



BASKETRY GUILD

TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen...

Dear Guild Members,

Everyone should have received their membership packet with the new calendar, the membership list, and the revised bylaws. I have had a couple of questions about the calendar....NO - we are not teaching the Pennsylvania German Hamper. We were using that photo from 2002 GW as a sample of the type of baskets expected for the April SHOW and TELL. This was obviously a bad choice and I hope no one is too disappointed. In response to a question regarding the September meeting, we are planning a meeting on gourds. We are still working on the program for this meeting and more information will be forthcoming later. Meredith and I promise to keep you confused and asking more questions. That way we will always know when we have your attention.

Attached to this newsletter is a new sheet to add to your membership list. Ella Mae called me last night to report the addition of our 85th member. Are we ever growing! Lets give our five new members a warm welcome.

Our thanks to Meredith for the outstanding job she did teaching that extraordinarily large trivet class (25 of us) at our January meeting. The show and tell was great and I was especially impressed with the jobs our new weavers did on some of the more complicated baskets/materials at Guilder's Weave. Jodi fought her way through Lyn Schlichting's cane basket and Linda Lindner tackled and conquered that wicked willow basket.

Thanks to our volunteers for their work on Guilder's Weave, the membership packages, the newsletter and all the many other guild efforts currently underway. It takes the unified effort of many to make all the ends come together. Mary Jo is looking for more volunteers to help setup and man the Gathering of the Guilds on the 23rd of March.

Next month we will be collecting volunteers to help with our booth at the Virginia Beach Craft Market on the 12-14th of April. Let us know if you can help.

Alice will be teaching the Napkin basket at the March 3rd meeting. See you there.

...Laura

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

FLORENCE F. DAVIS, Rocky Point, NC
DEVONNA MATHIS, Rocky Point, NC
COLLEEN SKELTON, Stowe, PA
SANDY L. TALLEY, Virginia Beach
ANNE THOMAS, Chesapeake
HEIDI WETZEL, St Michaels, MD

Sandy and **Anne** joined at the February 3 meeting; both list themselves as beginners but with their enthusiasm that'll probably change very soon! **Colleen** is a longtime weaver and a good friend and weaving buddy of Meredith (Macdonald). **Florence**, an instructor at Guilders Weave, and **DeVonna**, also a teacher, are "stem-winders" in their in Wilmington, NC guild. **Heidi's** application just arrived. She weaves freeform and from native materials. We look forward to getting to know each new member, and to sharing and learning together more about the art of basketweaving. Again, **WELCOME!**

The Addendum to the membership roster, attached, lists the new members. Please attach it to the roster in your notebook.

Changes to the TBG Membership List:

Carol and Dick Moff new email address:
cmoff5673@widomaker.com

Tina Chopin new address, phone, email:
49 Chowning Dr.
Hampton, VA 23664
757-848-4005
Tedandtina@cox.net

Meredith will be emailing all guild members on Feb. 20th, if you do not receive her email, please send her your correct email address.

A Letter From Billie:

To all members of HCBG, TBG (and whomever else cares):

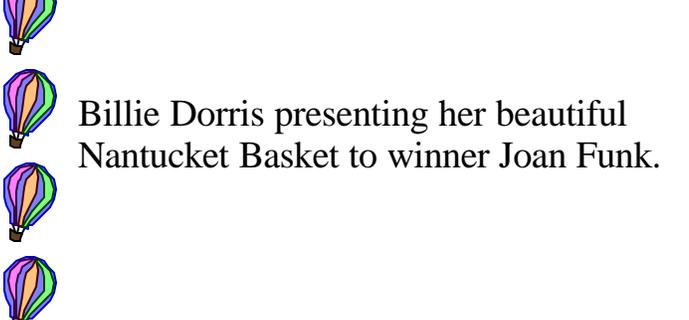
Never let it be said that I will not admit that I am wrong. However it is such a rare occurrence (my being wrong) that you might want to make a note of it on your calendar. That being said I was wrong about the changes to our annual weekend of weaving and fellowship. I was among the group that thought moving to the motel and becoming more formal was sure to be a mistake. Perhaps the concept of being more organized was so alien that I couldn't accept it. In my opinion the move was the smartest thing we have done in a long time. The only thing lacking was the old-timers that weren't there. Hopefully next year they will return. The most amazing thing is that Sam Winters had only attended one previous weekend and was not involved except for taking classes. She also has never been to a major basket convention. I think that was to our advantage as she had a fresh outlook instead of continuing the same old way. Talk about being organized! This woman invented the word. Are there some minor adjustments that need to be made before next year? Sure. But far fewer than you would expect for such an undertaking. We can't always please everyone all the time but from the evaluations I have seen there were many positive comments and very few negatives. Do we want to expand much more? I don't think so. We are limited by the space available and that is probably a good thing. . We had a good selection of classes for the various weaving levels that make up the guilds. Let us just fine tune the plans from this year and stay much as we are for a while. After all it took us 5 years to get to this point.

So! All that being said it was a wonderful weekend and I hope those of you who missed it will join us next year.

Billie



Great Big Thank You's to Billie Dorris for her beautiful Nantucket basket donated for the raffle . What a wonderful job she did. What more can we say Billie, but **THANK YOU!!!** We love you!!



Billie Dorris presenting her beautiful Nantucket Basket to winner Joan Funk.



GUILDERS WEAVE 2002**Sam Winters**

What an event we had! There were 125 registered attendees including our teachers and vendors. It was non-stop basket weaving and socializing from Friday evening through Sunday evening. Classes running all day long, vendors open for perusing and supplying basket wares, hot buffet lunches to keep our strength up, the marketplace full of interesting and intriguing kits/supplies/tidbits, and a hospitality room chock full of grinning faces, animated basket chatter, and goodies to munch – merely a taste of what it was like. Sound like fun? You betcha! At Saturday night's festivities and banquet we stuffed ourselves *again* with scrumptious food while conducting a basket swap and awarding door prizes (almost everyone won something!) and the piece de resistance (drum roll, please...) – Billie's huge, gorgeous Nantucket. Joan Funk won it - Lucky devil. (*Repeat after me: I will not be jealous....*)

Remember that since we were doing things differently than ever before, we had no blueprint and basically had to adapt as we went along. Our aims were threefold. Firstly, we wanted to give attendees a first-class weaving and learning experience. Secondly, we wanted everyone – teacher, student, and vendor alike – to have a relaxed, comfortable, friendly time with us here in Tidewater. Thirdly, we wanted to clear our expenses and put some money in our treasury, if possible. From the sound of things, we were wildly successful on the first two counts. Billie's basket raffle allowed us to cover expenses and clear around two hundred dollars.

The fact that we are in the black at all was excuse enough for us to decide to do it all over again next year! Yes, yes... we are indeed a bunch of sick individuals. We actually thought the experience was fun. Apparently everyone else thought so too; as host, our guild garnered many accolades, more than several pats on the back, along with an "atta gal" or two. Our students reaped the benefits of the assembled expertise of our teaching staff. Our instructors – some of national and international caliber - were especially pleased, enjoying our friendly intimate atmosphere (in direct comparison to some other conventions) and want to be invited back! High praise indeed.

The upshot was maybe we weren't perfect, but damn near. Whew! Please take the time to thank the folks (below) who volunteered for 2002. You can't imagine all the work they did for your guild. And start thinking Guilders Weave 2003 *right now*. You can volunteer – talk to Sam. She wants your body.

Rhonda Jones	Mary Hayes	Brenda McCall	Laura White
Angela Mowery	Linda Hovermale	Jamie VanOekel	Tamme Durant
Nora Edwards	Cindy Stanton	Sue Legault	Susan Holland
Debbie Henderson	Billie Dorris	Lisa Yeaw	Meredith Macdonald
Alice Wyvill	Barbara Jessome	Carol Moff	Sara Youngblood
Jodi Gomola	Ella Mae King	Dick Moff	Sam Winters

To Sam...What a great job you and your committee did on the Guilders Weave 2002. Many Thank You's go out to you. We are looking forward to Guilders Weave 2003!!!!

Calendar Notes from Meredith

Sat. Feb. 23rd (the new calendar in your notebooks has the incorrect date) **COME ONE! COME ALL! Open Weave at the church.** Bring those Tech./Sampler baskets for those of you needing to get your bases in and those who would like to work on the rows up the sides through triple twining. Also bring those Williamsburg basket kits in your Guilders Weave goody bags or anything else you may want to get finished. Help will be available!!

* Flared Flower Basket \$35 with a wrapped decorative handle taught by Alice Wyvill. Call her (874-7399) if you would like to take this class on Sat. the 23rd.

* **DOOR PRIZES!!** Goody bags are left from GW. The '69 VW bus is going to cough up some of the bits and pieces of reed, kits and handles it has been storing for TBG these past 18 months.

* I will bring my pasta cutter for those who would like to paint on 140 lb. water color paper beforehand and cut it there for weaving.

* I have reorganized my patterns and will have them all for viewing.

* Bring a sandwich. Some chips and drinks are left from GW 2002. Dessert will be provided.

*** Sign-ups for the Porcupine Basket \$20 taught by Carol Moff. If you would like to take this basket, email me (meredithm1@erols.com) or call (424-9059) if not coming on Sat. the 24th. Carol would like to have you weave the base for this basket before the class on Sat. March 16th. Kits will be passed out at the Sun. March 3rd meeting.

COMING UP!!

* **Sun. March 3rd** - Napkin Basket \$5 by Alice Wyvill. If you haven't signed up, do so TODAY!!

* **Sat. March 16th** - Porcupine Basket \$20

* **March 21 - 24th** - NCBA Convention!!!

* **March 23rd** - Gathering of the Guilds. Volunteers needed for an hour or two. Call Mary Jo Baylor (440-2989). It's a great and interesting event.

* **April 12 - 14th** - Virginia Beach CraftMarket. Additional volunteers still needed for Fri., Sat., and Sun. 2 - 6p. m. and Sun. 10a.m. - 2p.m. Free passes for volunteers!!

* Check out www.smithsoniancraftshow.com/works/basketry.htm

Tidewater Basketry Guild Receipts and Expenses 2001-to-date 2/17/02

Beginning Balance 1/1/01	4,170.28	
Ending Balance 2/17/02	7,821.74	
	Income	Expenses
2001 Membership	2,195.00	25.00
Classes	3,553.15	3,018.66
Donations	15.00	200.00
Newport News Fall Festival	400.00	24.02
Nametags	100.00	87.97
Open to the public classes	1,930.52	890.29
Newsletter		416.05
Adm supplies, Notebooks	183.00	411.95
T-shirts	715.00	497.96
Guilders Weave	9,279.00	9,026.36
Total	18,370.67	14,719.21
Ending Balance	7,821.74	

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