

TIDINGS

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The President's Pen

Tina Plageman

Hello Members,
Here we are in the midst of summer. That sure came upon us quickly! TBG takes a little break during the summer months so that you can enjoy a relaxing vacation from weaving. To me, weaving is relaxation. Whether it's with a small group of friends, in a class, or by myself, it relaxes me. If you are a tight weaver, relaxing will help to loosen your weave. So, chill out, relax this summer, get that vacation in, and enjoy some weaving time!

I would like to take this time to thank our TBG volunteers. If it weren't for them, there would not be a guild. A place where we gather to weave, make friendships, and enjoy time with others. Every person you see doing something in the guild and for you, is time they are volunteering. There's probably more time that you can't see that is what keeps this guild going.

"Volunteering can create friendships and connect you with your community. Each time you lend a hand for a cause with others, you have an opportunity to talk, work for a common goal, and build relationships with people you may not always encounter regularly. By contributing to the betterment of your community, you are more likely to feel you play

an important role in it. Volunteering can even improve your social life by expanding your circle of friends and acquaintances. Volunteering can help you stay physically and mentally fit. Research shows that regular volunteering can improve mental health, even helping to reduce dementia rates, and that people who volunteer experience less stress. Another study found that those who volunteer have a lower risk of cardiovascular disease."

Some of our volunteers are still employed full-time or part-time. Some have spouses, children, and grandchildren. Each minute that they give to us (TBG), is time they are taking from something else.

Let's look at some of our busy volunteers.....

Membership renewal is in full swing. Sandy Doyle is putting in countless hours keeping up with all of the incoming forms and checks. She then has to get the monies to Shirley Murphy (treasurer). Shirley has to get that all straightened out to take it to the bank for a deposit.

Cyndi Wheeler, as VP, has to keep up with class sign-ups, making sure everyone has paid and if not, get payment from them. E-mail them about the classes. Keep track of who's fixing what foods for our potlucks, etc.

Cindy Stanton has a never-ending job keeping the website up to date. She will soon be overwhelmed with getting Guilders' Weave information on the website for us on August 1st (while still working a 40-hour week job).

Angie Salerno, recently retired elementary art teacher, has been putting in countless hours getting GW ready for jurying. Once that has been done, she will be notifying teachers, sending everything to Cindy for the website, and moving forward with getting all her ideas started. I'm not even going to try to start with the list of volunteers that she must fill to make GW come together.

We just assume that refreshments will be waiting for us at a meeting. But it doesn't happen without Shannon Lovvorn going person to person and asking, "Would you like to sign up to provide snacks for one of our monthly meetings?". She works all year round making sure we are taken care of.

If it weren't for the volunteers that attend the calendar meeting in August, we wouldn't have classes and activities organized for the upcoming year.

What about Christy Newman with our newsletter? That doesn't happen with the click of a button.

The list of volunteering is never ending and I'm not going to cover every one of them in this article, but each of them is important to me and to the guild.

I could keep going, but by the end of reading this, I hope you understand where I'm coming from. We can't please everyone in the guild. We are doing our best. TBG is an awesome organization, and we have great volunteers. I try not to ask a lot from them, but when I do ask, I don't get a "no" too often. Some would say that I wouldn't take it anyways.

THANK YOU to anyone one of you who gives your time to TBG. You are truly appreciated!!

Tina



Vice President's Corner From Cyndi Wheeler

First off, I wanted to thank everyone. I have enjoyed working and talking with everyone. And, just wanted to say Thank

You for the opportunity to serve you all as Vice President of the Guild.

Happy weaving everyone! Summer is upon us. We have had a very busy Spring this year. We've been weaving after the monthly meetings and we have had a couple visiting teachers.

This spring, Suzi Nonn was here teaching us how to work with gourds. We did beautiful gourd ornaments with a really cool technique to create them. There were some who worked on a Ball Chain design. That one produced a lot of groans at first but I think in the end everyone was very pleased and happy with their work. We did larger Gourd 'vases' as well as some small ones too. At the end I think we ended up with some really nice pieces that everyone was very happy with.

On June 5th and 6th, we had the pleasure of weaving with Becki Newsome. Classes were very fun and informative. We learned lots of new information. And not all of it was about basket weaving! Some worked on perfecting their ability to do a Gretchen Border by weaving a plate with the border while others worked on a Market Basket with the Gretchen to finish it off. We wove an Oil and Vinegar holder, Sand Pail, and Toilet Paper holder as well. Some of us (me) learned the consequences of being a tight weaver, even after reading the directions to not weave too tight! Let me tell you, that thing was not coming off of the mold! I still need to finish it!

We have woven lots of cool baskets after the meetings so far this year as well. We have woven a glass jar vase, a flower basket, and patriotic wall basket to name a few.

We are looking forward to our upcoming cook-out and basket weaving July 25th at Tina's as well as the pool party in August 1st at Rose's house. And if you signed up for the 3 in 3 don't forget to work on your summer projects!

We have lots of upcoming events and classes. Please check the calendar out on the website. If there are any that you would like to sign up for please just send an email to me and I can get you signed up. The only one we have that is full is the July cook-out, with a waiting list (not too long though).

There are lots of things to choose from so come join us for some weaving!

Tips and Tidbits

How to Strengthen a Basket:

The majority of the strength in a basket is found in the rim. To strengthen a basket, start by tucking a spoke under two rows of weavers and not just one. Cut and tuck every other spoke. Don't skip several in a row.

Make sure your lashing is tight!! Before ending the lashing, go back and tighten it all the way around the rim. If you are double lashing to make an X on the rim, tighten the first direction before going in reverse. Go back several wraps, pull tightly with your weaving hand and squeeze the rim firmly with your free hand.

A double lashed rim makes a stronger rim. Don't use a whimpy piece of reed for lashing.

Congratulations to our latest TBG Board Members:

Vice President, **Cyndi Wheeler**

Cyndi will be your go-to person for signing up for all of our classes. If you have any questions about upcoming classes, please reach out to her.

Treasurer, **Shirley Murphy**

Shirley is our "money woman". If you have any expenses that will need reimbursement, make sure you hold on to all receipts!! Ask Shirley about the forms that need to be filled out and how to get everything to her so that you will be paid in a timely manner.

Thank you both for giving two years of your time to TBG! We appreciate you!!



GUILDERS' WEAVE 2027

Guilders Weave 27 Update!

Here's an update on what's happening with Guilders Weave 27 - Jurying took place on June 19. Thanks to Juli Graboski, Debbie Storms, Sherry Matthews, and Tina Plageman who all helped choose the baskets for GW. We have some familiar faces and a few new folks ready to weave with you!

Memorabilia have been selected, and I hope to have samples at the September meeting. I am getting so excited about GW and "Let's Weave S'more!"

Below is the link to reserve your hotel room. PLEASE make sure you mention Guilders Weave when you reserve at our rate and block of rooms.

Guilders Weave 2027

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- Newport News Marriott at City Center for 134.00 USD per night - Last Day to Book: Sunday, December 13, 2026

[Book your group rate for Guilders Weave 2027](#)

Angie Salerno
GW27 Chair



Meet Our Members



Juli Graboski

Hello all. Juli G. here. I am ‘that email lady’ who travels to your inbox with all the latest goings on for TBG. As with many a weaver, I was looking for my next thing, when I retired a bit early from a career as a psychiatric nurse clinician. Apparently, basket weaving was waiting for me. I attended the Newport News Fall Festival and talked with Diane Short in front of the most amazing handwoven baskets. She encouraged me to give the beginner Market Basket class a try. I was skeptical of my chances for success. I attended OTP (Open To the Public) in November 2019. I completed the whole basket that day, and it looked pretty good. I joined the Guild and took every class I could until March of 2020. When classes returned, I was the only one from that OTP class to immediately return to weave. The people, the weaving styles, the learning. It has me in a tight hug. Currently, I serve as the Secretary for the TBG Board. I am passionate about my involvement in planning programs for our new weaving members. Exciting things are coming together. I am so grateful to everyone who is supporting the project with ideas, materials, and feedback. I have been a transplant to Hampton Roads for the past 17 years. I share a home waterside in Newport News with my husband and golden dog.



Angie Salerno

My name is Angie Salerno.

I was an elementary art teacher in Suffolk Public Schools for 32 years, and a floral designer before that for 7 years while putting myself through college. I have always been into art - all kinds of art! The last time I had woven a basket was in the early 1990's in Camden, NC. An art teacher friend of mine posted a photo of a basket she had just woven. I immediately asked if I could join her. Her teacher was Tina Plageman. It was in June 2022, and the basket was a double-wall. I was hooked! Shannon Lovvorn was also weaving that summer with Tina. Shannon invited me to a TBG meeting, and I've enjoyed TBG ever since. I love weaving and love all the members! When Tina asked me to chair GW, I couldn't refuse. I hope everyone enjoys GW27. "Let's Weave S'more!"



Shannon Lovvorn

I made my first basket in October of 2001 at an open-to-the-public class, and from that moment I was hooked. I discovered that basket weaving was something I truly enjoyed, so I joined the Guild and began taking as many classes as I could. I wanted to learn new techniques and improve my skills, and the Guild gave me many opportunities to do just that. In January of 2002, I attended my first Guilders Weave with Shirley Murphy and Alyce Bargamin.

We were all a little nervous because it was a new experience for us. We sat down together, looked through the class offerings, and chose the ones we thought we could handle. Before long, we realized there was nothing to worry about. The event was a wonderful experience, and it inspired me to continue taking classes and participating in Guild activities whenever they were offered.

As I became more involved with the Guild, I was asked to take over organizing the refreshments. I accepted the responsibility and have been doing it ever since. I enjoy helping in this way because it gives me a chance to contribute to the Guild community. I also try to encourage new members to bring refreshments because it is an easy and welcoming way to get them involved. Looking back, what started with one simple basket-making class in 2001 has grown into a lasting passion, bringing me friendships, learning opportunities, and the chance to give back to an organization that has meant so much to me.



Rose Glenn

I have been creating baskets for 25 plus years. I say creating because I know you can follow the same basket instructions, and your basket may have a different look than your fellow basket maker. It is your creation. That said I famously don't read instructions so mine might have a creative look of its own. I also reweave a lot. I enjoy traditional weaving, pine needles, gourds and random weave. Especially random weave no instructions involved!!

When I teach, I enjoy the creativity of my students. I believe all basket making is an art form and nothing expresses that better than the students. I organize and teach the two Guild sponsored Open to the Public classes. I believe in teaching with traditional and new techniques to keep basket making alive.

Membership

I herald the 90 members who have renewed with such gusto and promptness.

We welcome five new members as we start this process for our new year.

Our new year begins on July 1st and runs through June 30. It seems weird to me but it will work better for organizational matters.

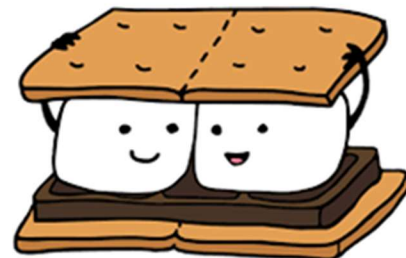
The stir on this year's application is the addition of an emergency contact. Most of you have been dropping landlines. That leaves us no way to reach anyone should a problem arise while you are at a Guild function. We do not expect to ever use it (keep yourselves healthy) and we will not be publishing it with the roster. It will be on the books and available to the vice president who runs everything and is present for everything. Please give us a name and a phone number so we are prepared.

Send in those \$25 dollar checks and we will add you to the roster for another great year of weaving related activities. We hope to hear from you all soon.

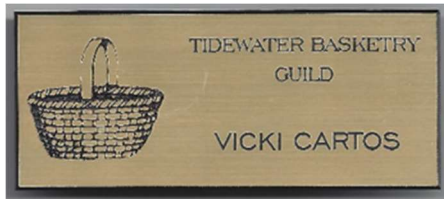
Any questions, call me 757-373-0902

Mail your application (available under forms on the website) with your check to me.

Sandy Doyle



NAME BADGE ORDERS



Do you want a TBG name badge?

Orders will be accepted at the July 25 patriotic basket class, throughout the summer by mail, and finally at the September 13 meeting.

Payment is required when you sign up. **Make checks payable to TBG.**

\$13 MAGNETIC BACK **OR** PIN BACK

DEADLINE for placing orders: **September 13 meeting.**

If you are ordering by mail, send your check and your choice of magnetic back or pin back to:

Vicki Cartos
1212 Anne Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Questions? Contact Vicki Cartos at
vmcartos@cox.net or 757.409.4230.

UFO 2026

TBG's June Meeting brought a close to the 2026 UFO Challenge

We had 15 members participate. Each month we had a drawing from the members who finished their basket for that month. We had "Completed all 6 Baskets on Time Drawing" and the "Big Money Draw", (\$105) at our June Meeting. All winners are listed below. We had 82 Baskets finished on time. The good news is out of the 90 possible baskets 88 were completed.

Hopefully many more of you will join us for our next challenge "**2027 UFO Challenge**".

Winners:

Monthly Winners:

Marcy Murphy – January
Susi Waters – February
Sarah Baxter – March
Jennifer Nichols – April
Tina Plageman – May
Jane Brinkman – June

Completed All 6 Baskets on Time Winner:

Tina Plageman

Big Money Winner:

Rami McKinney

Three in Three Summer Basket Challenge

This challenge is to encourage Summer Weaving. All participants were to sign up by our June 7th meeting. Participants are to make at least three baskets in the months of June, July and August. Baskets are to be brought to our September 13th Meeting. There will be a big drawing at that meeting. We have 33 TBG Members Participating. I look forward to seeing all 99 Baskets in September.



Facebook

We have a guild Facebook page for information and announcements that is NEW!

There was "fake" Facebook page created in December of 2021. It is listed as being created by a long-time guild member, Lynn Ryan. She

did NOT create it. The profile picture for that Lynn Ryan is a silhouette of a head and shoulders. Our Lynn has her cat as her profile picture. I have not been successful with Facebook to have the group removed. The fake page (notice the lower-case letters) is "Tidewater basketry guild". It has an animated cover page that has people gardening and a person painting a picture. There are 101 members. If you are one of them, the only way we can get that page gone is for the 101 members to leave the page. The voting board gave me the ok to start a new group, and it is "The OFFICIAL Tidewater Basketry Guild". If you are a Facebook user, please search for the new group and join us. This will be used for Guild information and announcements. We still have the "Friends of TBG" Facebook group and that is where you may share basket related photos, upcoming events, places you've been weaving and just connecting with other members. There are always great pictures of our TBG members at monthly meetings and classes. Be sure to join that one also!! Tina Plageman, President



TBG OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS 2026-27

- President.....Tina Plageman
- Vice President.....Cyndi Wheeler
- Secretary..... Juli Graboski
- Treasurer.....Shirley Murphy
- Membership..... Sandy Doyle
- Historian.....Cindy Stanton
- Communications.....Christy Newman
- Webmaster.....Cindy Stanton
- Refreshments..... Shannon Lovvorn
- Open to the Public..... Rose Glen
- Member At Large...Carole Nozynski/Judy Townsend/Kim Voska
- Guilders Weave 2027...Angie Salerno/Tina Plageman



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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

Thank you!
Christy Newman
Newsletter Editor

Did you read to the end?
Count the smores and the 1st one to email me the correct answer gets free raffle tickets at GW '27. Only new winners please, you know who you are.