



BASKETRY GUILD

From the President's Pen...

Dear Guild Members,

With Guilders Weave 2004 successfully completed, we can all pat ourselves on the back. As Cindy said repeatedly, the event is only possible because so many of our members volunteer and participate so enthusiastically. We do appreciate all your efforts and want to take this opportunity to say thank you ALL for your support.

Volunteer Coordinator, Alice Wyvill, has once again filled our annual guild calendar with volunteers. We have a chairperson for every special event scheduled for the entire year and a volunteer for all our monthly meetings.

Review your calendar for upcoming events. We have Judith Saunders Bias Weave workshop coming up the 28th of this month. If you have not registered and paid your \$15.00, give Tina Chopin a call and get on the student list. Linda Lindner will be teaching the Jelly Bean Easter Basket for the March 7th meeting. There is no cost to the students but we do need to get an accurate student count in order to prepare the basket kits. Contact Linda Lindner if you want to make this basket at the March 7th meeting. If not, we will be doing an open weave so bring your unfinished basket.

On the calendar for 20 March is the Gathering of the Guilds at the Francis Land House. Barbara Jessome will be chairing this event and will need a couple of volunteers. This is a great way to get acquainted with the activities of other Tidewater guilds such as wrought iron workers, quilters, tatting, etc.

Jerry Bernstein is looking for volunteers to man our display at the Virginia Beach Spring Show at the Pavilion on 30 April – 2 May. Contact Jerry and let him know which days you can work. If you've never been to this

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show, check it out. It is one of the better shows in the area.

We will not be holding our regular meeting on the 4th of May but will be having a Dye Workshop and cookout on the 15th. If you have projects planned requiring particular colors, let me know. We will try to accommodate as many color requests as possible. Sue Legault will be chairing the Smithfield Olden Days display on the 29th of May. Sue will be looking for assistance for this fun filled event. If you haven't been through the shops in Smithsfield, it is well worth the trip.

Linda Linder is still taking names and desired baskets for the Anne Coleman class planned for August 20, 21, 22. We have gotten a good response on this and should be able to offer the classes. We will let you know more about this and the class location later.

We did not have enough interest from our members to book the Porcupine Quill Box class with Donna Carlson for this year. We have told her we will add her to our list of teachers for GW 2005 and have encouraged her to submit class proposals at that time.

Check out the website for the annual Smithsonian Craft Show, April 22- 25th on <http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.com/>. This is a great opportunity. If you get a chance to go, all of the exhibits are well worth seeing but the basketry is remarkable. Once again a big thanks to Billie for hosting a great Holiday party. The gift exchange was a true challenge with the gifts getting better and better each year. The hand crafted items took center stage this year with coasters from Ella Mae and a marvelous mini basket hanging from Carol. These will be hard to top. Looks like we need to start planning our exchange now

..Laura

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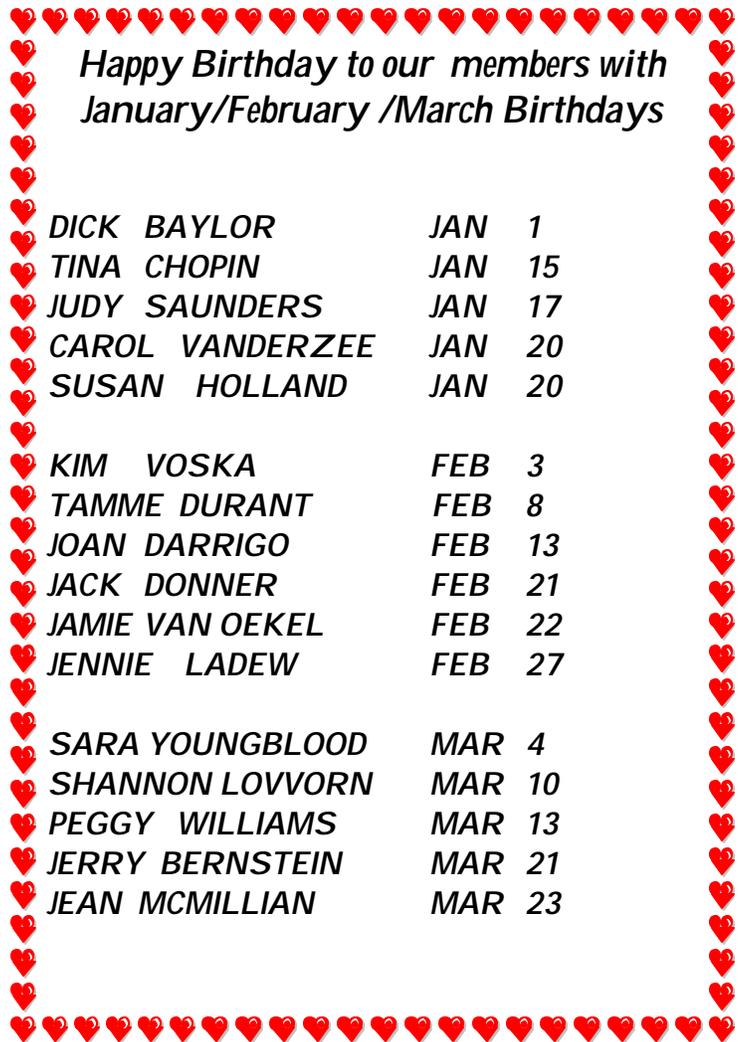
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*Happy Birthday to our members with
 January/February /March Birthdays*

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<i>TAMME DURANT</i>	<i>FEB</i>	<i>8</i>
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<i>PEGGY WILLIAMS</i>	<i>MAR</i>	<i>13</i>
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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 phone 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

Note from the Queen Mother...

Woodcraft has opened a new store in the Janaf/Military Circle area. This is the place where I get the big rolls of sticky sandpaper I use on the rims/spokes of my baskets. They also have lots of neat tools and supplies some which work for basketweavers. Before this the closest store was in Northern VA. Classes are also available...which I have already signed up for. Go by and check out the store. Billie

Notes from Linda...

February 28, 2004***Judith Saunders, Bias Weave Workshop 9:00 am until ?

Open Weave on any unfinished baskets.

Sign up for Jelly Bean Easter Basket, Mar. 7.

Sign up for Gathering of the Guilds, Mar. 20

March 7, 2004***** Meeting at 2:00pm.

Jelly Bean Easter Basket—teacher Linda Lindner

Sign up for Gathering of the Guilds, Mar. 20

Sign up for VA. Beach Craft Market

March 18-24, 2004 **NCBA Convention.

March 20, 2004 **** Gathering of the Guilds

April 4, 2004***** Meeting at 2:00pm. NCBA Show and Tell (NCBA Baskets and others)

Sign up for VA Beach Craft Market

Sign up for OTP Class (as volunteer or as student)

Sign up for 4th of July Basket

Refreshments

April 17-24, 2004*** Colonial Williamsburg Basket Tour

April 22-25, 2004 ***Smithsonian Craft Show

April 30-May 2, 2004* VA Beach Craft Market at the Pavilion

Please remember to check the website for a complete list of upcoming events and our 2004 Calendar.

<http://www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org>

Treasurers Report

Receipts/Expense 2-26-03—2-1-04

For the Treasurers Report please check the website, Members only page.

Upcoming Basketry Event in Strathroy Weaving and More in 2004

Southwestern Ontario Basketry Guild

Pre-Conference & Conference

August 18 & 19, 2004/ August 20-22, 2004

Featuring a variety of basket weaving and beading opportunities for all levels of basket weavers, the second Southwestern Ontario Basketry Guild conference hosts expert teachers from Canada and the United States sharing their skills and design specialties. Pre-conference features workshops with Flo Hoppe and Sharon Breckenridge. On Thursday evening, August 19, mini workshops (2 to 3 hrs.) will be offered. Saturday evening's banquet features guest speaker Flo Hoppe, "My Life in Basketry," followed by teacher's marketplace and a silent auction.

For more information or to have your name on the mailing list, contact Alice Lingard, 291 Adelaide St. Strathroy, Ontario CANADA N7G 2V9, 519-245-2627 or lingardo@sympatico.ca

Guilders Weave 2004

Wow!!! What a wonderful 3 days we all had!!

We all waited for the snow to greet us again, such as last year, but that never happened. The weather was cold but beautiful.

We watched as 147 eager students and teachers arrived for a fun filled weekend. Smiling faces everywhere, by Sunday we had tired fingers and happy raffle winners! We also heard singing this year, and you know who you are!!

A HUGE thank you to the staff of the Point Plaza - John, Gail, Jennifer and the front desk. Also, we cannot forget the maintenance man Brian - he had to deal with all the "hot one minute" and "cold the next". That's what happens when you put that many women together in two rooms, having fun and weaving!

Also, we cannot forget to thank everyone for the wonderful goodies in the Hospitality Room. Thank you Dick, Carol and Diana for all your help and organization.

Our vendor – Suzanne Moore's North Carolina Basketworks – we cannot thank you and Phil enough for all the many goodies you brought and we bought!!

The Basket Swap went just as smooth as always and thank you to Sam and her runners.

Again this year our banquet was delicious. Door prizes were in abundance and thank you to all those who donated items. Thank you Sherral and Judith for all your great work collecting door prizes and putting together the wonderful welcome bags! Special thanks go to the folks who so generously donated to the Welcome Bags and Door Prizes. All the guilds, we cannot thank you enough, you are a big help to us!!

The raffles were again this year a huge success! Thank you to Billie and Dick for your many hours and beautiful work! Carol Ann and Sandy, you both enjoy your winnings, we are all very jealous!

We cannot thank enough all our volunteers! You are what makes this event happen and go as smoothly as it did.

Forgive me if I miss anyone! Laura, Jamie, Shirley, MaryJo, Sam, Alice, Meredith, Colleen, Roma, Peggy, Ella Mae, Andrea, Laurie, Velda, Judith, Sherral, Billie, Dick, Carol, Diana, Linda, Kim, Carol Ann, Christy and Tina.

NCBA had nice things to say about GW check out their website http://www.ncbasketmakers.com/latest_news.htm

I would like to announce the Chairperson for Guilder Weave 2005, Alice Wyvill. We all are so excited that Alice will be taking on the wonderful event of Guilders Weave. Alice, we are all behind you and are all here for you. Thank you for stepping up and chairing this great event! Volunteers be ready to say yes when Alice calls!

GREAT JOB to everyone and I hope to see you all in 2005!

Cindy Stanton
GW Chair 2004

Our Raffle winners :
Left-Carol Ann Blair with Dick Moff

Right- Billie Dorris with Sandy
Sowers

