



TIDINGS

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the President's Pen

Susie Waters

Happy Summer all,

I hope all are staying cool and hydrated. Since too hot to be outside, unless you are in a pool---Stay inside and weave.

My stash of kits never seems to decrease, and I hope I can get some done this summer.

Again, I want to stress the importance of our calendar meeting on July 26th in Hampton. This is where we decide our activities for 2026. Please attend and bring ideas and samples of what you would like to see next year.

We will cool off in August with our Pool Party and weave a little cracker basket.

Rounding out our summer with visiting teachers in August and September.

Our elections are coming up in September, so please remember to vote either in person or via email. More info on

voting to follow from your nominating committee. If you are interested in being our President or Secretary, please contact Cindy Stanton.

I can see the light at the end of the tunnel of being President for the last four years and my upcoming retirement. It has been a crazy ride for both, but I am looking forward to some relaxing and a new puppy in my future.

Again, thank you for all you do to support our guild and me.

Hope to see you soon,

Susie



From all of us in TBG!

“How Tariffs Affect Pricing”

tar·iff (noun)

a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports.

The tariffs imposed by the current US government are now taking affect. You may see large jumps in the prices of weaving materials, it may happen multiple times in a short period of time with no notice, depending on what level of tariffs are imposed at the time materials arrive in a US port. Every time a container of reed arrives in the US port it is subject to the current level of tariffs imposed so the customs fee that my importer pays will vary and reflect the current tariff level. This customs cost is then added to or spread out onto all the materials in that container which raises the per item cost. We have no idea where this will go or when it will end. Reed, seagrass and cane are all grown in rainforest areas and China is the only country that is currently exporting these raw materials. Please see our Weaving Glossary and our All About Reed Pages for more information about the raw materials, how they grow and how they are harvested and processed. It has been our policy to raise Country Seat prices only when the cost we pay has been raised. There have been times when costs for certain products have been lowered and our pricing lowers as well to reflect this. We have begun adjusting our pricing for items now affected by tariffs. There may be wildly different pricing and pricing that doesn't make sense. As current stock sells out, the new pricing will show. Two half pounders of reed might be cheaper than a full pound since all half pounders were purchased prior to imposed tariffs. Please bear with me as this is confusing, maddening and a lot of extra work. It is our hope that things will change soon and we will be able to lower the prices of the items that are currently being affected. We appreciate your support and understanding during this turbulent time.

Angie, <https://www.countryseat.com>

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How Tariffs Are Affecting Basket Weaving Material Prices

From OWL Offerings of Wonder by Lorelea*

As many of you know, tariffs are taxes placed on goods brought into the United States. Recently, the U.S. government has enacted new tariffs, and these changes are now starting to affect the cost of basket weaving materials. What this means is that every time a shipment of reed, cane, or seagrass arrives at a U.S. port, the importer is charged a customs fee based on the current tariff rate. These rates can change quickly and without warning. The customs fees are then distributed across all of the materials in that shipment, increasing the cost of each item. Because these raw materials are primarily grown in rainforest RROKI regions and currently only exported from China, we're especially vulnerable to these pricing shifts. At Offerings of Wonder, we've always adjusted our pricing in step with what we pay for materials. When costs have gone down in the past, we've passed those savings on to you. And when costs rise, we adjust as needed—but only when absolutely necessary. Right now, the future of these tariffs is uncertain. We don't know how long they'll remain in effect or whether rates will go up again. What we do know is that our commitment remains the same: to be transparent, fair, and to continue providing you with the highest quality materials we can source. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding as we navigate these changes together.

With gratitude, Lorelea Offerings of Wonder by Lorelea <https://lorelea.com/>



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Vice President's Corner

Welcome Summer!! It's forecasted to be HOT, HOT, HOT; so, what better to way to enjoy those hot days.....grab something to weave and hop into a swimming pool. Wah-lah, NO water bucket needed!! No table needed!! And, you will get your tan on. If that's not for you, join us for one of our summer classes. Whatever you decide to do, have a relaxing and fun summer!

Looking back.....

At our April meeting, Juli stepped up to the plate and gave "teaching" a try. She did a wonderful job showing us how to weave an adorable fish. Guild members enjoyed it so much, I heard several say they were making a couple more fish in different colors to hang on the wall in a "school". Thanks Juli!!

Those members that attended NCBA showed us all their beautiful baskets and shared info on the instructors and classes they took. Congratulations to our guild members who won awards for their woven pieces they entered in the exhibit room.

April 26th was our Spring Open to the Public class held in Norfolk. Shirley and her helpers lead a great class, and we may see a few of those faces as new members!! It's always great to see the excitement as they see their baskets "come to life". During the OTP, Tina held a class for members making a trash can. Some of those attending had never woven around a "mold" and they were thrilled to learn something new. Some were overheard saying that it was way to pretty to use as a trash can! Whatever they decide to use it for, they will be proud of their basket!

Our May 4th meeting was held at the Hampton location. Tina had twelve members join her to make a bandana basket. It will be perfect for breads, muffins and rolls.

After our June 1st meeting, Susie had a big class for the small hearth basket. Most of the members that wove had never made a basket where they had to decrease the rows as they went up and were very happy to learn a new technique. Check out the pictures on Friends of TBG Facebook page to see how some members added their own touches on the baskets.

Linda Elschlager made a long trip from western West Virginia to be a guest teacher for our guild

members. She was here on June 6th and 7th and taught two classes each day. What a fun way to spend a couple of rainy days. Some members tackled both of her large baskets and some decided to go with her smaller ones. Whatever we decided to sign up for, we went home with beautiful baskets.

Looking ahead.....

I'm not happy to write this section of the article. Looking ahead will take us speeding through summer and heading right into fall. But we have lots of weaving opportunities in the next couple of months.

There is no monthly guild meeting in July. You do have time to weave up a patriotic basket for the 4th of July!!

July 12th we will be gathering at the Hampton church and weaving a 3D basket with Tina. There may be a few openings if you would like to join us. Reach out to Tina.

July 27th is our most important meeting of the year! Please join us for the Calendar Meeting!! Take your ideas, suggestions, baskets or projects you would like to teach or have in 2026. We are always looking for ideas and baskets, but we would really like to have YOU volunteer to teach a small weaving project after a meeting or on a Saturday. There are always guild members willing to help you. Meeting will be at the Hampton location.

August 2 (remember, this is a SATURDAY) is our annual pool party. This year it will be held on the southside at Marsha Brom's house in Va. Beach. It's guaranteed to be HOT, so pack your swimsuit and join us for lunch and a FREE weaving project. This year we chose a tea/cracker basket. If you are interested in participating, be sure to let Tina know.

August 8th and 9th Peggy McCarson will be our visiting teacher. Her classes will be held at Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk. The Feathers class is full, but the other three classes still have a couple of spaces. She is also taking orders for kits if you can't make it to the classes. Contact Tina for more info or to sign up.

September 7th will be our monthly meeting at the Hampton church. Elections will be held for President and Secretary, and we will be weaving a small harvest basket. Cost is \$15 and contact Tina if you are interested in signing up.

September 26th and 27th Susan Baxter will be our visiting teacher. She is offering four classes and three of them have been filled!! There is still time for you to get into her FIA class on Saturday. If you would like to join us, please contact Tina Plageman.

We will be demonstrating at the Newport News Fall Festival on October 4th and 5th and need volunteers to represent the Guild. Free admission to the festival for you and an opportunity for you to share information on basket weaving and the guild and to display some of your most prized baskets!!

Guilders Weave 2026 ***Twine after Twine***

We are very happy to announce that jurying was held on Saturday, June 28th and we have some amazing instructors coming in January!! We have new ones. We have old favorites and we have some that haven't been to GW for a little while.

It was not an easy process. We had 32 teachers submit to teach and we had the task of narrowing it down to under 20. But you will not be disappointed in our picks, that is for sure!!

Classes will post on our website, "www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org" on August 1st. This year, Sept. 1st is Labor Day, so the postmarked date will be moved to Sept. 2nd. It's best for you to HAND deliver it to an employee at the post office and WATCH them stamp your envelope!!

I want to thank my jurying committee....Angie Salerno, Anna Donnelly, Shannon Louvorn, Shirley Murphy, and Susie Waters. Job well done, ladies!! Tina

January 15-18th
Marriott at City Center, Newport News VA

Book your group rate for GUILDERS WEAVE
2026

Or, individuals may call our reservation system at 866-329-1758 and ask for the ***Guilders Weave 2026*** group block. Block will be open until **December 14th, 2025** or until block is full (whichever comes first); group rate is \$129.00.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING

Monday's with Tina

You can catch Tina teaching once a month, on Mondays, down at the Outer Banks with a fine group of ladies, including guild members Sarah and Shannon. Everyone is welcome to join them!! Please contact Tina Plageman for more information.





Look what's been going on in Moyock!!

Several guild members join in the fun weaving classes in NC.



Several friends bought kits from Marilyn Parr at Guilders' Weave and finally were able to all get together to weave at Sarah's house.

Shannon, Shirley, Angie, Sarah, Cheryl and Tina



Not only is Tina creative with her baskets but now even her photoshop skills are taking it up a notch!



Has anybody seen Shirley?

Membership

Dear Fellow basket weavers,

Here it is the day it is due and I am madly trying to get this letter off to the editor so she will include this in the next newsletter. I guess I am just like one third of our members. An amazing two thirds of you have sent in your renewals. TBG is so pleased to have you back with us to unite in our common goal of sharing our love of basket weaving.

Each one of you contribute with your thoughts shared at meetings, your laughter at Guilder's Weave, your contributions to raffles for GW, your time volunteered at festivals, your work on the board and your contribution to our membership, so we can thank the churches we use for meetings and classes. We count on you to create this organization. Thank you for your support, one and ALL.

Two thirds of you have taken care of business, now for that other third.... Please send your \$20 to Sandy Doyle. The form is on the web site. We really don't want to lose any of you from our circle of friends!

I hope to hear from you soon....as Anna said I would like that final "tidal wave" of envelopes filled with renewals in my mailbox!

Sandy Doyle
Membership Chair

Reimbursement Reminder!

From our Treasurer:

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

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 are not sure please contact Sandy Doyle.

The new year begins October 1st

Mail memberships to:

TBG

812 Adrian Dr.

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Attn: Membership/ S. Doyle

TBG OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS

2024-25

President..... Susie Waters
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Murphy, Diane Short, Kim Voska, Laura White
Guilders Weave 2025.....Tina Plageman

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Deadline Dates

December 15
March 15
June 15
September 15

Publication Dates

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