



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Members,

Our thanks once again to our holiday hostess, Billie Dorris for hosting an outstanding gathering. The Holiday Party is always one of the season highlights due to Billie's warm hospitality and our famous gift exchange. I was disappointed that my real job kept me in Hawaii through most of the preHoliday season but, all the reports and the photos declare it to be a real success even without the Pres. A couple of our new members told me they were already shopping for that perfect exchange gift for next years party. If you haven't seen the photos, Mary Jo has them in the latest Guild album. After looking at the album, I am sure someone must have spiked the spiced cider. I really do hate to miss a good party.

Our thanks to Billie for coordinating the January meeting. The presentation by Earlene Lampman, co-owner of the Riverview Gallery in Portsmouth, was a real eye opener for some of our members who were interested in marketing their crafts. In a similar mode our March meeting, coordinated by Cindy Stanton, will present ideas on planning and preparing for teaching classes on basketry. The presentations will be geared towards all types of classes including informal, OTP, Scouts, school classes, convention, etc. Our experienced teachers will close the meeting with a question and answer session.

Our February 26th session has something for everyone. Kim Voska will be teaching her crocheted Craft Bag. Cathy Gray will be teaching a beginning egg basket. If you are interested in signing up for either of these classes, contact the teacher soon. Anyone wanting to join us that day can bring a basket to weave on in Open Weave.

Guilders Weave 2005 has been filed away and it is time to start a new chapter for Guilders Weave 2006. It is amazing the amount of planning and preparation that goes into our annual event. Almost before Alice could sigh in relief, Tina Chopin and Donna were picking up the reins and starting again. There truly is a lot of work involved in an event of this size. Alice, our 2005 Chair, insists that her volunteers did all the work while she received all the glory. Glory or not, our Chair and all her volunteers deserve our highest praise for a

great weekend. I was continually impressed by the enthusiasm and warmth expressed by our GW volunteers. Every task seemed completed with a smile and a greeting. I heard praises all around by visiting attendees for the generous raffle prizes, the awe inspiring prayer delivered at the banquet by our very own Chaplain Diana, the beauty and craftsmanship of the baskets in the basket swap, the outstanding quality and reputations of our teachers, the wonderful welcome bags full of great surprises, the fast and efficient registration process and everything else. No details were left undone. I have to agree with Alice. It is great to walk around and accept the credits from the work YOU ALL do. It seems like I am always thanking you guys for something, but, you are all truly special and it does make me proud to claim you.

After a short rest period, Jamie and I went back to work on the guild calendar. We are in contact now with possible visiting teachers to fill in the classes for June, July and September. We will let you know more as events evolve. Keep an eye on the website. Cindy will be posting all the new information as soon as it is finalized—maybe even before in tentative format. Check Jamie's article for the latest in guild events.

I was thinking that Mary Jo and Peggy should perhaps train us all in the salesmanship stuff they were pushing at GW with memorabilia and raffle tickets. They were outstanding—Peggy cleared all her costs for the bags and aprons and Mary Jo's multiple item raffle far exceeded our previous years. Their combined efforts will help to maintain and hopefully even reduce our overall expenses for next year. Way to go ladies...

Kim Voska announced at the January meeting that she had volunteers for all the regular guild meetings through June. We still need volunteers for program support for several upcoming events. We need volunteers, chairperson and coordinators for OTP for May and October and for the May Pavilion. Talk to Kim and Jamie and get your names on the lists. Thank you all for always being willing to help.

Happy Weaving,Laura

Happy
Valentine's
Day!!!



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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

Terms and Tips:

Aging....the process that occurs when a basket turns dark from natural environmental elements.

Dyeing....coloring reed with any number of commercial dyes.

Reed...the inner core of rattan that has been cut into flat, round, flat oval, half round, or oval shapes; used for baskets and furniture.

Scarfig.... to join by cutting the two end pieces, usually beveled or on a slant, so they fit together smoothly.



GW 2005
Shirley, Alyce and Shannon have way too much fun weaving!

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

Bits, Pieces and Plugs from Jamie...

After being inspired by such a great Guilders Weave, we are all ready to try all those new ideas and patterns. We look forward to our 2 classes on **February 26** at Larchmont Methodist. On one end of the room, Kim Voska will be demonstrating her famous crocheted tool bag. On the other end of the room, Cathy Gray will be teaching a basic ribbed basket. Open weavers are also welcome!

Many of the TBG gang will be heading to Raleigh for the NCBA convention in March. For those of you who are staying in the neighborhood, stop by and visit the TBG booth at the **Gathering of the Guilds** at the Francis Land House in Virginia Beach on **March 19**.

WANTED: One coordinator and several volunteers for the **Spring Craft Show** at the Pavilion **April 15-17!!** Set up takes place Thursday afternoon (14th). Volunteers to demonstrate and meet and greet can schedule 4 hour shifts 10-2 and 2-6 on Friday and Saturday and 10-1 and 1-5 on Sunday. Please contact me to claim your spot.

Our **Potluck/Firesale/Open Weave/OTP Kit Cutting Extravaganza** will be at Laura's on **May 14**. Start time will be announced in April. Come for part or come for all!

Our Spring **Open To the Public** class is scheduled for **May 21** at Larchmont Methodist. A **coordinator** is **needed** to make calls and take money. Teachers and assistants are needed to teach the market or round basket. At the Fall 04 OTP, the teachers learned as much from each other as the students learned, and everyone enjoyed lots of laughs. Call or email me on this one, too!

Jamie

“Weave a bit of joy in your life each day” Joni T. Ross

February 26, 2005– Crocheted Tool Bag with Kim Voska

Beginner Rib Basket with Cathy Gray and Open Weave.

March 6, 2005 – Meeting 2:00 pm “Teaching Basket Classes”

March 17-20, 2005– NCBA Convention in North Carolina

March 19, 2005 – Gathering of the Guilds

April 3, 2005—Meeting 2:00 pm NCBA Show and Tell

April 15-17, 2005—Va. Beach Spring Craft Show

Happy Easter

Please remember to check the website for a complete list of upcoming events.

<http://www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org>



Guilders Weave 2005 Thank You!!

A big thank you to all who participated in Guilders Weave 2005! This event was a success because of each of you - the attendees, the volunteers and the teachers. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. We had a fantastic group of people attending, excellent teachers and classes, and volunteers that really put together a first-class event. What about those baskets? the raffle items? the door prizes? the basket swap? the memorabilia? the mas-seuse? our vendor, Suzanne Moore's NC Basketworks? and the items available at the market place? We all went home with beautiful baskets, kits, supplies, and wonderful memories of the camaraderie we shared. Thanks again for your support and participation. Tina Chopin and Donna Atkinson will chair and co-chair next year's event and I hope to see you all in 2006.....Alice



GW 2005
 Karen Zane's Basket class. Look at all the beautiful baskets and the chairman and co-chair even found time to weave!

GW 2005
 Tina's dream comes true...to meet the one and only Lyn Siler! Can you believe it?



Guilders Weave 2006

We had a blast at Guilder's Weave! Alice is a hard act to follow. We have already started to plan Guilder's Weave 06. The hotel is secured (they promise our food will be wonderful) and several members have already volunteered (yeah). "Mother Billie" is willing to be in charge of basket selection – a tough job! I witnessed it for the first time last year and was overwhelmed with all the choices. What we didn't choose would have made a good convention! Carol and Dick Moff are going to be our Hospitality Couple again. Wasn't it lovely unwinding with all that great food, fun company, and pictures of past conventions? Carol already has ideas to add to her already perfect job. Peggy "the Hustler" Williams is raring to go. Actually, I don't think she has stopped. Did you see her brilliant idea for a bottle of wine in the side pocket of the tote bag? Cindy Stanton, our multi-talented whiz has volunteered, "to do anything you need". God bless her! Her motto is "ask and it shall be done". Which brings us to a plea for more volunteers. How would you like to help out next year? Would you be willing to be in charge?, be a co?, be on a committee? The joy of our guild is that we all get along so well. Volunteering is FUN! ...and everyone appreciates what you do! Just let us know. For the record we have set up a separate email address for Guilder's Weave 06 business: guildersweave06@cox.net. (How about that for easy memory?) We are looking for mail telling us what was wonderful at 05 and we should definitely do again, what you think could be improved, and how you are willing to help make 06 as fun as 05.

...Tina and Donna



Christmas Party 2004

Thank you Billie for hosting another great TBG Party! We all had a wonderful time, make a note to be there next year!