



# TIDINGS

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## *the President's Pen*

Susie Waters

I can't believe that Christmas and the New Year have come and gone!

My wish is for all to be safe going into this New Year.

I want to thank Diane Short for hosting a great Christmas party at her home. It was smaller than usual, but we had good food and always fun gift stealing. We only had one dessert so I bet next year will have ham and the rest desserts. Oh well, still lots of fun was had by all!

Our OTP had four students and hopefully all four will be our newest members. Thank you to Diane Short and Sherral Nelson for the great job they do putting together this event.

January will be the start of a new year and a full calendar including our January meeting in Hampton. Thank you, Tina, for teaching a wonderful class. We honored "everyone" as volunteer of the year.

Please look at the website for the calendar of events. The technique sampler-part 1 will start in February and in March we are looking forward to Rose's random weave and visiting teacher Karen Tembreull.

Going into this new year we should think about those we lost last year (Billie, Sue, Ella Mae and Mr. Kent) and think about our military keeping us safe. A special shout out and thank you to Sybil and her husband Ed who just retired from the Navy. Thoughts go out to all those friends we have lost due to the Covid Pandemic.

Stay safe my friends and see you in the New Year!

## *Guilders Weave 2022 Presents Weaving Naturally*

As you know by now the board met and had to make the difficult decision to cancel Guilders Weave this year. There were several factors that went into consideration. It was not an easy decision to make. Over the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving your reimbursement checks. All teacher checks will be returned to you as well. I have contacted the hotel and requested they cancel all reservations under the GW reservation code. If you have not received a confirmation of the cancellation, please contact the hotel directly.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

I am confident next year will be amazing. Tina along with her co-chair Kim Voska have some great plans and will make sure we have a great time. Sybil



**The Vice President's Corner**  
**Barbara Speight**

We are so lucky to have Karen Tembruell come to Tidewater to teach. She is in demand for her special knowledge and creative use of natural bark and other materials. Tina has been talking to her for a while, but she did not have much space on her calendar. She will be teaching two of her personal designs.

**Fluted Constellation**



**Friday, March 25, 9 AM - 4 PM**

**Materials:** Cedar bark, Willow bark and waxed cotton or linen.

**Size:** 6" x 6" x 2 1/2" H

**Material Fee - \$110.00**

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**Athabaskan Birch Basket**



**Saturday, March 26, 9 AM - 4 PM**

**Materials:** birch bark, spruce roots, waxed cotton or linen.

**Size:** 5 "H x 5 1/4" diameter

**Class Fee:** \$165.00 per student. \$10.00 extra for added birch star.

To sign up, send your name and selection of project(s) to me, Barbara Speight, sp8barb@gmail.com as soon as possible. You can also mail your choices and check made payable to Karen Tembruell to Barbara Speight, 5117 Warrington Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435.

The location of Karen's classes is new. *The Crittenden, Eclipse & Hobson Ruritan Club*, 8881 Eclipse Drive, Suffolk, VA. Yes, it is close to me and it is perfect for basket weaving. We will have the building entirely to ourselves for weaving.



The CEH Ruritan Clubhouse has everything we need and it is in a central location. The original building was the schoolhouse for the communities of Crittenden, Eclipse and Hobson for the watermen and rural residents. It is maintained by the local Ruritan Club as a community center. It has a large meeting space, a complete commercial kitchen and two large restrooms. There are plenty of tables and chairs. The rules are generally that we leave it as clean as we find it. That is what we always do. There is plenty of parking to the right of the building. It's about 1-1/2 minutes from Rt.17/Bridge Road. Sign up to make very special Karen Tembruell Barks and Roots basket designs in a new place.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

In 2021 we lost a number of guild, current and former members, let us remember them below. In addition to the passing of Billie Dorris in January, we lost Sue Legault-Davidson, Ella Mae King and Mr. Jim Kent. Here's a few words about them from Cindy Stanton.



**Sue Legault-Davidson** passed away September 9, 2021. Sue was an active, longtime guild member for over 20 years. She attended many weaving conventions across the United States and enjoyed every minute of it. Sue loved weaving so much, she even talked her

husband, Jim, into building a large 2-story weaving studio at their home in Gloucester. Attending classes there in the studio on her many acres of land was so nice and peaceful, settled way back in the woods. Sue was gracious with her studio and loved sharing her joy of weaving. She taught classes, won ribbons for her beautiful baskets and was a collector. Sue was also a collector of all things Scottish Terrier, including her current dog, Abby. Thank you, Sue, for sharing your love of baskets, your travels and even your home to us.



**Ella Mae King**, longtime member passed away September 25, 2021. Over Ella Mae's many years of weaving, she could

be found at conventions, meetings and lunch with her weaving buddies. Ella Mae was a former board member and Hospitality committee was her calling. She could be seen at meetings greeting members, passing out name tags to new OTP weavers and just giving everyone a hug and smile to warm your day. In her later years, Ella Mae moved into a retirement community and didn't weave with us much but she would have lunch with her basket friends and continue to keep up with the Guild- which she loved. My fondest memory of Ella Mae is my first OTP that she welcomed me with the biggest smile and every meeting I attended after that when she was there, she would always come up and greet me with that pretty smile. Thank you, Ella Mae, for sharing your infectious smile and love of basket with us. (Ella Mae (right) pictured with Julia Verba, left)



**Jim Kent**, better known as Mr. Jim, passed away December 23, 2021. Mr. Jim

was known for his amazing, traditional Nantucket weaving and beautiful woodworking. He and his wife, Miss Jimmie would travel to conventions, host classes in their home studio and teach at guilds. Mr. Jim was one of a kind. The nicest, most gentle soul you could meet. His quick wit would make you laugh in a moment. I was blessed to be able to travel to their studio in Sneads Ferry, NC. Always gracious with his time, he would never let you leave a class unhappy or with an unfinished basket. Thank you, Mr. Jim, for sharing your love of baskets and your smile with us.



### *Guilders' Weave 2023*

After the cancelation of GW 2021 and GW 2022, we need to pull together and come up with LOTS of good vibes, positive thoughts and whatever else it will take to be able to get together for Guilders' Weave 2023!!

I am very happy to announce that Kim Voska will be my co-chair. Even with having one successful GW under my belt, she will be a great asset and right-hand "wo"man to help me do it all over again and bring you an awesome event!!

With that being said, bees and sunflowers have been the theme for the last two planned conventions and you have been amazing with all of the donations for the TBG raffle basket. The basket is finished and filled with everything that has been donated and will be held on to until January 2023 and put out on the raffle table. You will definitely want to put your tickets in for it!!

For GW 2020 our TBG basket was gift cards and, if I remember correctly, you all donated around \$750 worth of gift cards. It was a HUGE success and that is what I am going to do again. So, if you are able to purchase any kind of gift card, it would be very much appreciated.

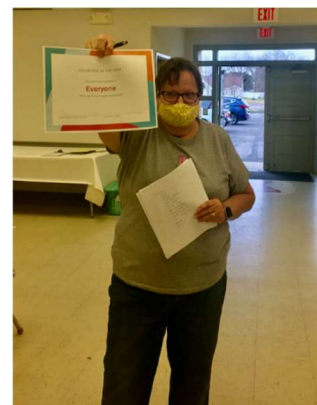
I do not have a "theme" yet, but I have lots of ideas swirling around in my head. A chair and co-chair cannot pull this off without a great committee. That's where I need YOU!! If you are interested in helping out in any way....big or small, please email me at ["witchie24@mchsi.com"](mailto:witchie24@mchsi.com) and let me know. It's ok if

you're not local or can't attend meetings. If you want to help, we will find something for you to do!! Guilders' Weave happens because of a team of volunteers.

Maybe you could help me here.....I need colored wine bottles. Blue or green. If you are a wine drinker and could start saving the bottles, that would be awesome.

Tina Plageman  
GW 2023 Chair

### ***Volunteer of the Year 2021***



This year's VOY is a little different from years past. Over the past couple of years life has been very different for our guild and our nation. We have all come together to try to maintain our love of weaving, our fellowship, our health and frankly our sanity! So, with that said, this year we announce that the Volunteer of the Year is ..... **Everyone!** Our guild (everyone) has stepped up to the plate to keep our craft alive through zoom meetings, small, social distant gatherings, phone calls, texts, emails, and Facebook. Thank you "**Everyone**" that has put in the work to do what we love- basket weaving!  
Congratulations!





Marsha Broms was the January UFO winner! Her prize included a gift certificate to KNK and a hand woven snowman! Congratulations Marsha!

**Where have you been weaving?**

I had the opportunity this past November to attend Brooms and Baskets week (Shaker week) at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Teaching baskets was JoAnn Kelly Catsos and brooms were taught by Mark Hendry.

We started the week working on baskets then transitioned over to brooms. It had been a long time since I had the opportunity to weave a broom. I learned a lot from Mark and ended up making a total of 7 brooms. Lots of whisks and one Hearth Broom. The most fun part for me was Mark's "spreader" that kept the broom in the proper position while sewing. He uses old wooden crutches! Most of you know I work in the orthopedic field so this was my favorite new way to **upcycle!** Classes were smaller which made for more individual time working with the instructors which I really appreciated. We had students from all over the country. The gentleman in our class was from Pennsylvania and it was his first-time weaving. He did a fantastic job.



I was able to stay an extra day and visit with Pattie Bagley at her cabin in Murphy. We spent Saturday weaving her wonderful "blanket basket" (at least that's what I'm putting in it!). I know most of you won't

believe I really made it since there was **no mold** and it is **huge!** I did do it all by myself (well mostly) and had a wonderful time weaving with her. JoAnn Kelly Catsos also joined us and we had a great day of weaving and friendship.



The new catalog for the folk school is up on the website <https://www.folkschool.org/>. Check it out and if you have never been, I highly recommend it. It is a wonderful experience.

Christy Newman



This beautiful basket was woven by Cindy Stanton. Don't you wish you had been the lucky recipient of this Christmas Gift!

### *What have we been weaving?*



*Tina's Snowman*



*Marcy's UFO*



*Rami's Scrap Basket*





*Shirley's Blanket Basket UFO*

***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 [bchcrzn@yahoo.com](mailto:bchcrzn@yahoo.com) Thank you!

Christy Newman  
Newsletter Editor

***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 \$25. This can be found on the TBG website under the CONTACT US tab. If you're not sure please contact Sandy Doyle.

***The new year began October 1<sup>st</sup>***

Mail memberships to:  
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Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
Attn: Membership/ S. Doyle

**TBG OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS  
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- Guilders Weave 2023.....Tina Plageman



***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!***



**Annual 2021 Holiday Party**  
**1<sup>st</sup> row: Susie, Linda, Diana, Marsha, Judy, Shannon. 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Laura, Pam, Arlene, Marcy, Carol, Alyce, Shirley, Diane**