

# TIDINGS

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The President's Pen

by Vicki Cartos

# Tough Times Don't Last Tough Weavers Do



It is said that "tough times don't last." Well, I am certainly counting on that. Unfortunately, the tough

COVID-19 times are trickling into the fall and continuing to affect our TBG activities in an adverse way. Consequently, the Board has decided to cancel the guild's remaining scheduled events through the end of 2020 which are our November meeting and holiday party. Indeed, tough times don't last, but tough weavers do! So I encourage all of our members to stay tough and persevere through these tough times by weaving safely at home and sharing pictures of your recently-woven baskets on our Friends of TBG Facebook page.

#### Saying CONGRATS to New Officers

October 1 is the date for our newly-elected officers to begin serving. On behalf of the guild, I extend congratulations to **Barbara Speight** and **Judy Townsend** who are our newly-elected vice president and treasurer respectively. Barbara and Judy are tough weavers who are excited to work for you.

#### Saying THANK YOU to Outgoing Officers

Guild members have been very fortunate to have experienced the benefits gained by the elite guidance provided by Vice President **Tina Plageman** and Treasurer **Shirley Murphy** during the past four years. It has been an honor for me to work with such committed and passionate Board members. On behalf of the guild, I say "thank you" to Tina and Shirley for your four years of exceptional and enthusiastic leadership. I'm confident that these tough weavers will continue to serve our guild willingly as needed.

#### Are You Feeling Lucky?

Because you read this article and if Cindy Stanton can verify that you did pay your renewal dues by October 1, I will personally reimburse renewal dues of \$20 to the first member (sorry, board members not eligible) who emails me at vmcartos@cox.net or texts me at (757) 409-4230 and types "Tough Weaver." (No phone calls.) Previous winners were **Annette Young** in 2018 and **Arlene Wallace** in 2019. Maybe you will be the 2020 winner!

#### Vice Presidents Corner-Tina Plageman-outgoing

Well, this is a first.....I don't have much to say.

#### Looking Back:

What can I say? Not much. Everything since February that would have taken place inside, has been cancelled. COVID didn't stop us from our outside activities!

Our annual guild pool party was held August 1st at my house. We had 18 members attend. The board voted to have lunch catered and we enjoyed fried chicken and fixins from Southland in Moyock, NC. It was a hot day and many of those attending did take advantage of the pool. It was very refreshing. Sybil did an excellent job at "teaching" her first class for the guild. Thank you Sybil!!

On Saturday, Sept. 26th, Marsha Broms graciously opened up her yard for us to weave Cheryl's Legacy. This basket is designed by Pauline Hasbury (many of you may know her from Facebook or her business name Habasketry). We had 20 members signed up for this one.

Looks like everything else has been canceled through the first of the year. Let's hope 2021 will bring us all weaving together again!!

We will be getting together soon to work on our calendar for 2021. If you have any ideas, basket requests, teacher requests, technique requests....please let someone know!!

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As of October 1st, my time as Vice President will come to an end. It has been a fun 4 years serving all of you in this position. I have enjoyed putting together great classes for you after our meetings. At times, it was a struggle to recruit visiting teachers, but with a little begging and persuading, I was able to get a good variety for us!

Looking back, all it took was a little sweet talkin' and Billy Owens returned to Tidewater, but not as a GW teacher for a change. Pam Milat was new to teaching and we were lucky to get her here. I had met Susan Dirsa in PA, and with a LOT of persuading, she agreed to visit VA and teach to us. I was very excited when Debbie Wilson agreed to bring gourds to us!! We had Mr. Barco with his very popular foot stools. He made the mistake of mentioning that he canes chairs, so I was able to get him to come back and do a class on chair caning. That filled up quickly, so he agreed to do a second class. Elaine Sinclair accepted my invitation to come from WV and teach broom making to us. The Wooly Pine ladies were VERY popular!! WOW!!! Looking back over the last four years.....we had some amazing and very talented teachers!!!

Stay healthy and I'll be praying that we can see each other soon!!

Tina

#### **Pool Party Pics**





#### **Vice President's Corner**

Barbara Speight-incoming

The current climate for TBG presents challenges that we have never experienced. Our desire is to get together and weave. It has been so long since we have been in each other's company other than on a Zoom screen.

However, the need to keep our members healthy takes priority over our wants. We need places where we can socially distance and weave. We will be able to weave outdoors for a while. Marsha Broms graciously hosting a weaving class on her patio. Saturday, September 26, we wove *Cheryl's Legacy*, a huge basket started on a 14" wooden base with a finished size of 19" diameter and 15" high.

Tina has done a wonderful job. Tina may be small in stature, but she leaves a big space to fill. I'm sure members and teachers will continue creating weaving projects to share. We count on members volunteering and sharing their love of weaving.

Additionally, we invite teachers to come to Tidewater and share their expertise.

We need input from our members to tell us what you want. Is there a style of basket or weaving technique you want to learn? Weaving materials you haven't tried yet? A teacher you would like to learn from? Send me an email <sp8barb@gmail.com> by October 20 and tell me what you want. TBG is your club. We work for you.

We will be able to weave together soon. We will follow mitigation procedures until we are safe from Covid-19. Just think, in the future, we will be more conscious of preventing the spread of germs and hopefully, all stay well. Happy weaving.

Barb

#### **Guilders Weave 2021**

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing concerns about the unpredictable restrictions and limitations that COVID-19 will have on Guilders Weave 2021, Tidewater Basketry Guild and the Guilders Weave Committee made the difficult decision to CANCEL Guilders Weave 2021. Our students, teachers, vendors, and Marriott staff are our top priority and we strongly believe this is the right decision given the current circumstances. We appreciate your understanding.

If you registered for Guilders Weave 2021 your registration check has been returned to you. A letter accompanied the check asking that our Guilders Weave 2021 Teachers and Vendor be supported. Please reach out to our Teachers and Vendor!!

The Marriott will be doing a mass cancelation of all reservations under Guilders Weave or Tidewater Basketry Guild. If you booked you room without using Guilders Weave or Tidewater Basketry Guild, you will need to cancel your reservation since the hotel does not know you are with the Guilders Weave group.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and kind words. Enjoy the cooler weather of Fall, the approaching holidays, and stay healthy!

Guilders Weave 2021 Committee

Wendy Holcombe, Chairman

Sybil Magril, Co-Chairman

Trudi MacMillan, Co-Chairman



#### Rami Drying Baskets

#### **TBG Membership News**

## It's October and membership dues for the year 20-21 are now due.

For current members, please pay \$20 by Oct.31st.

After Oct. 31st your dues increase to \$25.00.

Please print a membership form and send it in with your \$20.00 check made payable to TBG.

Membership application can be found on the TBG website under the CONTACT US tab.

Mail memberships to: TBG 107 Brady Loop Ct. Maple, NC 27956 Attn: Membership/ C. Stanton

If you have any questions please contact Cindy.



Cindy teaching her family weaving
As some of you know I teach my family a basket
each year on our family vacation — this year was
no different and these ladies did a great job on
their napkin baskets. Spreading our art to
others ... love it !!!

# WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING AT HOME?

Please continue to share all of the awewome projects you are working on at home. Here are just a few of the things we've seen posted on the **Friends of TBG** FB page.

Keep those pictures coming!



#### Marcy's waxed linen and tray





### TBG OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2020

President	Vicki Cartos
Vice President	Barbara Speight
Secretary	Marcy Murphy
Treasurer	Judy Townsend
Membership	Cindy Stanton
Historian	Jamie VanOekel
Communications	Christy Newman
Refreshments	Shannon Lovvorn
Webmaster Christy	Newman/Cindy Stanton
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Open to the Public	Diane Short
Guilders Weave 2021	Wendy Holcolmbe

#### Tiding's is posted quarterly

<u>Deadline Dates</u>	<u>Publication Dates</u>
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 <a href="mailto:bchcrzn@yahoo.com">bchcrzn@yahoo.com</a> Thank you!

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## 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!