

“Weaving Friendships—One Basket at a Time!”

Guilders’ Weave 2023

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Dear Basket Weaving Instructor,

Tidewater Basketry Guild is inviting you to join us at our annual convention in Newport News, VA. Our event will be held January 12th-15th at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. We offer a class on Thursday evening (2-4 hours), a Friday class (6-8 hours), a Saturday class (6-8 hours), and a Sunday class (4-6 hours). You may choose any or all of the days you would like to teach a class.

We are looking for a nice variety of classes this year. Class size is limited to 10 students and your choice for a minimum number. Our event averages about 175 students and we would like to have around 18 teachers.

As an instructor you are required to provide all materials needed for a student to complete a finished basket and a written pattern for each student.

We are no longer requiring mail in baskets and all proposals are to be done via email. You may submit up to 8 baskets for our jurying process. We will be accepting proposals beginning May 25th and the cut off day will be June 7th. Our jurying will take place on June 10th.

I would like to take a minute to clarify some concerns from teachers in the past. We do charge each teacher a “registration fee”. This fee covers your meals during the event. In 2020 each meal costs us \$123.00 per person. We offer a discounted price to our teachers. A Friday and Saturday lunch is included, as well as a Saturday night buffet. We have a wonderful hospitality room that is always loaded with a variety of snacks. The hotel room rate includes a breakfast buffet each morning. This is NOT the average little continental breakfast that you would get at other hotels. This is offered free to us from the hotel. Our room rate has not increased in the last three years and our contracts have been extended to reflect that. Vending is another concern for some teachers. We do offer Teacher Marketplace on Friday night, but because of the size of the two ballrooms we utilize for the classes, unfortunately, we do not have the space to allow vending at your classes. We strongly encourage teachers to offer pre-sale of kits.

You can find all of the information you need at our website “tidewaterbasketryguild.org” under the Guilders’ Weave tab.

We truly hope you will consider joining us at our convention. If you have any questions, please reach out to me by phone or email. (252)435-2918 or guildersweave23@gmail.com

Thank you.

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