



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Guild Members,

A special thanks to our Newsletter Editor, Cindy Stanton, for that outstanding March issue featuring Guilders Weave 2002. Actually she is really very fortunate that Sam, Alice and I were all **too tired** after GW 2002 to give her the appropriate thanks for that remarkable photo she printed showing the three of us at our best. Once again we want to thank all of our GW 2002 volunteers for making the event such an outstanding success. The Guild is all about our members and we feel especially fortunate that so many of our new members are ready to take on Guild tasks with such enthusiasm.

It has been a very busy couple of months. Here are just a few of the highlights.

Carol Moff's Porcupine Basket Class was a complete success with more than twenty members taking home a colorful masterpiece. Our thanks go to Carol and her volunteers for this opportunity to experience a new style of weaving.

NCBA Convention was a time of delight for fourteen of our members. We had an opportunity to catch up with old friends, shop like crazy for basket materials, and weave 'til our fingers ached. The work of Anne Bowers and Lynn Schlichting (two of our GW 2002 teachers) were among those receiving awards in the Exhibit Room. Attached is an application for membership in NCBA, as membership is required for attending the Convention. This is truly one of the most entertaining weekends available for basket weavers and provides experience with a wide variety of materials and styles as demonstrated in our April Show and Tell.

While we were weaving in North Carolina, Mary Jo Baylor and committee were displaying and demonstrating basket-weaving at the Francis Land House with the **Gathering of the Guilds**. Our thanks to Mary Jo and her volunteers.

For those who missed the April Meeting, the membership voted to establish our web site using AKA Systems. Our editor, Cindy Stanton will be the creative brilliance behind this effort. We are eagerly looking forward to having this up and running in the near future under our registered name, www.

tidewaterbasketryguild.org. We will be using the website as the primary means of announcing classes for Guilders Weave 2003 and for keeping our members up to date on what is happening in the Guild.

Speaking of beyond the call of duty, Alice Wyvil stepped in when our scheduled instructor cancelled the February class due to family illness. Alice's fill-in class, the **Flared Flower Basket**, was a tremendous success. Many members attended the session as an **open weave** and worked with Meredith to catch up on their Technique/Sampler basket. Our thanks to Alice for this class and also for her Napkin Basket taught at the March meeting.

The Virginia Beach Craft Market was an outstanding success. If even half of the OTP applications come back completed, Rhonda will be recruiting teachers in bunches. A three-day event requires a lot of volunteer hours. Our thanks to Marin Starlin, Sara Youngblood, Arlene Wallace, Joyce Smith, Cindy Stanton, Jennifer Gramza, Janis Wetzel, Linda Lindner, Debbie Henderson, Alice Wyvil, Rhonda Jones, and Mary Jo Baylor. A special thanks to Billie Dorris and Faye Bernstein for their artistic efforts and to Jerry Bernstein for his patience and muscles required for the fetching and carrying for Billie and Faye.

Remember the **May meeting will be held on Saturday 10:00am at my house**. This will be a dye workshop and Potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish, your favorite chair, and any reed you wish to dye. **Do dress to DYE**. The guild will provide some reed for dyeing for new weavers and we will demonstrate the use of various types of stains and finishing techniques.

Directions: Take I 64 East. Take Great Bridge/Battlefield Blvd (168 South) Exit. Continue on Battlefield Blvd across the Great Bridge Locks. Go through the first light (Cedar Road) and take the next right (Old Drive). It will be the fourth house on the left, 121 Old Drive, 547-1805. Call for additional instructions.

...Laura

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Kathy Fox Arlington, VA

Please help me in **Welcoming Jennifer Gramza** as our new Membership Chairperson. Jennifer joined us in Nov. 2001, and we would like to thank Jennifer for all her help.

Many of you have tasted the wonderful Lemon Bars that **Rhonda Jones** has made in the past, well here is the recipe that many have asked for.. But Rhonda that doesn't mean you can stop making them!!!

Rhonda Jones' Wonderful Rich Lemon Bars

1 1/2 cups plus 3 tablespoons unsifted flour
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
3/4 cup cold butter
4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup lemon juice
additional confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350. In medium bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups flour and 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Press onto bottom of lightly greased 13 X 9-inch baking pan; bake 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in large bowl combine eggs, granulated sugar, baking powder, lemon juice and remaining 3 tablespoons of flour. Pour over baked crust; bake 20 to 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. Cut into bars. Sprinkle with additional confectioners' sugar. Stove covered in refrigerator .

TBG Marketplace

Did you know that we have a Marketplace? **Linda Lindner** has recently taken on the management of our store. We now have for sale:

Aprons with the TBG logo \$15
Trivet/tiles with the TBG logo \$10
Scissor sheaths with TBG printed on them \$3

Linda will be taking t-shirt orders, contact her at 721-0178 or email LLind94562@aol.com **Thanks Linda** for all your help!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Jerry Bernstein** for making and donating the scissor sheaths, they are beautiful!

WHAT? GUILDERS WEAVE *already*?

Ohhh, yeah. Planning for next year's event is underway as you read this. The dates are Jan 16 - Jan 19, 2003. Yep, it's a longer event, in response to your many requests. We'll start late Thursday afternoon and continue through early afternoon on Sunday. Since Monday the 20th is MLK holiday, some of you will have some recoup time. We have issued the call for teachers and will soon be in the process of selecting class proposals. Want to submit a class proposal or get involved? Call Sam.

Calendar Notes from Meredith

SATURDAY / MAY 4 / 10:00 AM – Dye workshop and Potluck in Laura’s backyard. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you have some reed that needs dying and a particular color other than red, blue, and green, bring it. We will demonstrate space dying, removing loose reed “hairs” with a blowtorch, and staining the finished baskets with various methods.

NO MEETING ON SUNDAY MAY 5

SATURDAY / MAY 18 – Open to the Public Class / 9:00 – 5:00 Rhonda’s Round Basket will be taught along with the usual Medium Market for \$25. Any questions, please, contact Rhonda Jones at 479-4736 or rejl@worldnet.att.net More volunteer teachers and assistants are needed.

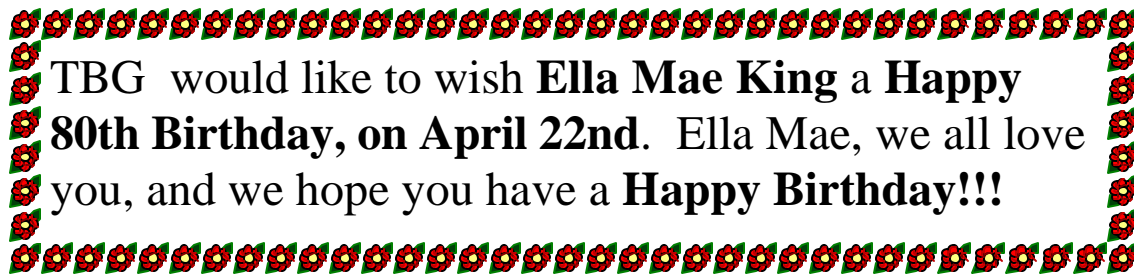
JUNE 2/ 2:00 PM – meeting, Technique basket, Knotless Netting

JUNE 22- Small Tote Basket with shaker tape handles

JULY– No meeting.

AUGUST 3- Annual Pool Party at Billie’s, bring your favorite dish, open weave and Anne Bower’s class.

These are brief notes this month. My mother’s is visiting from Iowa and we have been going nonstop. I will send out a mass emailing after her departure on the 23rd.



TBG would like to wish **Ella Mae King** a **Happy**
80th Birthday, on April 22nd. Ella Mae, we all love
 you, and we hope you have a **Happy Birthday!!!**

The Smithsonian Craft Show, the nation's premier juried exhibition and sale of contemporary American crafts, presents its 20th anniversary show. Selected by jury from among 1,368 applicants, **120 master artists** from across the country, display their latest one-of-a-kind and limited edition pieces in twelve categories: basketry, ceramics, decorative fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, wearable art and wood. This event is held at the National Building Museum, 401 F Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. Use Metro Station: Judiciary Square (Red Line). **WHEN:** Thursday - Sunday, **APRIL 25-28**, 2002 from 10:00-8:00 Thursday and Friday, 10:00 – 6:00 Saturday, 11:00 – 5:00 Sunday. General Admission \$12. Take a look at the website. <http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.com> There was not enough interest in the planned group trip to warrant the rental of a bus. We will return the checks at the next meeting unless told otherwise

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 ★ MARY JO BAYLOR MAY 07 ★
 ★ MAREN STARLING MAY 08 ★
 ★ CINDY STANTON MAY 14 ★
 ★ MARY HAYES MAY 17 ★
 ★ CATHY CUPP MAY 23 ★
 ★ HELEN SHEETS MAY 26 ★
 ★ ANNA DONNELLY MAY 27 ★
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 ★ SHIRLEY MURPHY JUN 02 ★
 ★ CAROLYN AUNCHMAN JUN 02 ★
 ★ PETER YOUNGBLOOD JUN 08 ★
 ★ GLEN BOWIE JUN 08 ★
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News 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 Cindys@akasystem.com or call me at 523-8630

Thanks, Cindy Stanton

- Tips**
- Shape:** Comes from manipulation of the spokes as you weave.
 - Strength:** Comes from the size and strength of the material used, the tightness of the weave, the type of weave used, and the distance between the weave and the spokes.
 - Quality:** Comes from repetition and care with your craftsmanship.
 - Design:** Comes from stopping and looking often at your work.

Tips come to us from www.inahandbasket.com

Gathering of the Guilds

March 23rd marked the **11th annual Gathering of the Guilds** at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach and our 8th year of participation in this event. (The earliest photos in our photo albums were taken at this event in 1995 - our first "public" appearance!)

The House was open without charge for this gathering, and the staff estimated that over 300 people attended this year to observe artisans from 14 guilds demonstrating their skills and displaying their handiwork. Beekeepers, blacksmiths, quilters, spinners, knitters, weavers, lace makers, carvers, smockers, needlepointers, seamstresses, folk musicians, gardeners and basketweavers were spread out through the house and grounds. Our own Lucy Fowler, who is now an employee of the House, was on hand in period costume with her spinning wheel. We talked to a lot of people, handed out a lot of applications for our OTP class, admired other crafters' work, and had a great time just being together.

The April 4th edition of the **Virginian Pilot's, Beacon** included a nice write-up on the Gathering and mentioned our guild. I even got a phone call from a lady who wanted to learn to weave and called the House to get a point of contact for us!

I had the pleasure of coordinating our participation in this year's event. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with their presence or materials for the display - Dick Baylor, Billie Dorris, Debbie Henderson, Rhonda Jones, Meredith Macdonald, Cindy Stanton and her daughter Amanda, Laura White, and Alice Wyvill.

Mary Jo Baylor