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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

Wow! Have we been busy! Our TBG fall has been full of great events that happened to coincide with wonderful fall weather. Many thanks to all our generous volunteers who made Newport News Fall Festival, Williamsburg Occasion for the Arts, Fall OTP, our Tug-A-Bag class, Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival, and our November meeting and class all fun events.

Our Holiday Party is next. We look forward to Billie's new kitchen (maybe not quite as much as she does) and the chance to gather for the fun of it. Bring your gift to exchange and a goodie to share. We will take a bit of that time to say a huge thank you to Laura White as her 2 terms as our president have come to a close. It all starts at 2pm on December 4.

Our 2006 calendar abounds with activities and opportunities. We start the year with our crown jewel Guilders Weave 06. Tina and Donna have done a great job in keeping everything on track. We are all looking forward to our classes there. We also look forward to three visiting teachers this year as well as our new "home-grown" weekend in August. Tips to Share and Weavin' Around will be two new permanent parts of our newsletter and general meetings. Please let us know if you are participating in shows or other activities related to basket weaving. We all like a good excuse to get out and see what our buddies are up to. Tips to Share can help us all learn shortcuts, new techniques or demonstrate new products.

Many thanks to our new VP Cathy Gray for stepping in to fill the VP vacancy til the next elections AND for taking the lead to coordinate and teach the Carolina Snowflake class at our November meeting. The ornament was stress-free, quick and beautiful. Cathy did a great job!

This year has been a hard one for many people. Our area has not experienced the devastation that other parts of our nation and the world have. As we look forward to the holidays and all the excitement and chaos that seem to always tag along, I hope you will all be able to take a few moments to relax with your loved ones in a way that is special to you and remember others who still have much to overcome. Best Wishes to you all for the happiest and safest of holidays.

Happy Weaving,
Jamie

Happy Thanksgiving



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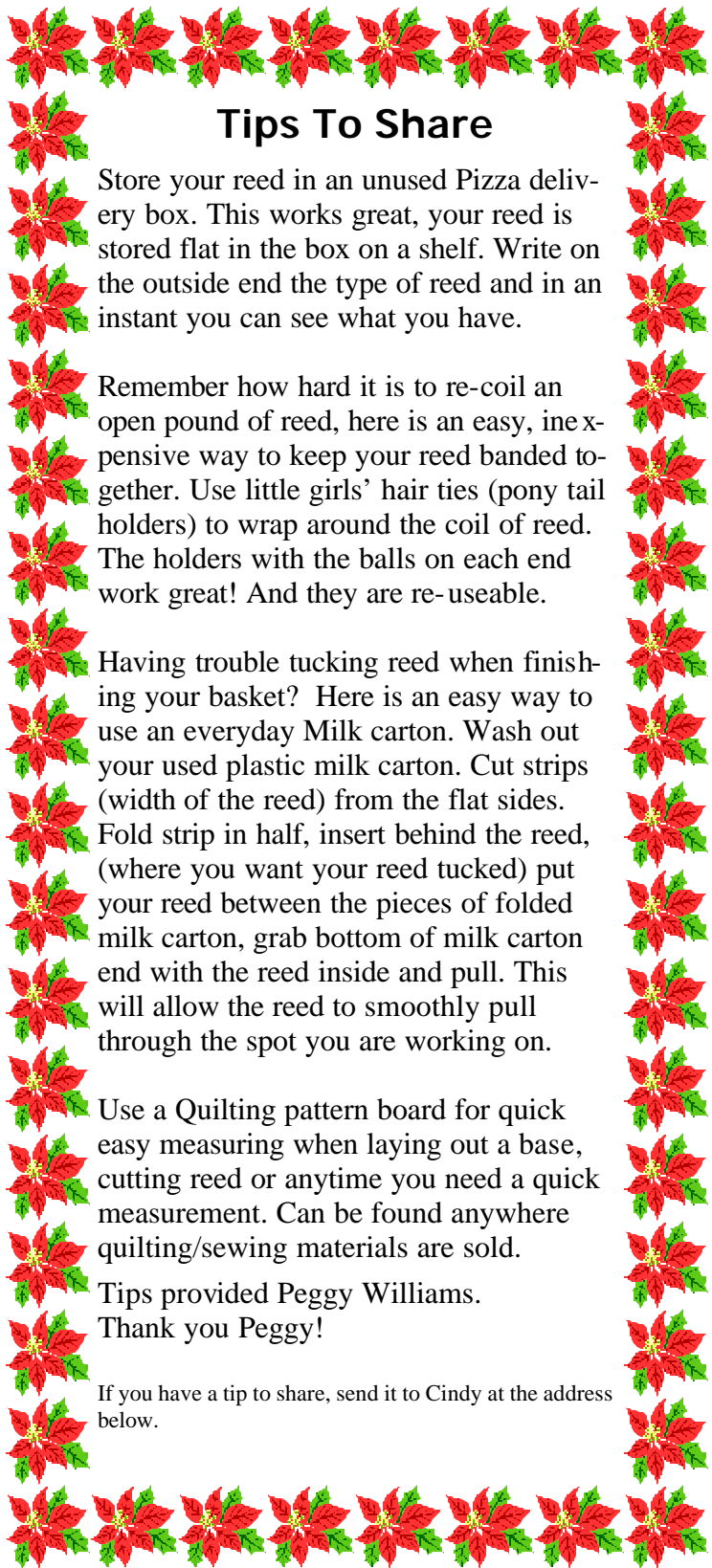
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Note from the Editor...

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



Tips To Share

Store your reed in an unused Pizza delivery box. This works great, your reed is stored flat in the box on a shelf. Write on the outside end the type of reed and in an instant you can see what you have.

Remember how hard it is to re-coil an open pound of reed, here is an easy, inexpensive way to keep your reed banded together. Use little girls' hair ties (pony tail holders) to wrap around the coil of reed. The holders with the balls on each end work great! And they are re-useable.

Having trouble tucking reed when finishing your basket? Here is an easy way to use an everyday Milk carton. Wash out your used plastic milk carton. Cut strips (width of the reed) from the flat sides. Fold strip in half, insert behind the reed, (where you want your reed tucked) put your reed between the pieces of folded milk carton, grab bottom of milk carton end with the reed inside and pull. This will allow the reed to smoothly pull through the spot you are working on.

Use a Quilting pattern board for quick easy measuring when laying out a base, cutting reed or anytime you need a quick measurement. Can be found anywhere quilting/sewing materials are sold.

Tips provided Peggy Williams.
Thank you Peggy!

If you have a tip to share, send it to Cindy at the address below.



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

Notes from Cathy.....

I am looking forward to serving out our former VP's term as the new Vice President. Jamie has certainly moved the bar a bit higher! I know we are certainly glad that she has taken on the duty of President and I am excited to work with everyone!

The Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival was a lot of fun! The weather was nice and there was a steady stream of people throughout both days. Several guild members and their children entered baskets for the judging competition. Congratulations to Judith Saunders for winning "Best of Division" with her bias weave copper piece!!

There were 22 attendees for the November's meeting snowflake class and everyone did such a great job!

In a recent conversation with Baskets of Joy owner, Maurine Joy, she was telling me how several small shops had to close down after a number of years in the basket supply business. Most of them said that it was due to larger companies being able to sell supplies at a better price. She reminded me that a nice thing about doing business with a small shop is that they usually can offer the special items that we love to include in our baskets, as well as very personal service. So if you would like to see the special items and service that comes from a smaller retailer, please try to pick up a few items like a pound or two of reed from them when you are placing your order for unique pieces. The 2006 Calendar is now posted on the website and attached in this newsletter.

Calendar Notes...

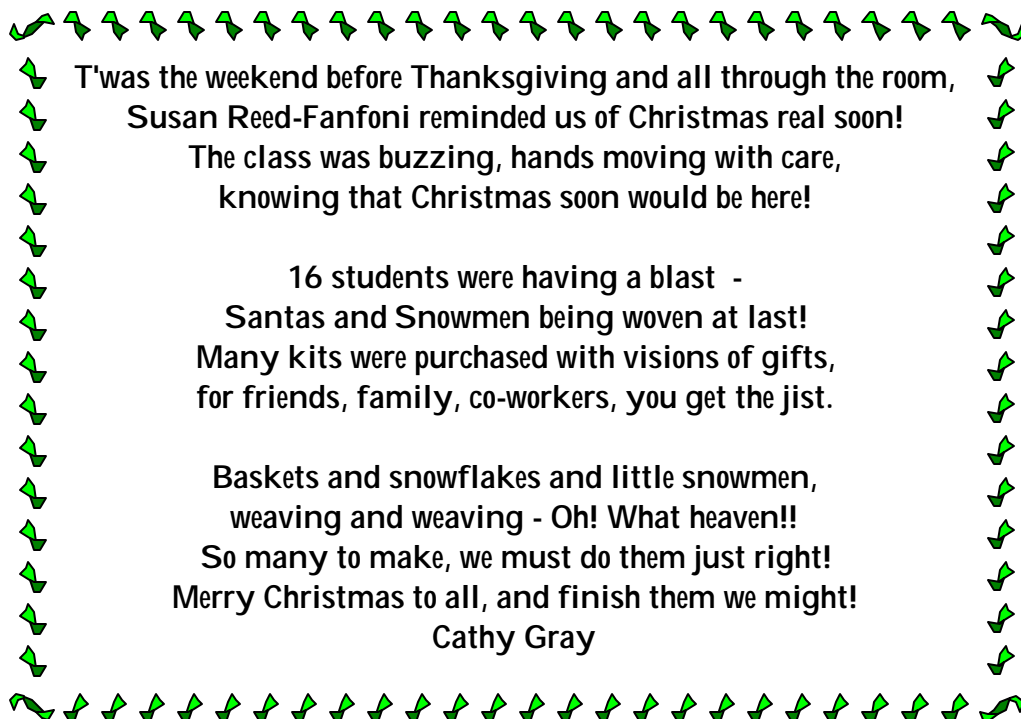
December 4, 2005, 2:00 pm Annual TBG Christmas Party at the home of Billie Dorris. Bring a small basket related gift for our Gift Exchange, a dish to share and have a great time enjoying the company of our fellow members. The day always proves to be a great time to be had by all!! Email the webmaster for directions.

January 8, 2006 Meeting 2:00 pm, Complete GW 2006 projects and Resizing your Basket Pattern.

January 12-15, 2006 Guilders Weave 2006

February 5, 2006 Meeting 2:00 pm, GW Show and Tell

February 25, 2006 Class and Open Weave



T'was the weekend before Thanksgiving and all through the room,
 Susan Reed-Fanfoni reminded us of Christmas real soon!
 The class was buzzing, hands moving with care,
 knowing that Christmas soon would be here!

16 students were having a blast -
 Santas and Snowmen being woven at last!
 Many kits were purchased with visions of gifts,
 for friends, family, co-workers, you get the jist.

Baskets and snowflakes and little snowmen,
 weaving and weaving - Oh! What heaven!!
 So many to make, we must do them just right!
 Merry Christmas to all, and finish them we might!

Cathy Gray

Guilders Weave 2006

Guilders Weave 06 is approaching fast! Now is the time to send in your checks for your assigned classes if you haven't already done so. Peggy has some great memorabilia for sale! If you can't find your order form, download another from the website. Andrea is still looking for door prizes. If you know of someone who would like to donate...give Andrea a call. Cathy and Sherry have some great surprises in our welcome bags but they could always use more. If you have something or know of someone who would like a little publicity by donating to our welcome bags...give Cathy or Sherry a call.

People are curious about where their registration money goes when they sign up for a basket convention. It depends on how the convention is set up. North Carolina, for example, uses registration money to pay their teachers. That is why some of their classes are less expensive than at other conventions. Others use registration money to cover hotel expenses. Guilders Weave, for example, uses registration money to pay the hotel for meals...that way they don't charge us for use of the ballrooms. Registration money also covers things like paper, ink, stamps, and goodies in our welcome bags. And the raffle money?...at Guilders Weave that money goes to reduce registration. Due to the wonderful support of our raffle GW was able to reduce registration costs two years in a row!

Donna and I want to thank all of you who have volunteered and taken on committee positions. You make this job easy! See you in January....Tina



October Open To The Public Class-Teacher Alice shows students the tricks of the trade.

TBG Picture Gallery



Anne Coleman Class-Glen, Sherry, Sherral and Carol show off their beautiful baskets.



Our New TBG Officers
President
Jamie and
Secretary
Peggy



May you all have a wonderful Holiday season and a Happy New Year!!

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting November 13, 2005

Meeting brought to order by our new President Jamie VanOekel. All other board members introduced themselves and told the office they hold. New members and visitors were welcomed. Charlene Cohoon was visiting. Carol Woolard, Chris Irby and Kirsten Dickason have joined the guild.

Kim Voska showed the 2006 Volunteer calendar and asked for volunteers to sign up for various openings.

Members were advised that the Susan Reed-Fanfoni class for Saturday, November 19th is full. For those attending, it will be held at the Simonsdale Civic Center and will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Cass Schorsh will be coming from Michigan in May for three days to teach three baskets. A sign up sheet is out for those members who are going to take the classes. Laura White will be collecting the class fees in January. These classes will be open to other guilds if TBG does not fill all the spaces.

Ann Bowers is willing to come teach in July but only if enough people are interested in pursuing this event. A sign up sheet with photos of the baskets is out for members wanting to learn her interesting patterns.

Jerry Bernstein gave his report on the Newport News Fall Festival. He said the TBG booth won \$200 for best display. Each person volunteering in the booth wove a section of a beautiful double wall, multicolored basket. Tammy Durant won the drawing for this wonderful prize.

Alice Wyvill reported the Williamsburg Festival of Arts was a success. The weather was good and there was a large turnout. There were people interested in attending an OTP but were reluctant to due the distance to Norfolk. She suggested that we think about having the fall OTP in Newport News/Williamsburg and the spring OTP in Norfolk.

Kim Voska was pleased with the four students who came to the October OTP. She thanked teachers Alice Wyvill, Ella Mae King, and Peggy Williams. While others were weaving, Diane Short verified the contents of the extra kits and made them ready for the next class. Kim mentioned her appreciation for TBG members who stopped by and visited during the class.

Cathy Gray discussed the Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival. She had four people volunteering for the booth. She liked the idea of the volunteer drawing basket and might try to incorporate for next year. Many baskets were entered in the judging and Judith Saunders won best of show with her copper bias weave basket.

The annual holiday party will be held on December 4th at 2:00 p.m. at Billie Dorris' home. Directions will be on the web. There will be a basket related gift exchange and potluck lunch.

Tina Chopin, our GW chairperson, was pleased to say that registration is up to 136. It is open to the day GW starts or 150 people, whichever comes first. There are still some classes with room left. Please get your checks for class payment in as soon as possible. Deadline is December 10th. If anyone needs a roommate, contact Tina. Door prizes are still being accepted. Contact Andrea Margrave is you have something to donate. Contact Cathy Gray for welcome bag goodies and Peggy Williams to order memorabilia. Volunteers are needed for basket swap runners, registration, etc.

Jamie explained the concept of our August weekend of using TBG talent to teach only our members. The instructor will set the class size, pattern and price. More information and an application form will be on the web as soon as possible. This event will be held at the Simonsdale Civic Center in Portsmouth.

Peggy Williams gave her tip on storing reed in unused pizza boxes, using ponytail ties for banding reed, cutting pieces of plastic milk carton to expedite tucking reed, and using a grided sewing mat for laying out a basket base.

Our new weaver Doreen Smith showed her first cathead basket. Her teacher (at home) was Sherral Nelson.

The meeting was closed to begin weaving the Carolina snowflake with Cathy Gray in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Williams

TBG Calendar for 2006

**Volunteers will be added and changes may be made,
we will update you through the newsletter.**

January

- 8th Meeting at 2:00
 - Resizing Your Basket Pattern
 - Complete GW 2006 projects – kit cutting, etc
 - Refreshments
- 12th – 15th Guilders Weave 2006

February

- 5th Meeting at 2:00
 - Guilders Weave Show and Tell
 - Sign up for Gathering of the Guilds March 25
 - Refreshments
- 25th Class and Open Weave
 - French randing and twill

March

- 5th Meeting at 2:00
 - Small Easter theme basket using glued on plastic mold
 - Sign up for Virginia Beach Craft Market
 - Sign up for Gathering of the Guilds March 25
- 16th – 19th NCBA
- 25th Gathering of the Guilds – Peggy Williams

April

- 2nd Meeting at 2:00
 - NCBA Show and Tell
 - Sign up for OTP May 20th (\$25.00)
 - Sign up for Americana Basket (June 4th meeting)
 - Sign up for Anne Bowers class in July 21-22
 - Smithsonian Craft Show
 - Refreshments
- 21st - 23rd Virginia Beach Craft Market at Pavilion

May

- 7th NO meeting
- 5th-6th – 7th Cass Schorsch classes
- 13th meeting and picnic, cut OTP kits
 - Sign up for OTP
 - Sign up for Americana Basket
 - Sign up for Anne Bowers classes July 15
- 20th OTP 9:00 to 4:00 \$25.00

June

- 4th Meeting at 2:00
 - Americana Basket (\$10.00)
 - Accepting nominations for Vice President and Treasurer
 - Last signup for Anne Bowers Class Money due for July 21-22
- 24th Open weave/time TBD

July

- 2nd NO meeting
- 21/22 Anne Bowers

August

- 6th NO meeting
- 5th Pool Party/pot luck at Billie Dorris'.
 - Weaving class by Cathy Cupp
 - Open weave
 - Volunteer drawing
 - Sign up for OTP October 14th \$25.00
 - Sign up for Newport News Fall Festival Sept 30 – Oct 1
 - Present slate of candidates for Vice President and Treasurer
- 18th, 19th, 20th TBG teaching classes at Simonsdale Civic Center

September

- 10th Meeting at 2:00
 - Show and Tell from weaving weekend at Simonsdale
 - Election of officers – Vice President and Treasurer
 - Class – Onion basket
 - Sign up for October 14th OTP
 - Sign up for Christmas weaving project Nov ?
- 30th – Oct 1st Newport News Fall Festival
- 23rd

October

- 1st NO meeting
- 1st Williamsburg Occasion for the Arts
- 14th OTP
- 22nd LUMC Fall Bazaar

November

- 5th Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival
- 12th General Meeting 2pm Christmas weaving project

December

- 3rd Holiday Party