



TIDINGS

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the President's Pen

Susie Waters

We visited a cotton plantation in Natchez, Mississippi. The small square basket was filled with a days' work of leaving the seeds out of cotton before cotton gins were used!

Happy Summer to all,

I just returned from a lower Mississippi cruise from New Orleans to Memphis. It was hot but a great trip. I saw baskets used all throughout plantation homes for many uses.

Summer is here but we still have lots going on with our guild even though we don't have a July meeting. Take a look at our calendar for the July 20th events.

I believe this is the most important event coming up in July—our calendar meeting on July 28th in Norfolk from 1-4. Please attend and bring ideas and samples. The more the merrier.

Again, we need volunteers for the NN fall festival, our new event—the NN food truck festival and the Hampton open to the public class.

Please look at the calendar and let Tina know if you can help.

Our nominating committee will provide us with the slate of officers at our August pool party and elections in September.

I will be home for the rest of the summer waiting on grandbaby number 3 to arrive, so call me if you need anything.

Thank you to all in support of our guild,

Susie Waters



Vice President's Corner

Can you believe SUMMER is here already!! The hot days are here. You know what that means to me? Stay out of the heat and in a nice cool place and weave something!! Jump in the pool to cool off and use the deck or edge of the pool as your weaving table!! Going on vacation? Take a kit with you and relax before calling it a day by weaving!! How ever you spend your summer, make some time to weave!! We have a "challenge" going on over the summer, as well. Contact Tina or Susie to get a base (5" round with pre-drilled holes) and weave it into a basket. You have until September to complete this challenge. Use your imagination and design your own basket!!

Looking back on the last few months.....

We started the month of April off with two days of weaving with our visiting teacher, Mary Price. She sure designs some beautiful baskets!! If you didn't get to weave with her, follow her on social media under "Sunset Ridge Basketry" or check out her website to catch up with her somewhere close by. You will love her!

Our April meeting brought some beautiful Show & Tells from those members who attended NCBA and those that took classes with Mary Price. After the general meeting, members made a cute little basket to hold salt and pepper shakers, taught by Tina.

On April 13th, we had Vicki Cartos and Diane Short represent the guild at the Great Bridge Battlefield Craft Beer Festival. They shared information on the guild and basket making and displayed their baskets.

Oh boy.... April 20th was the Spring OTP (Open to the Public) class at LUMC, Norfolk. Lead by Shirley Murphy, she had a record number of attendees!! As I walked around, I could see nothing but happiness on the faces of all students. It was not just for the shock of "Wow, this is fun!!" or "I can't believe I'm actually making a basket!!", but for the kindness shown by all the guild members that were volunteering to help Shirley and from those attending the guild class we were having. Thank you to Shannon, Pam and Juli for helping make the OTP a success!!

On the same day as the OTP, Tina held a class where those that signed up were given a Fractal Burned 8"

base that her husband Dave enjoys making. Each base has a unique and one-of-a-kind design. Students were given a huge variety of colors and sizes of reed to choose from to design their own basket. Some went tall, some went for more of a tray style, some brought in their own-colored reed. They did a great job and the finished baskets were amazing!!

At the May meeting, Cindy Stanton showed members how to wrap a wine cork in cane to be used for protecting the tip of an awl. Lots of fun in this class!!

May 10th and 11th had us scurrying around to find an alternative location for Lorelea Roberts' classes. Fox Hill UMC had a death in the church family and needed to use the fellowship hall for those dates. With a call to Larchmont, we were able to easily get the location changed to Norfolk. We truly are very thankful for the churches we use. Although the numbers were low for the classes, those that attended had a wonderful time!! The "My Kentucky Tray" has actual horseshoes from the horses that run at Churchill Downs! For all we know, one of us could have one on our tray from a Kentucky Derby racer! She showed us a few new tricks and tips. Lorelea was a joy to have! Did you know that Lorelea has a neat weaving club? It's called "Hoot Basket Gift Club". When you join, you pay \$88 and will receive a basket kit, pattern, a basket related item and some additional fun add-ins. Each month is a different themed kit. Shipping is included in the cost. Visit her website "lorelea.com" and click on Hoot Basket Gift Club. You will not be disappointed!

On June 2nd, our monthly meeting was held at LUMC and those attending were able to weave a Christmas Ornament with Susie. It was a "make one/take one" and I saw many members leaving with extra kits!

Looking Ahead....although we do not want to look too far ahead because summer will be over in a blink of your eye!

On Saturday, June 29th, eight guild members will be in Norfolk weave the Americana basket with Tina.

July 20th will bring a guest instructor, Marilyn Estrada to Larchmont to show us how to use a branch from our own yard, weave with various materials and turn it into a decorative piece of art! If you are interested in attending, please contact Tina.

Also on July 20th, guild members Robin and Susan will be weaving up some Indian corn with members who

would like to join them! Again, if you are interested, get in touch with Tina to sign up.

July 28th, we will be having our annual calendar meeting to plan for 2025. This will be held in the parlor at LUMC.

August 3rd.....POOL PARTY TIME!! This year we will be cooling off in Rose Glen's beautiful pool! You really should join us.... it is FREE! After a brief meeting, we will enjoy a pulled pork BBQ lunch and then get right to our weaving fun! In between all the fun, jump on in the refreshing pool! Let Tina know if you plan to join us so that she is sure to have enough food!

August 17th, Jennifer Nichols is going to break into teaching and get you going on her BABS basket. This is a big one and we call it the "Big Awesome Basket" for a reason. There's a couple of spots left, so let Tina know if you want to take one of them.

Hope to see you at one of these weaving opportunities. Please contact me for more information.

Tina Plageman

WEAVING AROUND TOWN

Tina's been busy with her classes down in Moyock. She has also been asked to have some classes down in the Outer Banks in Manteo for the Dare County rec center and for a church in Manteo. Here's some pictures of the fun times!



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING?

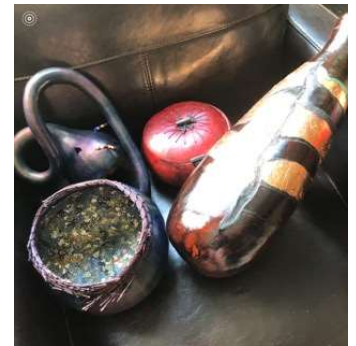
Guild member Rami McKinney went to Shenandoah Creates to work with her favorite medium, WILLOW!

This is my second time weaving with Jo Campbell-Amsler. We spent 5 days of rib basketry with FRESH willow!! I started with the bowl on day one. Day two we started the oval basket which is pictured at the top in the photo. Jo taught split ribs, taking a two-year growth of willow and splitting it.

I really enjoyed learning this skill. Splitting a piece of willow into three is a very hard thing!

There's lots of whittling to get your ribs the same width. I split more than others, which put me behind on my weaving. It's a small price to pay. Day three was everyone weaving what they had started with some students starting on Jo's very unique herb basket. I started mine on day four. A lot of us wove into the night, under the stars. Shenandoah Creates has great accommodations, wonderful food, and the most peaceful views. Perfect for weaving and learning!! I plan on returning for more of Jo Campbell-Amsler's classes in the future. I highly recommend everyone experience this opportunity.

Guild members Rose Glen and Alice Wyvill recently returned from a week at John C. Campbell Folk School in the mountains of western North Carolina, working with gourds. If you have an opportunity to attend any of the classes offered here, don't pass it up! More information can be found at "folkschool.org"



A few guild members gathered for a day of friendship, laughter, food, and basket weaving at Tina's house in Moyock, NC. Some were not able to take the Jewels class with Mary Price, so they got together and wove it there. Shirley, Shannon, Sheila, Cheryl and their friend, Sarah, all had a wonderful time!!



Lisa Moubray and Beverly Reed made their way to Anne Bowers' studio to weave these beautiful baskets



Lisa also enjoys going to KnK Creations to weave baskets with friends. Here are a few of her latest baskets.



BE KIND TO
yourself

JUST WEAVE.





GUILDER'S WEAVE 2025.....
It's Weaving Time Somewhere.....
(cue the music!)

16-19 January 2025
Marriott at City Center, Newport News VA

Believe it or not as I type this submission for our July Newsletter, we are about 6 weeks away from classes for GW2025 being posted to our TBG website on/about 1 August! I'm sure everyone is excited at the thought and I'm consuming a considerable number of antacids...yikes!

Since our last newsletter, GW 2025 has had a couple of significant updates.

Jurying has taken place and class selection specifics are being confirmed by and coordinated with the instructors. 25 instructors applied and the selection committee viewed over 130 potential weaving classes. It was tough to choose between the amazing and beautiful endeavors our professionals submitted for consideration. There will be fresh faces and of course, the return of past favorites with new and exciting classes.

Vendor: We have selected a new vendor for GW 2025. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude for KnK Creations past partnerships and efforts. They did an amazing job and I'm sure we will see them in the future.

The vendor for GW 2025 is:

THE COUNTRY SEAT, INC
BASKETRY, GOURD WEAVING & CHAIR SEATING
SUPPLIES.
1013 Old Philly Pike
Kempton, PA 19529 US
Customer Service: [610-756-6124](tel:610-756-6124)

I encourage you to check out their website at <https://www.countryseat.com>

Hotel Room Reservations: Coordination with the great staff at the Marriott, City Center is in full swing. The hotel link will be posted within the next 2 weeks. Don't wait to make your reservations!

Raffle and Door Prizes: It's not too early to think about items you would like to donate towards our raffle and/or door prizes. Funds generated by the raffle are an integral part of the Guilder's Weave budget, so we need a magnificent spread to offer all those waiting to purchase tickets! We receive great support from teachers and vendors regarding donated items. But the bulk of our door prizes and a substantial number of raffle items are provided by Guild Members. Please consider donating **basket related items**. If you want to donate and hand it off early, Tina or I will be happy to collect them at the monthly meetings.

Gift Cards for the Super Prize Gift basket: It is not too early to think about AND donate a gift card or two towards the impressive Gift Basket Super prize. Last year's basket had over \$1100 in gifts cards... Wow!! Gas cards, Visa cards, Dunkin Donuts, fast food cards, Walmart, Starbucks, grocery stores..... there's a lot to choose from out there and any amount is greatly appreciated. Tina or I will be more than happy to collect them now and hold for the big event. Please donate if you can.... Who knows, your investment of a gift card may multiply tenfold if **YOUR** raffle ticket is the winning number!

Memorabilia is still a work in progress. I hope to have everything online on/about 1 August and to have samples on hand for our upcoming meetings.

Lastly, to say "it takes a village" is an understatement when it comes to the myriad of tasks required to pull off Guilder's Weave. I will be asking for volunteers to help with requirements prior to the event and for set-up in January.

Thanks for your ongoing and future support!

Anna

Members spotted out and about!



Mary Jo Baylor is enjoying volunteering at the Chrysler Museum in her retirement. This photo was recently posted on their Instagram and shows Mary Jo helping with the flower arranging in the main room at the museum.

A NOTE FROM MARYJO...

One of the activities I have really enjoyed since retiring two years ago is arranging flowers. I joined the Chrysler Museum Flower Guild and I get to help create arrangements for the Museum's events and exhibit openings. Sometimes my flower arranging and basketmaking overlap!

Last summer, for the "Reckonings and Reconstructions" exhibit of Southern photography, some of my baskets were used in the arrangements for the opening reception. I made the arrangement for the registration table, which included two of my baskets (Kentucky Egg

Basket, made in a class with Mary Smith-Stokes, and a Squashy, started in a class with Billie Dorris). Another of my baskets (Indian Summer, made in a class with Candace Katz) was used for an arrangement in the café.

Last month, I designed and made arrangements for the tables for the Docents Lunch. They included coils of fine orange "tortoise-shell" cane.

It is double the fun when two of your favorite activities come together!





being omitted. "Insert Handle at center spoke". Insert how?? Does it slide underneath the fancy pattern, or does it cover it up? Is it only inserted under a couple of rows towards the bottom of the basket? Or under all the weaving? "Insert extra spoke" Insert how? Where? Give an indication of how far apart spokes should be in a design with a filled base. It is far easier to have the correct spacing to begin with than it is to adjust later. These are things the weaver shouldn't have to guess. The instructions don't have to be complicated but they do need to offer enough information that the weaver is confident in what they are doing. If you are using a new technique offer a close-up picture or drawing. Allow part of the inside of the basket to show in the picture. This would have solved my problem of where to insert the handle. I could easily have seen how it was done. If after 25 years of weaving, I had this many questions I shudder to think how a new weaver is managing. Less is not always more. Less is only more when no more is required. Billie Dorris ~~ Excerpted from *Tidings*, Volume 10/Issue 3, May-August 2009

Juli Graboski

Reimbursement Reminder!

'If you are submitting receipts to our guild for reimbursement, please include original receipts. If you have personal items on the receipt—write a check to the guild for your items so the guild will reimburse you for the entire bill. This record keeping shows the same amount on the receipts and the outgoing amount from the guild.'

Thank you!

A Gem from the Archives

Less is not always more!!!
... Patterns are not what they used to be. In the "old days", when the designer had to pay 10 cents a page at Kinkos, patterns consisted of several pages. Now that they can be printed on your own computer, they are sparse. I think the conciseness might come from the fact that many of the patterns are meant to be taught in class. Therefore, the teacher can answer any questions that may arise. However, that isn't much help for those not in class. Simple instructions are

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have been invited to participate in two upcoming events and need some guild members to volunteer. All that is asked from you is your time, show off some of your baskets, demonstrate basket weaving, share information about the guild and HAVE FUN!!
If you are interested, please reach out to Tina.

Saturday, September 21 from 11-6 at
NN/Williamsburg International Airport is the Great
Food Truck Festival

Sunday, October 6 is the Newport News Fall
Festival

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 for current/renewing members, \$25 for new members. The form can be found on the TBG website under the FORMS tab. If you're not sure please contact Sandy Doyle.

The new year begins October 1st

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

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2023-24**

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Open to the Public..... Rose Glen/Shirley Murphy
Member At Large.....Laura White
Guilders Weave 2024.....Anna Donnelly

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Deadline Dates

Publication Dates

December 15
March 15
June 15
September 15

January 01
April 01
July 01
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 Thank you!

Christy Newman
Newsletter Editor



**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!**

Did you read all the way to the end? 1st person to email me at bchcrzn@yahoo.com will get 25 free raffle tickets in January at GW! Christy