



## BASKETRY GUILD

# TIDINGS

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

Fellow Basket Weavers,

Well the President is off on vacation and we had so many things to get out to you that we decided to just go for it anyway.

A few things to mention,

**The Nominating Committee** has posted their nominations in this newsletter, please take a moment to read about each member and make your selection.

It's not too early to think about the TBG GW Basket. We already have a few items in the basket but need more. Please take a moment to pick up something for the "Pamper Yourself Basket".

The Pamper Yourself Basket has the following contributions:

Sarah Michaels Bath Sponge and Raspberry Soap  
Peggy Williams' Cherry Pit Pad  
Bath and Body Works Plumeria Soap  
Victoria's Secret Strawberries and Champagne hand and body cream  
Caress Body Wash  
Village Naturals Spa Lavendar and Chamomile Body Soak

Anyone wishing to contribute could also think along the lines of wine, chocolate, candles, book store gift certificate, tea, etc. Bring your contributions to the Sept. or Nov. meetings.

Hope you all are having a great summer, it is rapidly coming to an end. This weather we have been having lately is only good for sunbathing and weaving inside! Happy Weaving.

### **Newport News Fall Festival**

We are setting up our work schedule for the Guild booth at the Newport News Fall Festival 1-2 October 2005. We will need 2 shifts per day with 3-4 people for each shift for a total of 12-16 people. Take a look at your calendar and decide which shift you want. Email Jerry Bernstein or put your name on the list at the September meeting.

**Reminder:** All reimbursements must include a receipt and an After Action Report. Please send one copy to the Treasurer, Jerry Bernstein and one copy to the Vice President, Jamie Van Oekel. All reimbursements must be approved by the activity chair person.  
Thanks for your help!

We still have wonderful green aprons available with a nice embroidered Guilders Weave basket logo. They are treated with Scotch Guard to keep your clothing protected from water or stain bleeding through. We also have the totes with the Guilders Weave basket imprinted. Remember the great prices! Aprons are \$18 and the handy tote is only \$10. Contact Peggy at [pwillyums@cox.net](mailto:pwillyums@cox.net) or 546-7336 for more information.

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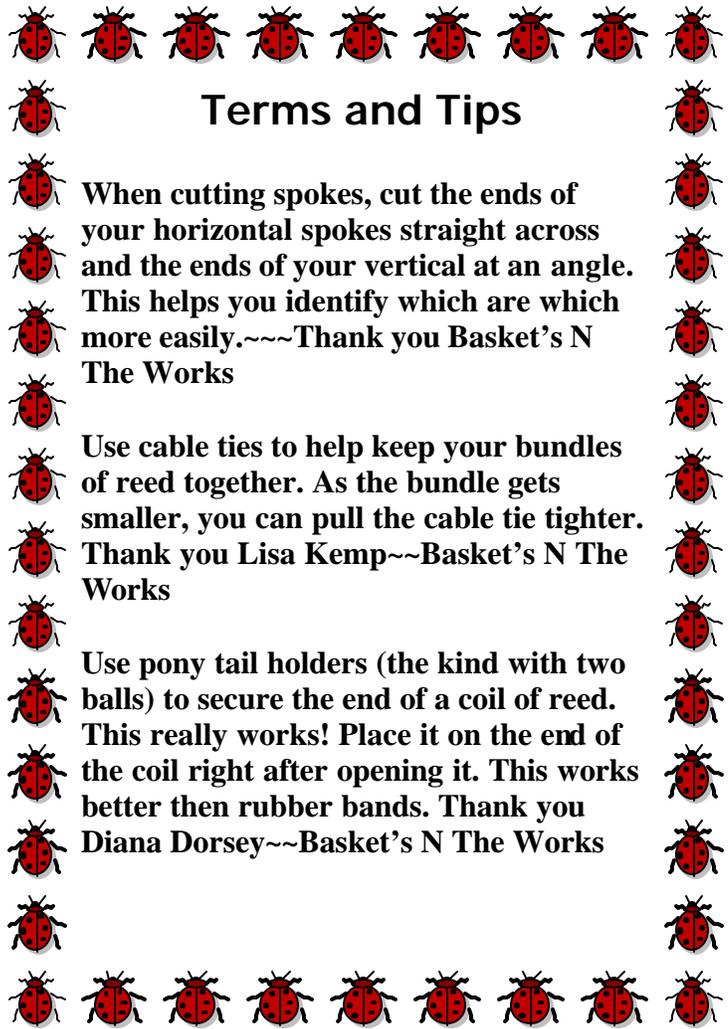
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**Terms and Tips**

**When cutting spokes, cut the ends of your horizontal spokes straight across and the ends of your vertical at an angle. This helps you identify which are which more easily.~~~Thank you Basket's N The Works**

**Use cable ties to help keep your bundles of reed together. As the bundle gets smaller, you can pull the cable tie tighter. Thank you Lisa Kemp~~Basket's N The Works**

**Use pony tail holders (the kind with two balls) to secure the end of a coil of reed. This really works! Place it on the end of the coil right after opening it. This works better then rubber bands. Thank you Diana Dorsey~~Basket's N The Works**

**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

**Reminder: Sept 1st is the start of registration for Guilders Weave. Make your selections now and get that stamped envelope ready for Sept. 1st.**

**Did you all see the proposal from Cass Schorsch? Please go to the website and look at the proposal and if you are interested email Laura White with your interest. We need to let Cass know now for a May 2006 class.**

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

## Bits, Pieces and Plugs from Jamie...

The Simpson classes were wonderful. Every request that we asked of Joel and Dawn was met with calm smiles. Nine weavers completed the morning Swirl Bowl class. Four weavers made the very cute Apple Basket in the afternoon class. In the midst of those classes, the Simpson's kept the day-long Quatrefoil trio on track. We hope to have another opportunity for Joel and Dawn to visit again soon.

### Calendar Notes...

**August 19-21, 2005** Anne Coleman Classes. We look forward to a full weekend of weaving at Simonsdale Civic Center in Portsmouth. All participants have received their class schedules. Weaving will commence at 9 am each day.

**September 11, 2005** Meeting 2:00 pm and Business Card Basket. (\$5.00)

Elections of the Offices of President and Secretary

Business Card basket will be taught, price is \$5.00. Members should call Jennifer Gramza to register for the class. Material fees can be paid at the meeting.

Newport News Fall Festival Oct. 1-2 volunteers sign up

OTP Oct. 15 sign ups, volunteers

Carolina Snowflake with Cathy Gray Nov. 6, sign up

Susan Reed Fanfoni class Nov. 19 sign up

**September 18, 2005** Larchmont Methodist Church Spirit Day

**October 1-2, 2005** Newport News Fall Festival

**October 15, 2005** Open To The Public Class

**October 23, 2005** Larchmont Methodist Church Spirit Day



### Guilders Weave 2005 Memories

Guilders Weave 2005  
Sherral getting a little instruction from Mary H.



Guilders Weave 2005  
Carol Ann enjoys her basket.

Guilders Weave 2005  
Jamie, Kim and Janice having way too much fun!



## **Guilders Weave 2006**

September first is almost here! As you know, that is the magic time of class selection for Guilders Weave 06! If you haven't visited the website yet you better do it quick. There are so many beautiful selections you will have a very hard time making up your mind! As hard as we try every year - the baskets are always more beautiful than their picture. Be sure to list lots of choices. (That shouldn't be a problem - I have been looking at them since June and I still can't decide on less than six per class time.)

Save your money! Peggy has picked some great memorabilia!

Don't forget that we are still looking for goodies for the welcome bags and door prizes. If you have anything to donate get in touch with us.

Tina & Donna

## **The Annual Pool Party**

### **Good Friends, Good Times, Good Food and no rain. What more could one ask?**

Fortunately the rain sticks did not have the intended effect on the picnic. Perhaps they must be fully decorated before they work. They did seem to bring a nice breeze that combined with the tree at the edge of the pool and provided a pleasant respite from the heat.

Although there may have been some doubt about covering a (perhaps) seldom-used broom the rain stick met with great enthusiasm. There was much sharing of materials so the weavings were bright and varied. However, everyone quickly discovered that it was not the fast project that they may have expected. Since this is always such an inquisitive group and couple of people had even researched the what, when, where and how of rain sticks. Perhaps they would be willing to share this info with everyone else.

The crowd was smaller than last year but that certainly didn't change the energy level.

Surprisingly more time was spent weaving than snacking, and when time came for lunch most continued to weave for a bit before taking a break. For the truly dedicated (or obsessed) it's hard to make the choice between eating and weaving. However, from the way the rain sticks looked when the picnic was over, there is still much weaving to be done.

After lunch the volunteer drawing was held. I actually won a fleece vest. Those who haven't seen them are in for a treat. They have the guild logo embroidered on the left front and come in many colors. Just what is needed for the (mostly) mild winters of Hampton Roads.

I think this was our 10th(9th?) picnic. Who keeps count when you're having fun. Although there were a couple of times the weather was too cool for swimming we've only had rain one year. That year we still had a great time with the class held in the garage. The water was perfect this year as attested to by our lone swimmer. As always Barbara Jessome is the only one brave enough to don a swimsuit. Billie

Congrats to our Volunteer Drawing winners:

Billie Dorris - TBG fleece vest

Carol Moff - TBG Windbreaker jacket

Jerry Bernstein - Registration for GW 06

Sherral Nelson - Registration for GW 06

Christy Newman - One year membership to TBG

Shannon Lovvorn - One year membership to TBG

## Nominations

The Nominating Committee would like to present to you the members running for the office of President and Secretary. Please read below a short paragraph on each member and then make your choice for each office on the ballot provided. If you are not attending the September 11, 2005 meeting, please mail a ballot to: Cindy Stanton 5556 Normandy Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

Thank you to those members running for office. We must have great board members to make TBG the great organization it is, so in the future please do consider running for a board position. It is a great way to meet a ton of awesome people.  
Nominating Committee

### For the Office of President:

**Sherral Nelson, Jamie VanOekel, Kim Voska**

**Sherral Nelson** is married to Kenneth, they have two daughters, Shauna, and Kendra. Shauna had their first grand baby in November, a girl Codi Alexis. She is weaving and in the Guild because of Joyce Smith. Sherral is so grateful to Joyce for getting her started. She works at Dominion Virginia Power.

**Jamie VanOekel** learned to weave with a neighbor who provided a "happy drink" to go with your weaving. Not sure if the drink had anything to do with it, but she was hooked the first night. That was 11 years ago. Jamie says "TBG has been a great group to weave with". Since becoming more involved in planning, Jamie has come to appreciate the members of the group even more. Jamie is honored to be considered for the nomination for president.

**Kim Voska** has been a member of TBG for about five years now. She loves weaving everything! Currently, she works as a Kindergarten teacher in York County and retired five years ago after 21 years in the Air Force. Kim is married and has three daughters ( one married and living in Chesapeake, one off to George Mason University this fall and a high school junior).

### For the Office of Secretary:

**Peggy Williams**

**Peggy Williams** learned about TBG while at the Virginia Beach craft show. She signed up there for an OTP class and loved weaving right away. That was three years ago this coming October. She has attended two GW's and is looking forward to GW 2006. Peggy took over the rest of Jamie's term as Secretary when she was elected Vice President. Peggy also has been handling the TBG shirt orders for the past year and memorabilia for GW 2005 and 2006.

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**Ballot Please circle one name in each category, bring your completed ballot to the Sept. 11, 2005 meeting or mail it to Cindy Stanton 5556 Normandy Ave. VA Beach, VA 23464 before Sept. 5, 2005.**

### Office of President (please circle only one)

Sherral Nelson

Jamie VanOekel

Kim Voska

### Office of Secretary

Peggy Williams