



GUILDERS' WEAVE 2026

January 15-18

We will be accepting teacher applications beginning April 1, 2025, and would love to have you send in some of your designs for our jurying process. Jurying will take place mid-June.

Our event is held at the Marriott City Center in Newport News, VA and hosted by Tidewater Basketry Guild. Our convention is growing at a very fast pace and in 2025 we had 199 participants, including 18 teachers. We are always looking for new instructors and welcome all our past instructors back. You can find more information on our website www.tidewaterbasketry.org, under the Guilders' Weave tab, beginning April 1st.

I would like to share some important information that tends to discourage some teachers from sending in proposals. Our registration fee covers the cost of the meals provided. Included in your registration fee is a buffet lunch on Friday and Saturday, and a buffet banquet on Saturday night. Our lunches include a baked potato bar, soup, salad, desserts and drinks on one day and a cold cut sandwich bar, soup, salad, desserts and drinks on the other day. The banquet includes fried/baked chicken, pork loin, salad, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, vegetables, desserts and drinks. Special needs meals are available too. The cost of the meals was around \$145 last year and will probably increase this year. We offer a discounted registration fee to all our teachers. Included in your hotel room rate is a breakfast bar consisting of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, oatmeal, fruit, pastries and drinks. We have a hospitality room that is always loaded with various goodies and is open late at night.

Another thing that discourages teachers is that we only offer vending on Friday night at Teacher Marketplace. We are contracted with the hotel for two

classrooms and the grand ballroom where the meals are eaten. Once we get each teacher's class space mapped out, unfortunately, there is not enough room to allow vending at your space. We strongly encourage teachers who can, to offer advanced purchased kits. Last year we had over 100 pre-ordered kits!!

Won't you please consider joining us for Guilders' Weave 2026. We are becoming one of the largest conventions offered!! If you have any questions, I can be reached at 252-435-2918 or by email. (witchie24@mchsi.com)

I look forward to you joining us and seeing your proposals.

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