

TIDINGS

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The President's Pen

Tina Plageman

Happy Fall Y'all!!! Holy smokes, can you believe it's October already!! I fell short on my weaving "goals" for the summer, did you? I thought I would have gotten more baskets woven, but I also love being out in the yard and I can't be in two places at the same time.

As the cooler weather visits us, it's a perfect time to grab a cup of coffee, tea, hot cider, or hot chocolate and start weaving some holiday gifts! I participate in three craft shows (October, November and December) that I need to weave for so I'll be busy!!

As I look back on the summer months, I want to thank those members who signed up for the July Patriotic basket class. It was supposed to be at my house, in which we would have enjoyed being outside and, if needed, could cool off in the pool.....BUT the weather didn't want that to happen. We had to make last minute changes and, thankfully, I was able to get a local church that allowed us to use their fellowship hall and the members were very understanding.

When the calendar meeting is mentioned, it makes me nervous. We don't usually have a big turn out to the meeting, nor do we have members that are ready to take the leap into teaching a class. But, let me tell you....this one we had in August brought 10 of our members together to share ideas, baskets, suggestions and more. Thank you to Sandy Doyle for opening

her home to us. We have a busy year ahead and it is loaded with all sorts of weaving opportunities that will interest you!! We have four visiting teachers that will offer some great classes.

If you are looking for more weaving and would like to travel, check out some of the basket weaving conventions. There are lots of them out there....from PA, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky, Winston-Salem, NC and more. I find a lot of information in the "Facebook Basket Weavers; basketry, gourd weaving & more" face book group. There were a number of us who attended the Central PA's "Weaving Odyssey" in Gettysburg, PA back in September.

Our community service project was part of our annual pool party. Those attending were given a kit to weave at the pool party and one to take home for themselves. Some of our members gave back the basket they wove at home. We have received over 30 baskets!! And, the donations of personal hygiene items have filled up two huge totes!! Thank you to everyone who participated!!

Did you participate in the 3 in 3 Summer Challenge? What a wonderful addition to our list of activities!! The baskets that were woven were not only beautiful, but the NUMBER of baskets that were woven was amazing!! It was such a hit, that we will do it again next year.

Happy Fall Weaving Y'all

Tina!



Vice President's Corner

Cindi Wheeler

Well, here we are, summer has whizzed by! Can you believe it is September already? I don't know

about you all but I am looking forward to some cooler weather. Not too cold but cooler!

Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us. It's time to get busy and start weaving up some baskets for your Christmas gifts. There are a lot of quick and easy projects out there that would be perfect.

Summer was a little slower for the guild but we still had several events that went well and kept us weaving over the summer. In June, we hosted visiting teacher Becki Newsome. Becki spent two days with us and shared some wonderful projects. We had lots of great conversations as well as laughs and heartaches!

July slowed down kind of like the dog days of summer do. On July 25th, we had our America's 250th celebration. We almost had to cancel due to the weather but managed to come up with alternate plans and enjoyed a day of weaving our beautiful Terri Feutz American Flag Baskets. Everyone had a little different take on this basket and they all turned out so nice. It was a wonderful day of weaving and enjoying visiting with everyone.

August 1st, we had our annual pool party where we made baskets for our Community Project. We had a nice turn out at Rose Glen's house and beautiful weather for enjoying the pool. Later in August we had the Calendar Meeting. No weaving but we decided on lots of wonderful projects to weave next year. I think everyone will be happy with what was chosen. It is a nice variety. Keep your eyes out for signups for the upcoming year. January's signup sheet has already been put out!

Going forward we have some classes and events to finish us out for the year. October 3rd and 4th we will be set up at the Newport News Fall Festival. If you would like to help share this wonderful craft we enjoy by spending some time volunteering at the festival, please let me know. We have several signed up already but can always use more volunteers. They will display baskets, demonstrate weaving and share information about the guild.

October 24th, we have our fall Open to the Public class. Please share this with your friends and family that may be interested. Also, on this day we have two baskets being taught for members. Tina will be teaching Diane's Delight Basket and Rami will be teaching a Twill Trash Can. Hope everyone will be able to join in the fun.

Also in October, the 30th and 31st we are looking forward to welcoming visiting teacher Karen Wychock. Karen has some beautiful baskets she will be teaching both days. Please check the site out for pictures and details. There are still a few spots open.

November will bring some Holiday Ornaments after our general meeting on the 1st. And December 6th is our Annual Holiday Party at Cindy Stanton's where we will enjoy lots of good food and fun. We will have a gift exchange as well. The gift should be basket related with a value of \$25. It can be a basket or something basket related. Think outside the box! This will be a gift exchange, no stealing this year!

Hope to see everyone at one (or more) of the upcoming events! Keep your eyes out for updates on the website on upcoming classes. There are lots of things to choose from so come join us for some weaving! See you soon!

From Shirley Murphy!
Three In Three Challenge

TBG's Three in Three Challenge was a huge success, thirty-one of the 33 participants completed all three projects. Many of those participants made more than 3 items. Listed below are the 3 winners drawn at the September 13th meeting.

Thank you to everyone who participated and gave encouragement to others to weave. I hope you are looking forward to next year's challenge. We will tweak a couple of things for next summer, but I am sure there will be a summer challenge. Hopefully we will have even more participation.

1st place Tamme Durant
2nd place Kim Voska
3rd place Shannon Lovvorn

UFO Challenge

Sign-up sheets were passed out at the September 12th meeting. If you did not get one they will be available at the November meeting. If you would like you can send me your list of Basket numbered 1 thru 6. Hopefully many of you join the fun.

- Give list of 6 Basket to Shirley with \$7.00, by December 1st
- Complete one Basket from your list each month, beginning with our January meeting. You get to choose which basket you will make each month
- There will be drawing each month among the baskets completed
- At our June meeting we will have 3 winners
 - 1st Place - Big winner all the money collected from participants. Your name is placed in this drawing each month you complete a basket. If you complete your

list one basket each month for our meeting you name goes in the drawing 6 times.

2nd Place – Basket Kit, everyone who completes all 6 Baskets on their list

Join us for this fun weaving challenge!!



Community Project Baskets
Thank you to all who wove one!





GUILDERS' WEAVE 2027.....

"Let's Weave S'more!"

Be on the lookout for class selections. In your letters or emails will also be the option to pre-order kits from some of your favorite teachers. Please think about ordering memorabilia before the deadline of November 15th. We are looking for gift cards for our special raffle, so please send in a few if you can. I hope everyone is excited as I am for the upcoming event! Don't forget about creating a basket for the SWAP, too. See you in January!

Guilders Weave 2027

Start Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2027

End Date: Monday, January 18, 2027

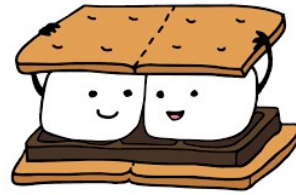
Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- 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](#)

Or, individuals may call our reservation system at 866-329-1758 and ask for the Guilders Weave 2027 group block. Block will be open until December 13th, 2026 or until block is full (whichever comes first); group rate is 134.00.

Anglie Salerno, Chair



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING?

Below is a photo of some of the ladies I taught to make a farmer's basket. The total class was 15. My goal this summer as part of the weave 3 was to teach a class. It was a fun event. They even said that I was almost as nice as Rose (she came and taught them Gourd ornaments). I consider that a huge compliment! Julie and Georgia came and helped for a class. The worst part was putting 15 kits together!!!

Truly,

Rita McGough



MEET OUR MEMBERS



Diane Short

I started weaving with friends in 1991 when we had learned that one of our ladies wove baskets. Every Wednesday we gathered with a pattern she shared and the materials, which we had to order ourselves. Soon after we learned of a guild that met in Norfolk, VA and attended our first meeting. There we found Billie Dorris (one of our founding members) who was teaching a class. By the way, I never finished that basket! Also, I thought it was too far to drive, from York County all the way down to Norfolk.

In 2003, I was talking with Kim Voska and heard about a basket weaving conference held in Newport News. I just happened to run into her at the hotel where the conference was on Sunday morning, the last day of the event. She explained about the visiting teachers that come here from all over the US, the different materials they use in baskets and that it was a whole lot of fun! The next year I signed up to go with Cindy Stanton. Even though it was after the cutoff date, I got several classes and I haven't stopped weaving since.

I was asked to fill in for a leaving Vice President and then I was voted in as President for four years. I have taught Open to the Public classes for seven years, as well as several classes for guild members. I held off until I felt I had a handle on what I needed to teach and show the students. I have taught young students at local schools in after-school programs, summer camps, and girl scouts over the years.

I have woven with all of the different mediums that are available, from ash, white oak, pine needles and willow. I love trying them all and I'm always ready to try new basket ideas and learn new things.



Cindy Stanton

In 2002, I attended the Virginia Beach Craft Show, where I met Billie Dorris and learned about the guild. She invited me to an upcoming Open to the Public event, and I immediately enrolled in the spring class taught by Alice Wyvill and her daughter. From that first class, I was hooked.

I joined the guild and quickly became actively involved. In 2003, I volunteered to serve on the board and have held every position on the board with the exception of Treasurer. Guilders Weave Chair was one of the most fun. And I continue to volunteer wherever needed.

I also established the guild's first website and have proudly served as its webmaster ever since.

Basket weaving has brought me far more than a creative outlet—it has created lasting friendships and meaningful opportunities. I often say that my basket friends are the best friends.

Each year during our family vacation, I teach my family to weave a basket, and I have enjoyed passing that tradition on to my granddaughters. I truly love basket weaving and am grateful for the many experiences, friendships, and opportunities it has brought into my life.

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!
Shirley



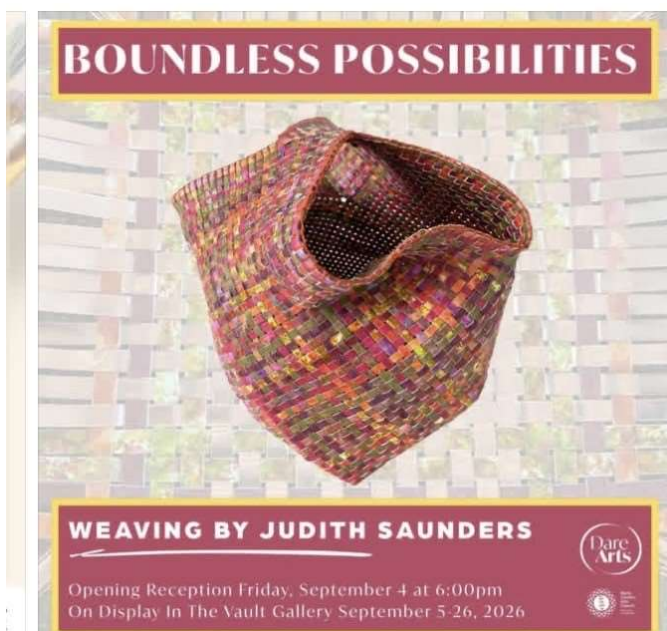
Susie Waters

I started over 25 years ago weaving at the arts and craft center at Fort Monroe. My mom had to go with me as she had to get me in the Fort. My mom stopped going with me when my dad was getting worse from Parkinson's disease. I enjoyed weaving with Arlene as our instructor and the usual weavers- Jackie Church, Marisa Bethea and Tamme Durant. We had fun at each class. As I got more experienced in my weaving, I wanted to weave more difficult baskets. Arlene suggested that I take a class with TBG and the rest is history. I joined the guild and expanded my weaving knowledge. I have held many positions in the guild and was the chairman of GW for two years. I still love learning new techniques and of course, love all the friends that I have met along the way.

Congratulations to Judith Saunders for her one-woman weaving show in The Vault Gallery at Dare County Arts

Carol Ann and I were able to attend the opening night reception on September 4th. It was wonderful to see Judith there and all of her spectacular pieces. Not only did she have wonderful works in watercolor paper and copper, but she also branched out into netting pieces with seashells, works over bottles and rocks. I was lucky enough to purchase the beautiful piece woven over a river rock with pieces of sea glass she picked up on Ocracoke.

Christy





Up Coming Events

Are you vending anywhere? Send us your events.

Oct. 3rd and 4th Newport News Fall Festival,
Newport News City Park, VA



66th Annual
*Albemarle
Craftsman's
Fair*

October 23, 24, and 25, 2026
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 10 am - 4pm

N.C. Cooperative Extension
Currituck County Center
120 Community Way
Barco, NC

Daily Admission \$5.00 per person
12 and under free

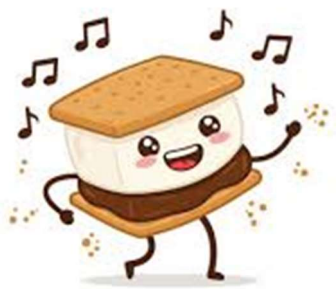
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pottery, glass, woodworking,
quilting, leatherwork and SO
much more!

252-338-3954 or 252-562-5441
www.albemarlecraftsmanfair.com

Oct. 23-25 The Albemarle Craftsman's Fair is one of the oldest shows in NC featuring the members of Albemarle Craftsman's Guild. Come meet our talented Craftsmen who will be selling their quality handcrafted items during this 3-day weekend. They will offer handcrafts in more than 100 different techniques and styles in wood, fiber, glass, pottery, metals, basket weaving and

so much more.

Dec 5-6 Annual Currituck Arts & Crafts Festival
at the Currituck High School, Currituck, NC.



Tips and Tidbits

Your left hand is your best tool!! While you are weaving, be sure to use your left hand to help shape your basket and pack your rows. With your three fingers, you can gently move spokes towards you if you notice that you are going in. If you need to decrease the diameter of your basket, use your left hand to gently push in on the spokes you have just woven over. If you have approximately 1/2" space between spokes when you weave your first couple of rows, use your pointer finger on your left hand as your spacer between each spoke. A clip or clothespin in the corner spaces between the spokes will also help keep the spacing the same as you weave.

If you tend to push in on your basket while weaving in your lap, move your basket to the table and spin it while weaving. This will naturally have you gently pulling out on your weaver and bring the shape out.

There's a lot to watch and do while weaving to ensure a perfectly shaped basket. Otherwise "shape happens".

****If you are a left-handed weaver, then your right hand is your best tool.**

Membership

We thank you for renewing with us. So many of you easily and in a timely way, sent in your renewals. Thanks for making life easier on us. Send in renewals to:

Sandy Doyle
812 Adrian Drive
Virginia Beach VA 23452
Thanks,
Sandy Doyle
Membership Chair



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...Christy Newman/Cindy Stanton
Refreshments..... Shannon Lovvorn
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Member At Large...Carole Nozynski/Judy
Townsend/Kim Voska
Guilders Weave 2027...Angie Salerno/Tina
Plageman

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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



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***Check out our FB page for great pictures of
baskets and updates about TBG activities!***