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The President's Pen A

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It's that time of year for reflecting on how to shape our lives so that we will be happy and productive

in 2020. The TBG Board also reflects on this brand new set of 12 months and strives to select events that will make our members happy and productive.

The following activities represent the guild's reflection on its vision for 2020:

- After our business meetings, members will weave: on rocks, around flower buttons that will make you "smile," a tote inspired by the rainbow, and something in which to place your peanut M&Ms.
- Some of our Saturday classes seem to have a practical theme: a rectangular, shelf-storage basket; a large, round, storage basket; and a catch-all for the top of your toilet tank (pool party).
- As usual, you can expect classes with visiting teachers.
- TBG will participate in potentially six festivals.

- As a service project, a fundraiser is being planned for the American Cancer Society.
- After our hearts are saturated with love from weaving at GW 2020, the guild will immediately begin preparations for GW 2021.
- The guild will support those members who are participating in the first ever Kids National Basket Weaving Day—an international effort to spread the joy of basket weaving to our children and their parents in hopes of keeping this art/craft alive and thriving for future generations.
- Volunteers will be recognized.
- The Policy and Procedures Manual will be updated.
- A new vice president and treasurer will be elected.
- Orders will be taken for TBG t-shirts and pins.
- Lastly, stay tuned for a surprise celebration.

Of course, sometimes a vision can get a little murky and must be altered to achieve clarity. But for the most part, TBG's vision for 2020 is 20/20.

Vice Presidents Corner Tina

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Here's to another great year with TBG!! I hope you're looking forward to the awesome classes we have lined up for 2020 as much as I am!! I've been in contact with several new teachers that are interested in coming to Tidewater this year, so be looking for the announcements soon!!

Looking Back.....

October 5-6, we had several guild members volunteer with me at the Newport News Fall Festival. We all agreed that this was the most interest in basket weaving that we have had in the last few years at the festival. It amazes me that people don't realize that baskets are hand woven. Thank you to Marcy, Shannon, Alyce and Debbie for volunteering!!

October 12, Cindy and Jamie shared their weaving skills with us. Cindy taught the adorable little "10 Mile Key" basket and Jamie taught her own double wall Muffin Basket. The friendship and fellowship was wonderful!!

October 18-19, brought us the Wooly Pine ladies!! Oh my goodness, if you missed this one, I'm sad for you, it was a huge hit!! Mary and Jackie are awesome teachers, had amazing patience with us, and about sold out of supplies. Mary will be attending Guilders' Weave as a student and will have Wooly Pine items and supplies set up at Marketplace on Friday night!!

October 26, Vicki and Cindy represented TBG at the Waterways Heritage Festival in Chesapeake. It was held at a new location this year and only on Saturday, but the ladies didn't let us down with the booth set up and sharing their love of basket weaving.

November 2, was the Open to the Public class on the Hampton side. I'm not sure we set a new record for attendance but there were 26 ladies that came out to weave with us. A few of them had woven before and wanted a refresher or just another market basket!! We are happy to say that we have picked up quite a few new guild members from the class!! Thank you to Diane and all of the volunteers that made this a success! While they were busy with the OTP, Rami held a work session

for Guilders' Weave. About 8 of our members joined in weaving flowers and vases. Thank you to all of you for your help!!

November 3, at our General Meeting, Cindy helped Tina with teaching members the adorable Santa Baby basket. What a cute addition to their holiday basket collection!!

Our annual Christmas party was held December 8. It was a fun time had by everyone. We are known for being on the "naughty list" during our gift exchange, but this year everyone was a bit too nice. Next year let's bring the nastiness back!! It was great to see Billie and have her there with us!!

Can you believe it's 2020 already!!

Looking Ahead....

January 5, the General Meeting will be at FCC, Hampton. Rock Wrapping with Cindy and Christy. This class is FREE and if you are interested, there are a limited number of rocks available, so get with Tina asap to see if there is still space available. There will be creek rocks, "crick" rocks and beach rocks to choose from. You are welcome to bring your own rocks and material too!! The Volunteer of the Year presentation and Volunteer door prize drawings will happen.

GUILDERS' WEAVE is here!! January 16-19 at the Marriott at Center City, Newport News Weaving....for the of it!!

February 2, General Meeting at LUMC in Norfolk. Show and Tell from Guilders' Weave. Time to show us your four days of weaving, so don't forget your baskets!!

SATURDAY, February 8, at LUMC in Norfolk. Marcy will be teaching a waxed linen basket. Cost is \$25. Sherral will be teaching the Shelf Storage basket by Suzanne Moore. Cost is \$25. Sign up with Tina or at the general meetings.

March 1, General Meeting at FCC in Hampton. Tina will be teaching a cute little Spring Flowers basket. Cost is \$12.

March 26-29, NCBA in Durham, NC. TBG will be wrapping tables and looking for a few volunteers to help. If you are not going as a registered student, you can still go to the convention and shop. There

are a lot of vendors set up outside of the classrooms and are open for business all day(s). It's a great time to pick up weaving supplies and not have to pay shipping costs!!

CLASS SIGN-UPS AND PAYMENTS As of January 1st I will be a bit more strict on the sign-ups and payments for our classes.

At each meeting there will be a table with a sample basket or picture, a sign up sheet and an envelope for cash/checks. PAYMENT IS DUE when you sign up!! Your spot in the class is not guaranteed until payment is made. Please be sure to have your checkbook or cash on meeting days!! If you sign up for a class via email or facebook, you will need to mail a check to me.

Sign-ups will stop one week prior to the class date in order to give the instructor enough time to prepare for the class.

If you have signed up and paid but are unable to make the class, I will hold your kit until the next meeting. If you are not at the next meeting and have not made arrangements with me to get the kit, it will be donated to Guilders' Weave. I currently have kits for several members that I have been toting back and forth to meetings for over 6 months, waiting for them to be claimed, and I shouldn't have to do that.

I appreciate your cooperation in working with me!

Tina

Guilder's Weave 2020



It's almost here!! I will admit, I'm excited but even more nervous!

I want to thank my awesome committee who have been beside me BEFORE day one!! Wendy Holcombe, my co-chair; Trudi MacMillan who has worked from St. Augustine, FL and mailed things to me, delivered things to me on a trip to VA, and will be bringing things with her when she comes to GW; Debbie Wheeler who has been amazing with her "small task" and Marcy Murphy who has never said no to me on anything... sewed, sanded, glued, cut, assembled, collected and delivered; and last but not least...Rami McKinney, who has been on top of things with goodie bag donations!! Wait until you see what she has done!! I could not have pulled this all together without these girls!!

We have maybe set another record....there will be 21 first time GW attendees this year!! There are 165 registered students!

A few reminders....

- *We will still graciously collect gift cards at the January meeting. Please purchase one and donate for our Guild Basket for the raffle table.
- *Snack food for the hospitality room- Individually wrapped snacks or please provide a baggie/small cup to take them from the hospitality room. Please be sure the contents are noted in case of food allergies.
- *Swap Basket
- *Donations for the raffle table (The raffle girls ask that they be basket related/convention themed).
- *We have knife/scissor sharpening this year, (times will be posted).
- *Bring your name tag neck holder from 2018 (gold and black). If you don't have one, there will be a small fee for a replacement.

Back by popular request are the Basket Games! Friday night we will have 10 games and we need PARTICIPATION! Start recruiting your team members....5 players per team. Try to come up with a "love"ly name for your team.

We will be having a scavenger hunt this year. This will start as soon as you check in at the registration table and end at Saturday's lunch.

If you did not register, you may still come on Friday night and shop at Teacher Marketplace.



Wrapping rocks on January 5th with Cindy and Christy

At the January 5th meeting we will be wrapping rocks. The rocks will be provided (if you have a "special rock you have collected somewhere and would like to bring it you can). We will also be providing some materials (if you have material in a color or something specific you would like to use again feel free to bring it with you). Please see the pictures of examples.





Please keep in mind for this project the rocks usually have a mind of their own and will do what <u>they</u> want, not necessarily, what you want them to do.

See you Sunday, Christy and Cindy



Kids National Weaving Day

Please let Jamie VanOekel know by January 2020 (Guilders Weave timeframe) if you plan to host a "satellite" class for Kids National Weaving Day in June. At that time we can start planning supplies and kits as a group to cut cost and preparation time.

Open to the Public Fall of 2019

It was a definitely a blow out session for OTP this pass November 2. We had 26 applications and several more would have been added that last week as people realized they had missed the deadline! But that didn't happen. With the help of our great guild members, Tina Plageman, Debbie Wheeler, Susie Waters, Cindy Stanton, Shannon Lovvorn, Laura White and Jamie Van Oekel (who was pulled in at the last minute), we divided and conquered! Christy Newman helped hand out name tags and filled water buckets.

We divided the group so each teacher had three or four students so more individual attention. Our guild members all did a wonderful job and many finished early because the students had on the spot help. We also had a lot of interest in joining the guild!!

We have been creating tool kits for our students so they only need to bring a towel. We have had several donations of scissors, packers, spoke weights but we are still in need of more packers, so if you have one extra please consider donating it.

Our next OTP will be in the spring and we welcome any and all helpers.

Diane

Thank you also goes out to all the guild members who came and wove vases and flowers for Tina's GW table decorations.

OTP and Flower weaving fun.













WELCOME New Members

Frankie Anderson, Becky Butler,
Risa Diamond, Cindy French, Vicky
Kirby, Carole Nozynski, Dianne
Saunders, Sharon Schaeffer, Susan
Steigner, Robin Zimmer, Juli
Graboski, Edna Griffenhagen,
Kathyrn Bovier, Terri Raines and
Sheila Tyler.

WELCOME BACK!

Cheryl Beal, Tina Chopin, Pati English

Anna Trimble and Meredith

MacDonald

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!



TBG OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2020

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Open to the Public	Sherral Nelson
Open to the Public	Diane Short
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Guilders Weave 2020	Tina Plageman

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 1st, 2019. Wendy Holcomb is our membership chair.

Mail it in to: TBG P.O. Box 55133 Norfolk, VA. 23505 attn: Membership

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