With Pat as my first real instructor, I became a collector of supplies and tools and addicted to weaving, sort of.

How did you find TBG? I joined NCBA not long after it was established and was, of course, listed in their membership roster. Subsequently came a phone call from a then-stranger Pam Jellick of the Tidewater Chapter, High Country Basketry Guild (later to become Tidewater Basketry Guild). Pam had been scanning her NCBA roster for Tidewater residents to invite to the HCBG chapter, so I grabbed my buddy Alice (Wyvill) and away we went - and we're still a-go with baskets.

Favorite type of weaving/basket? Whatever I'm going to weave next.

What else do I do? Rubberstamping, thanks to Cindy Stanton and Laura White, has become a basketweaving competitor for organization, space, and time. I wish I could stamp and weave, both at the same time! ... And I cherish visits with my daughter Polly at either her place in Palmyra, VA, or mine, and with my "foreign" family wherever I can catch them -- here, there, or yonder (currently in Poland and soon-to-be in Singapore.)

Guilds: TBG and NCBA.

Best thing about weaving? The reward of a well-finished product.

Perfect day off? Sitting in a beautiful garden or down by the seawall at Fort Monroe, warm sunshine, mild breeze, a snack and cool drink, weaving away. And, it's hard to beat the annual picnic at Billie's!

Something you would like us to know? I'd just like for everyone to know how proud I am of TBG. We have grown so much from our small beginning and are fortunate to have such faithful, multi-talented and sharing members. It's exciting to see the Guild continue to evolve with great spirit in evidence among the members, and to see our newer folks becoming so involved.

" Ella Mae Thank you for all you do for TBG!!!"



Ella Mae and Meredith at GW

NCBA First Timers View.....

WOW! Oh, my gosh! WOW~ Oh my gosh! I just kept repeating those words. It was my first time at NCBA and I was really just in awe, really! . My first look into the big weaving room and it was just rows upon rows of tables with people weaving! (I had no idea that there were so many weavers!) It really was a wonderful experience; one in which I hope you will get to experience for yourself, if you haven't already.

I learned so much; all of the teachers were so helpful and just really nice people. I ended up having 4 classes (4 totes) which was great, but I think next year (I will be attending every year from now on) I may consider only taking three. There was so much other stuff to do that I just couldn't get to it all. There was the exhibit room (unbelievable), all of the raffles to choose from (be sure to put in the right ticket--long story), the pattern room, the vendors room (oh my gosh, overwhelming!), and the vendors "hallway" (unfortunately, that happened to be the hallway to my room!!!) But, not to worry that I spent way too much money (I wanted one of everything) because I was told (by numerous people I might add) that it was my first time, that it was ok to spend a lot, that it was actually "expected" of first-timers! (I was actually accused of having my own "shopping mall" in one corner of our room) :-) They said that it happens to everyone and that I would settle down next year (we'll see)! So much fun - so little time!

I guess if I had to sum it up, I would say to everyone, **go** if you have the chance, **just go**. I had so much fun, my roomies were great (Carol, Kim and Diane), and the most impressive thing to me was all of the camaraderie. There were women from 19 to 87 and everyone was having a great time together. It did my heart good to see all of the women (and a few men) having such a wonderful time doing something they love. I can't wait to go back again next year! Oh, and don't expect to get much sleep; I was told I could sleep when I got home! Dawn

NCBA 2006 Memories

This year was my fourth NCBA and what a fun time we had; old friends and new were all about. It is so great to see everyone hugging each other and saying "It's been a year, how are you?" TBG had a great showing of 32 members, as well as I could count.

Our Motto this year "What happens in NC stays in NC!"

The four days started with Billie Dorris and her crew of tapers and cutters! They wrapped each table in the weaving room. Wow what a job that was! And after two years experience they have it down pat. It was really nice to have wrapped tables, it makes it so nice that if the class before you had bleeding reed, you don't get it on your basket. Thank you Billie and crew!

First timers were in awe of the numerous vendors , the close to 700 weavers and the entire experience. Just ask Dawn! Every night was filled with some kind of adventure in one room or another. Kim we loved the Palm Tree party lights.

TBG really made out this year in the raffles.

Raffles were won by the following: Mary Jo Baylor, Andrea Margrave, Kim Voska, Cindy Stanton, Anne Talucci, Cathy Cupp, Sue Legault

And Janice DePreist won her TBG name tag back....remember to ask her that story!

Hope I didn't miss anyone, and I apologize if I did, I was so excited to win a Karen Zane Basket I could barely contain myself and may have missed a name.

The Exhibit Room was amazing as ever. How do they make those weavers do that? What beautiful baskets, all sizes, shapes and materials used. And again Tidewater made a great showing; our own Kim Voska won 3 ribbons, 2- first place and Judith Saunders won 3 ribbons, first, second and third place. Big Congrats to you both!

Our current NCBA President Jimmie Kent was re-elected as President. Go Miss Jimmie, you Rock!

And then it was Sunday and we all were packing or getting in that last class before hitting the road. As we made numerous trips to our car, you could see others packing and trying to find enough room to take it all back. Just ask the Damacus Girls, 5 ladies, plus suitcases, plus weaving tools, plus vendor purchases plus baskets woven over the 4 days...Wow Jane is the Guru of Packing...she gets it all in the van and even the five ladies too! Great job Jane!

If you have never been to NC think about trying it out. You must be a member of NCBA to register, the dues deadline is June 30th. So print off that membership application and send in your dues for next year and come out and have a great time with us all! Cindy