

# TIDINGS

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## The President's Pen

by Vicki Cartos

### ♥ing TBG

Ever since our GW 2020 chairperson, Tina Plageman, announced the GW theme as “Weaving – for the love of it,” TBG members, including this one, have been experiencing warm, fuzzy, **loving** thoughts of baskets with red and pink weavers or baskets embellished with hearts and cupids. It appears that the minds of the membership are going to be in a perpetual state of Valentine’s Day through January 19, 2020. And that is okay by me!

Since Tina’s theme has put me in such a **loving** mood, I thought I would share with you why I **love** continuing my membership in TBG. As you read this article, I hope you can relate to some of the reasons why I choose to pay my very-affordable renewal dues of \$20 by September 30 of each year in order to remain an active member in the greatest basketry guild EVER.

**L** is for **Learning**. Prior to joining TBG, my basketry knowledge was at zero, and my collection consisted of commercial baskets primarily from Longaberger. Since joining TBG, I have not only **learned** so much about basketry; but also, my weaving skills have improved to the point where I am confidently creating baskets of which I am very proud. My commercial baskets are adequate; but, I **love** the special woven treasures that I have **learned** to create since becoming a member of TBG.

**O** is for **Obituary**. SAY WHAAAAAAT? I **love** TBG so much that I have instructed my daughters to include in my **obituary**: “she was a member of Tidewater Basketry Guild for ?? years.”

Yeah. OK. I know—creepy. So let’s go with . . .

**Open to the Public**. The very first basket that I ever **loved** was my childhood Easter basket. The second basket that I fell in **love** with was the market basket that I wove at TBG’s **Open to the Public** on October 18, 2008, at St. Luke’s UMC in Yorktown. I have **loved OTP** for being the impetus that carved a basket-weaving niche in my life which has given me such great joy.

**V** is for **Volunteering**. This guild was founded in 1995; and 24 years later, it is stronger than ever with over 140 members. Why is TBG flourishing after all these years? Because members **volunteer** to get the jobs done. We all enjoy great personal satisfaction knowing that our **volunteering** attributes to the success of the guild, and a successful organization breeds **love** for the organization. (continued next page)

**E** is for *Everlasting* friendships. I'm sure you will agree with me that TBG is comprised of a phenomenal group of weavers. Just like you, I have made new, life-long friends with many members who have become very important to me. I will always **love** TBG for giving me new cherished relationships.

It's a wonderful thing when a person becomes passionate about basket weaving. It's a wonderful thing when passionate, like-minded weavers form an alliance to share the fun and excitement from their weaving creations. It's a wonderful thing **♥ing TBG.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

April 6th--The Artisan Festival (formerly known at the Gathering of the Guilds) will be held at the Frances Land House in Va. Beach. **Vicki Cartos** and **Diane Short** have volunteered to represent the guild.

April 7th--General Meeting at LUMC  
NCBA Show & Tell  
Butterfly Knot handle wrap done on the paint stick  
with **Rami McKinney**

April 13th--OPT at LUMC with **Sherral Nelson**  
Open Weave for guild members

May 5th--General Meeting at FCC  
Our own **Kristy Engle** will have a display of her beautiful white oak baskets and offer a brief demo and share information about her talent  
The weaving project for beginners will reveal the baskets they have created

May 5th--Art at the River at historic Yorktown  
(Riverwalk Landing) **Alice Wyvill** has volunteered to represent the guild.

May 18th--Waxed Linen Class with **Marcy Murphy** and a Large Caddy Class with **Tina Plageman** will be offered at FCC

June 2nd--General Meeting at LUMC  
Mystery Basket in a Bag revealed  
Sand pail basket taught by **Rami McKinney**

June 21st and 22nd--Visiting teacher **Susan Dirsa** at LUMC

July 13th--Cell Phone Pocket taught by our own **Sue Legault** (location to be determined)

July 26th & 27th--Visiting teacher **Debbie Wilson** at FCC

### Vice Presidents Corner- Tina Plageman

Hello Weavers!

Our little fingers have had quite the workout since our last newsletter. Looking back on the last few months:

At our **January** meeting I lead a fun group of ladies in making the Butterfly Wing basket. That was followed by four awesome days of weaving at Guilders' Weave. If you weren't able to attend this year, make sure to mark your calendars for next year's GW--January 16-19th!

The **February** guild meeting brought all of the beautiful baskets that were made at GW for our Show & Tell. February 16th Diane and Cindy taught the ladies how to make a Tobacco Basket. Although the damp weather didn't cooperate with us in allowing the glue to dry, we were able to go home with an almost finished basket. Some will choose to leave their tobacco basket plain and some have decided to decorate it with wreaths or floral arrangements. The possibilities are endless!!

At our monthly meeting for **March**, we learned a new decorative lashing technique on the Live, Laugh, Love basket that is available at NC Basketworks. We left off the handle and added a pretty lashing. March was followed up with our second calendar meeting to finish up 2019. We have some new visiting teachers coming and many volunteer opportunities for our members.

March 14-17 TBG was well represented at NCBA. We are looking forward to Show & Tell at our April guild meeting!!

Tina



A BIG Thank You to **Jamie VanOekel** for keeping our weaving momentum going through the month of February and challenging us to keep weaving, finishing projects from GW 2019.....and GW's past as well as all those UFO'S.

### GUILDERS' WEAVE 2020

## Weaving... For the of it!!

January 16-19, 2020

Teacher letters have been sent out and we have already received several confirmations and a few new teachers are submitting!! We are so excited!!

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated "heart" items.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in many areas. I could use more help in the sewing department.

Is it time for you to go through your stashes of weaving supplies and get rid of a few items? We would gladly take them off your hands to be used as door prizes!! We can never have too many door prizes!

For our themed basket, we are asking for donations of gift cards. We are planning an "I love....." basket, filled with gift cards. Did you get a gift card as a gift and will probably never use it? We'll take it!! Or, next time you're out shopping, think about picking up one for the basket. *(If you shop at KROGER that's up to 4 times reward points!)* We will take any amount, from anywhere. Monetary donations are always accepted and we will purchase the gift cards for you. We're still in the final planning stages of this, but Shirley will not disappoint us, as she always does a great job.

Have you been to a weaving event, mini convention, etc. and received a really clever item/neat idea in a goodie bag that you would like to share with us? We are looking for easy to make or put together and inexpensive ideas. I like to tell everyone that I am "cheap", but I've been corrected and I should say I am "frugal".

Tina 

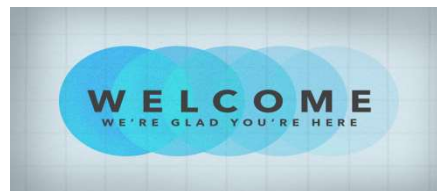


**All the best to Marcy as she starts her retirement!  
Bet we will see her weaving EVERYWHERE!**

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## Welcome new members!

**January- Pamela Zimmerman  
February- Kate Hickey and Terri Rogers  
March- Cheryl Tilley and Kay Vincent**



**NEWS FROM NCBA**

As reported by Mary Jo Baylor

**We had 3 ribbons in the Exhibit Room:**

Wire & Textile Professional 3<sup>rd</sup> – Judith Saunders –  
“Don’t Let the Genie Out”

Miniature Professional 2<sup>nd</sup> – Judith Saunders –  
“Dressed for the Occasion”

Mixed Media Professional 1<sup>st</sup> – Judith Saunders –  
“Rivers of Color”

Congratulations to Judith!

Raffle winners:

- Carol Stocks
- Pamela Crosson
- Sue Legault-Davidson
- Joanne Howard
- Wendy Holcombe
- Mary Jo Baylor



*Group photo Saturday night after the business meeting*

**TIPS AND TRICKS**

If you are weaving a taller basket using a wooden base with a built in handle and are having trouble getting the weaving rows snug against the handle sides, try this. About 6 inches of weaving, tack a tiny nail, like the one pictured, on the spoke you will be weaving OVER. Do this on both sides and no one will ever see!! Depending on how tall your basket will be, you can nail again in 4-6". Do the same when you get to the rim and have the inside rim in place. Nail through the rim row and the inside rim, cover the nail head with the outside rim.



**Are you keeping up with Friends of TBG on FB?**

**Check out our FB page for great pictures of baskets and updates about TBG activities!**



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December 15	January 01
March 15	April 01
June 15	July 01
September 15	October 01

Any news, corrections, comments, suggestions, ideas, or photos should be sent by the designated deadline dates. If you have any articles please forward them to [bchcrzn@yahoo.com](mailto:bchcrzn@yahoo.com) Thank you!

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**TBG Membership News**

*Have you paid your dues?*

Because we are updating the notebook, we also ask that you **print a membership form** and send it in with your \$20. This can be found on the TBG website under the CONTACT US tab. If you're not sure please contact Wendy.

**The new year will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

Wendy Holcomb is our membership chair.

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