

GUILDERS' WEAVE 2025 GENERAL INFORMATION

All classes and group meals will be held at Newport News Marriott at City Center. A block of rooms is being held until Sunday, December 8th, 2024 for Guilders' Weave participants at the rate of **\$124.00**, two double beds or one king bed. For those driving in, it is conveniently located just off I-64.

NEWPORT NEWS MARRIOTT AT CITY CENTER
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

PHONE RESERVATIONS:

Toll free 1-866-329-1758. Make your reservations now for the low group rate of \$124 per night.

Be sure to mention Guilders' Weave 2025 to receive our group rate. Room rates reserved under other price plans will not cover the FREE items that the hotel has included for us. Remember that our FREE meeting spaces are based on a commitment from us to occupy a minimum number of rooms/nights during the convention. If we fall below that requirement, we will be responsible for the additional costs! Help us keep our costs down by reserving your room at the Marriott.

Marriott Hotel Reservation Link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1719326006902&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS INCLUDE:

- *Beautiful, quality accommodations, completely NO SMOKING!
- *Deluxe room, two double beds or one king bed, same low price (\$124/night). Rollaway bed is available in king size rooms only.
- *FREE breakfast included with each room guest (up to four per room)
- *Complimentary self-parking inside the parking garage that is connected to the hotel. This garage is city owned and operated. Hotel is not responsible for any loss or damages.
- *Complimentary Wi-Fi in all guest rooms and meeting rooms.
- *" Chiller" refrigerators in each room
- *Restaurant and Bar on premises
- *Room service available
- *Security on premises and agreements with NN City Center hotel exterior
- *Indoor swimming pool
- *Fitness Center
- *Laundry (complimentary detergent and dryer sheets)
- *Room rate is honored from Wednesday, January 15th through Monday, January 20th.
- *Meeting rooms all on ground floor, all together in one convenient area (banquet dining room, classrooms, separate hospitality room, separate vendor's room for selected GW Vendor (see below), separate room for masseuse, luxurious restrooms and a wide lavish hallway with high quality furniture for our convenience.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00p.m., AND Friday morning from 7:00 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. Everyone will need to check in at the registration table prior to going to their first class.

On arrival, please check in at our Guilders' Weave registration table to pick up your welcome bag and name tag. **All students must wear the gold/black neck wallets that were given to you in 2018.** If you were a first-time student last year or are one this year, you will be given a free neck wallet. If you have lost or misplaced yours, replacements will be available for purchase. Nametags must always be worn during the convention.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

After checking in at the registration table, we invite you to join us in our hospitality room. It will be open at various times throughout the event and is a good place to relax and visit with friends or to meet new weavers. The hospitality room is in Blue Point Room 1. We ask that you bring **individually wrapped** "snack" items, fruit, or homemade goodies to share in our hospitality room. We love homemade goodies....but please bag or wrap them in individual servings!

MESSAGE BOARD

Be sure to check the message board often as announcements, messages and any important changes will be posted there. It is located next to the registration table.

BASKET SWAP

The basket swap allows participants to exchange one of their very own hand-woven baskets with another weaver. This is an opportunity to share with others. **Everyone** is encouraged to participate regardless of their weaving skill level!! Take your basket to the Basket Swap table and fill out a tag and tie it on your basket. The swap will take place Saturday night after the raffle prizes are awarded. This is always a fun activity and we hope you will participate!

RAFFLE

The raffle drawing will take place immediately following the banquet dinner on Saturday night. Tickets will be available for purchase Thursday evening and all day/evening Friday and Saturday.

CLASSROOMS

NO FOOD OR DRINKS, except water, is allowed in the classrooms!! **NO CELL PHONES** may be used during class time. Please respect the teachers and fellow weavers. Be sure to turn off or silence your cell phone before the start of classes. If you must use your phone, please leave the classroom.

GUILDERS' WEAVE MEMORABILIA

There will be memorabilia information and order forms available on the website. Information will also be sent with your class assignments.

BUFFET LUNCHEON AND BANQUET

The registration fee includes your buffet lunches on Friday and Saturday AND your banquet dinner on Saturday evening. Guest tickets are available for purchase in advance. After the banquet dinner, we will conduct the raffle drawings and the basket swap.

SUNDAY BOXED LUNCH

An optional boxed lunch will be available to purchase for Sunday. You may order it on the registration form and be sure to indicate which one you prefer. A complimentary water station will be available.

MARKETPLACE

Teachers and registered participants may sell items during Marketplace. There is to be **NO SELLING** during class time!! The marketplace will be open Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Anna Donnelly at andonnelly@verizon.net **no later than November 23, 2024.**

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Join us immediately following marketplace in the dining room for an hour of fun. A cash bar will be available.

VENDOR

We are happy to have Angie Wagner, The Country Seat join us as our vendor this year. The Country Seat is in Kempton PA. Expect a large selection of basket weaving supplies, dyed reed and miscellaneous items that will enhance your weaving. Angie will bring as much of the shop as she possibly can, the van is always packed to the brim! The Country Seat will also take special and large orders ahead of time... save on shipping! If there are any specific items you would like to see or purchase or if you would like to place an order for her to bring along, please send/call/email your requests to her by Monday, January 6th. If you would like to prepay the order in the online catalog – www.countryseat.com – please choose the free Store Pickup as your shipping option and put “GW Pick Up” in the Delivery Notes during checkout. Consider checking the website <https://www.countryseat.com> and placing an advanced order. For those who may be new to Angie’s style of vending, there is a brown bag system that we use so that you can shop at your leisure over the weekend. Grab a brown paper bag from the provided bags, write your name on the bag. As you find items you wish to purchase add them to your bag then tuck the bag under the table skirt at an empty spot. Angie will write up the items while you are in class and add a plastic bag over the top of the paper bag. If you want to add more items, just drop them into the plastic bag. Check out and pay when you are ready. If you need an item right away for class, let Angie know, she will record it and you can get right back to class. Any questions, feel free to call or email: 610-756-6124 Or orders@countryseat.com / www.countryseat.com

MASSAGE THERAPIST

Both chair and table massages will be offered by a qualified therapist for GW attendees. There will be a sign-up sheet available. Services will be available Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

KNIFE SHARPENING

The Knife Sharpening Guy will be with us again this year. Bag up your kitchen knives, yard shears, basket scissors and anything else that needs to be sharpened. He does it all. Look for him in the lobby near the bathrooms.

ROOMMATE

If you are looking to help cut costs and would like a roommate, send an email to Tina Plageman, Co-Chair at witchie24@mchsi.com and we work with you to find a roommate.