

TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Fellow Members,

What a busy spring.... My life has been rather chaotic for the last couple of months. I have taken a new job (same company, different location, new work), have married off the youngest son, attended the Jim and Jimmie Kent classes at TriState and have missed several major Guild events. This missing of Guild events is really rare but not at all detrimental. I was ably replaced by Jamie Van Oekel, Peggy Williams, Cindy Stanton, Cathy Gray and others for the spring potluck/yard sale and Open to the Public classes. I want to thank all of our members for their outstanding support for these events. I understand that Peggy is giving Billie Dorris some competition as The Guild Hostess. OTP was again a successful event and has resulted in at least one new member. Be sure to welcome Kelly Smith to our guild.

Several of you have had problems getting in touch with me. I have fixed my phone system – my fax will no longer pick up on the first ring. I do have a new work number 203-5937 and new cell number 214-3348. If I don't answer, leave a message. I will return your calls.

We have a really busy schedule for the summer and fall. Jamie will give you an update on the plans for these classes. Call us if you have any questions. Tina and her committees are hard at work planning the best ever Guilders Weave. If you haven't volunteered for GW, call Tina and let her know that you want to participate. We always have a great

time. If you haven't volunteered to host one of our upcoming meetings, contact Kim Voska and get your name on the list.

I have had several members ask me about our plans to become a Not For Profit organization. We submitted our paperwork to Chuck Saunders, CPA (spouse of Judith) for processing last fall. He has come back with several questions and a request for additional information. The NFP committee met with him recently and provided the updates. We will keep you updated on the progress...hopefully it will be very soon with more news.

I have sent a thank you note to Judy King at the Tri-State Guild for the wonderful hospitality shown to our members attending the Jim and Jimmie Kent classes in May. I thought we fed our members well. The Tri-State folks cook as well as they weave.

Once again I want to thank Linda Lindner and Cindy Stanton for their outstanding June meeting. The class was great, kits were well prepared and refreshments were delicious. I loved all that lowfat fruit and high protein cheese. Linda and Cindy prepared and distributed approximately 35 kits for the Americana basket.

Enjoy your summer with more weaving.
Laura

Hello everyone! Our last meeting was lots of fun and I hope everyone finished their baskets. Mine is currently hanging on the front door and I smile every time I see it. I'm not sure where the ceramics hearts came from but there are just precious. Kellie Smith is our newest member. Please be sure to welcome her when you see her. Happy Summer to all of you and may you get some weaving done. I'll see you in Aug.
Jennifer...Membership Chair

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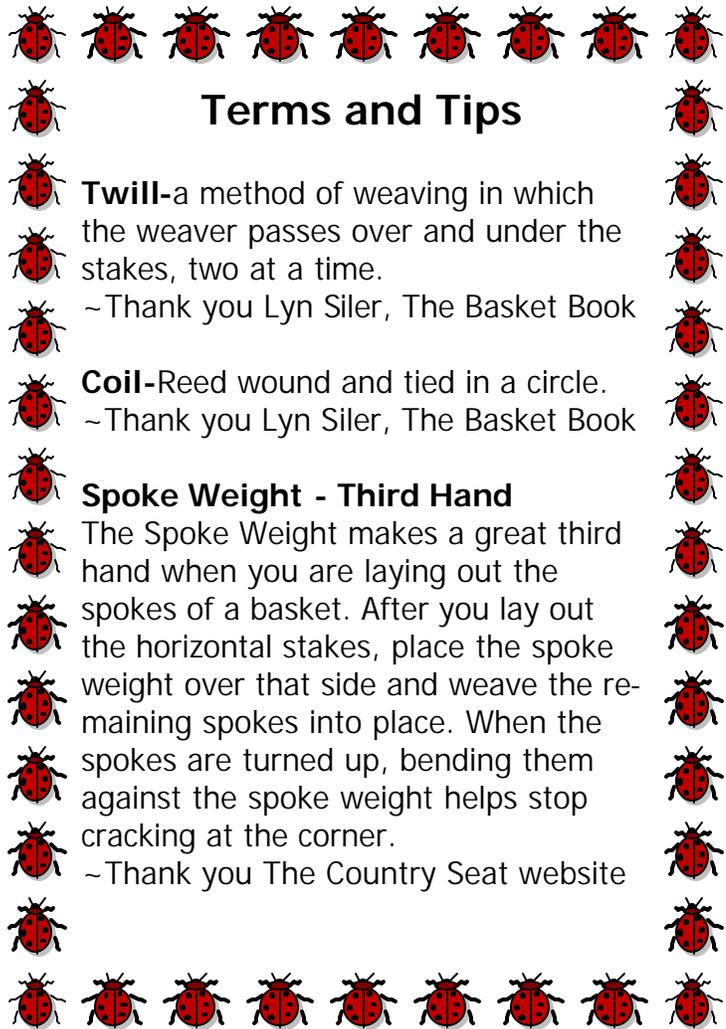
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Terms and Tips

Twill-a method of weaving in which the weaver passes over and under the stakes, two at a time.

~Thank you Lyn Siler, The Basket Book

Coil-Reed wound and tied in a circle.
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Spoke Weight - Third Hand
The Spoke Weight makes a great third hand when you are laying out the spokes of a basket. After you lay out the horizontal stakes, place the spoke weight over that side and weave the remaining spokes into place. When the spokes are turned up, bending them against the spoke weight helps stop cracking at the corner.

~Thank you The Country Seat website

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

Check this out:

Basket Article Alert!

The July Country Living has a nice article and beautiful pictures on Jeffery Gale and his basketry.

Reminder: NCBA membership is due before the end of July. Send your dues in now.



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

Bits, Pieces and Plugs from Jamie...

Summer is definitely here and our TBG summer lineup is full of hot weaving opportunities!!

Dawn and Joel Simpson will be here July 16 for 2 classes and our Anne Coleman weekend is set for August 19,20,21. And do not forget the infamous TBG Summer Pool Party at Billie's on August 6!! Notifications have gone out for the Simpson class participants. Those who signed up for any Anne Coleman classes should have received their notifications by now. Remember your money is due now!

The festivities at Billie's will begin at 10:00 am, RAIN OR SHINE. The pot luck lunch is always a hit so start looking for that special recipe. We like cooks who like to show off! All "After Action Reports" from special activities and monthly meetings need to be turned in to me ASAP so that I have all volunteer names in for the volunteer prize drawings that afternoon.

Save all those little scraps of reed for our project that day or bring a project from home. No matter what, plan to visit and weave.

Our theme for the TBG raffle basket for Guilder's Weave 2006 will be "Pamper Yourself". If you have a favorite product that you use as a special treat, please consider donating one to the guild basket. We will begin accepting donations at the pool party.

Before you know it, the Newport News Fall Festival weekend will be here. Start checking your calendars for your day and time to weave and chat.

May your summer be relaxing and full of enjoyment!

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 Guilder's Weave basket imprinted. Remember the great prices!! Aprons are \$18 and the handy tote is only

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!

TBG Members of NCBA,

Some members of TBG, including certain of the weaving elders, helped at last years NCBA convention by wrapping the classroom tables with plastic. Because they had a great system and did such a FANTASTIC job we have been asked to participate again next year. This basically means meeting around 9 p.m. on Wednesday evening before convention starts and cutting large sheets of plastic and taping them to the table. It is an easy task but one made easier by having many hands available. So would those members who are planning on being there on Wednesday evening and are willing to help please let me know.

p.s. I hope those weaving elders can remember the system.

Thanks

Billie Dorris basketsbybillie@cox.net

Guilders Weave 2006

We have a wonderful group of committee members working hard to make sure everyone has a terrific time at Guilders Weave 06! **Peggy** has a whole list of things you will love to buy! She also found some interesting ideas for **Cathy and Sherry** to use in the welcome bags. Cathy and Sherry could use some help from you, too. If you know of anyone who would like to donate please let them know. **Andrea** is searching for door prizes. We will be asking all of you to donate something at GW but in the meantime keep your eyes open for things in the community. **Jamie** is in charge of the raffle. We are asking everyone in the guild to bring an item to the annual pool party that will go in our guild basket. The theme is "pampering". **Cindy** with help from **Jamie** is heading up the basket jurying. Weavers, the baskets are gorgeous!!!! Donna and I want to sign up for about 12 classes each! **Kim and Carol** are heading the Basket Swap - now is a good time to be planning what you will weave for the swap - and the kits for the welcome bags. **Carol and Glen** will see that we are well fed during our breaks. **Alice** is managing the Market Place. **Sherral, Judith, and Ella Mae** will man the registration desk. **Diane** will help our vendor set up.

The rooms are reserved and this year will all come with a microwave and refrigerator. Registration will include 2 lunches and the banquet and this year we will offer an optional box lunch for Sunday.

Any questions, suggestions, or especially offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Just contact any committee member or email us at guildersweave06@cox.net.

Tina and Donna

The Guilders Weave 2006 Committee hard at work!!



The **Annual Pool Party** is on August 6, 2005 starting at 10:00 am at the home of Billie Dorris. Please remember to bring a lawn chair, a dish to share and we will have something to work on...more to come on that. Directions to Billie's home are on the website under the Members Only page. This always is a fun event, come out and mingle with our members and have a great time!

Come One Come ALL!!!!

Nominations....we are looking for nominations for the Offices of President and Secretary...please give Laura White or Cindy Stanton a call to ask questions or to volunteer to run for these offices. Our Guild cannot do it without the great work of our board, please step up and volunteer. Thank you.