



TIDINGS

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The President's Pen

Tina Plageman

Spring is in the air and it's a great time to get some last-minute basket weaving in before the hot summer weather is here, and whether you are at the beach, on vacation, doing yard work, or busying ourselves with other fun things! Wouldn't a cute Easter basket be a nice addition to your basket collection.

At our last board meeting, we voted to rescind our decision to increase membership dues to \$30. It was a majority vote that we keep the dues at \$25 and will now need to be renewed on July 1st. We are happy to say that we have 219 members and growing!!

We are once again taking orders for guild memorabilia. We will have short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase. If you would like to place an order, go to our website and click on "forms" and you will find the t-shirt order form. Return that to Susie Waters along with your payment.

At the March meeting, members had the opportunity to sign up for our weaving project. They were given a brown paper bag with a wooden base in it. They now must take that home and get a basket started by inserting

spokes and weaving an inch on the basket. Next month they will receive a different bag to take home and let the creative fun begin!!

You still have time to sign up for all classes after April 12th. We have a great line up for the year. Suzi Nonn will be here in April. Becki Newsome will be here in June and Karen Wychock will be our visiting teacher in October. All information is posted on the website.

We hope to see you at one of our meetings or events!

Tina

Tips and Tidbits

When making your own pattern for a regular woven basket, remember that spacing is important!! The spacing between the spokes should leave enough room for the weaver to be woven easily. If you are using 1/2" spokes, the weavers should be 3/8" or smaller. To use 1/2" as weavers, your spokes should be 5/8" or larger. If you plan to use the same size reed for spokes and weavers, be sure to leave enough space between the spokes so that the weavers are well packed down. Adjustments can be made before weaving the locking row.

Vice President's Corner

Introduction by Tina Plageman

I would like to welcome Cyndi Wheeler as our new Vice President. She will fill the position for the remainder of the term until elections are held later in the year. Thank you, Cyndi, for offering to help us out. Any communication concerning upcoming classes or sign-ups for activities should be sent to Cyndi at "meanmom63@hotmail.com" I'm absolutely sure that the email name does not fit her!!

Looking Back.....

Our annual UFO challenge began at our January meeting. Thank you to all of those participating and vying for the BIG money at the end of the challenge. Susie led the members in a fun class making napkin rings.

January 15-18.....we attended a WONDERFUL Guilder's Weave!! If you missed it this year, be sure to join us next year for a fun time!!

Winter weather cancelled our February meeting, and we carried our GW show and tell over to the March meeting. The meeting ended with the adorable sunflower basket that was taught by Tina and Rose. We had 18 members take home a wooden base in the bag to start the fun activity.

The techniques basket was brought back this year, and the first session was held on March 7th. These ladies are learning some cool techniques, with the guidance of Vicki and Cindy, and will continue with two more sessions.

March 12th-15th took some of our members out to Raleigh/Durham, NC for the annual NCBA convention. We look forward to show & tell at our April meeting.

Looking Ahead.....

April 12th will be our monthly meeting at LUMC in Norfolk. NCBA show and tell will be exciting to see. Shirley will be teaching members how to weave around a mason jar and take home a pretty vase for cut flowers.

April 17th and 18th---Suzi Nonn will be our visiting teacher, bringing her gourds to us.

April 25th will be our Spring Open to the Public class, along with the next session for the Techniques Basket. Open weaving will also be taking place, so come on out and join us and take your weaving project!!

May 3rd is our monthly meeting at the Hampton location. Rami will be teaching a small porcupine basket.

May 16th is our Saturday guild class. Rami will be teaching a fiber rib basket and Tina will be teaching her Suzie-Q basket. Those weaving the techniques basket will be finishing up.

June 5th and 6th--Becki Newsome will be our visiting teacher.

June 7th is our monthly meeting at LUMC in Norfolk.

If you are interested in participating in any of the classes we offer, please contact Cyndi Wheeler to sign up or for more information.





GUILDER'S WEAVE 2027.....

"Let's Weave S'more!"

is the theme of our upcoming Guilders Weave 2027. Below is a link to the hotel and special rates for our event. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Below is the information on our group rates and link to make reservations.

Teacher Newsletter is up on the Website for anyone interested in applying.

Guilders Weave 2027

Start Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2027

End Date: Monday, January 18, 2027

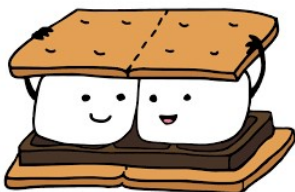
Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- 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



Bylaws Amendment

This is to notify TBG members of the proposed changes to the bylaws.

As stated in the Tidewater Basketry Bylaws Article IX: Procedure for Amending the Bylaws, Section 1. Any proposed changes in the Bylaws will be published in the newsletter prior to a board vote.

It will now state:

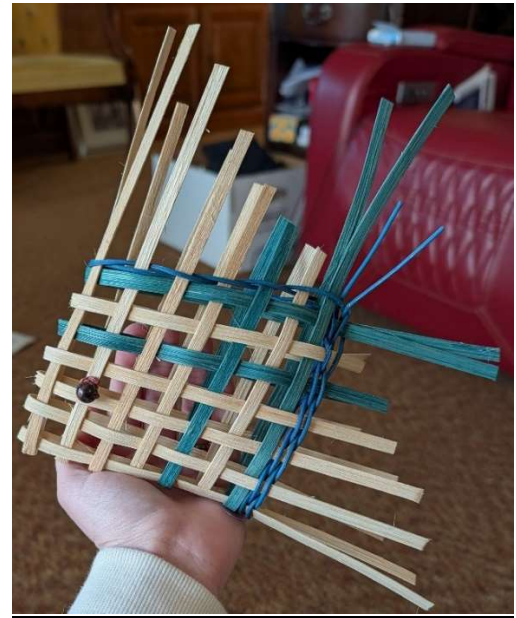
Article IV: Membership, Section 3. *The board shall determine yearly membership dues. Membership dues shall cover the period July 1st through June 30th.*

Article VI: Nominations and Elections, Section 1. *Nominations shall be presented at the May monthly meeting. Section 2. Elections will take place annually at the June monthly meeting. The newly elected officers will take office in July, serving for a two-year term. President and Secretary will be elected to start their terms in July of odd numbered years. The Vice President and Treasurer will be elected to start their terms in July of even numbered years.*

Article X: Calendar Year. Section 1. *The calendar year shall be July 1 through June 30.*

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING?

Sherry Matthews and Angie Salerno taught a Legacy Badge - Basket Weaving, to Girl Scouts at A Place For Girls in Chesapeake on December 13. They represented Tidewater Basketry Guild. Angie has been a Girl Scout Volunteer for over 20 years. She is the Junior leader in Troop 946.



Kayliey's Fish

Meet Our Members

It was mentioned to me that some of our newer members do not know some of our other members, so I decided to start a new section in the newsletter where you will be able to put a face with the name and learn a little bit about our guild members. If I reach out to you and ask that you participate, I hope that you will.

I will start off with four ladies that you may already know.



Carole Nozynski

Hello, my name is Carole Nozynski,

I joined the Guild in 2019. My friend Judy Townsend was already a member and asked me to go to a meeting to see if I liked it and would consider joining. I have always loved Arts and Crafts, so I said yes. That meeting was the start of a wonderful journey making baskets and making friends.

I discovered how kind and encouraging all of you are, and that you're always ready to help share your knowledge and talents.

The Air Force brought us to the Tidewater area, in the mid 80's. When it was time to retire, we liked the area so much, we decided to stay. We live in the small town of Poquoson. We have two children, who call Poquoson home, because they were in Elementary school when we moved here.

I recently took my weaving skills on the road to visit my grandparents in Missouri.

Inspired by the fact that my great-grandparents were weavers, I packed two small kits in my carry-on for some "living room floor" therapy. I managed to whip up a tiny basket and a small fish while catching up with family. My grandparents were absolutely ecstatic to see the family tradition being kept alive—I think I've officially secured my spot as **the** favorite grandchild! Huge thanks to the guild for giving me the skills to bring a little handmade magic back to my roots.

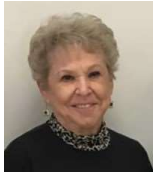
Best wishes
Kayliey Kibler

I am from New Mexico and my husband is from Syracuse. We met in New Mexico and have been married 57 years. The Air Force gave us the opportunity to travel all over the world, and I loved every moment.



Sandy Doyle

Judy and I have been friends for close to 40 years. We share doing things for the Guild. You all see us at the registration table during Guilders Weave. We're the ones dressed alike LOL. We are now doing Member at Large for Tina.



Judy Townsend

10/21/17- An important day in my life? Birth of a child? A marriage? Why is this date so important to me and why can I still remember it? This is the date at the bottom of my market basket that has sat on my kitchen counter for the past nine years. I can still remember the two nice ladies who were so helpful and encouraging, Diane Short and Sherral Nelson who made me feel welcomed and answered all my questions when I went alone to my first basket class in Hampton. The most important thing I learned at this class was always sit near the teacher and this proved to be my saving grace when I signed up for Guilders Weave.

I can't remember who encouraged me, but I have a feeling it was Tina. I knew no one, didn't know what I was getting myself into, but signed up for 4 classes anyway. Remember, these would be baskets 2, 3, 4, & 5. I struggled to find my first class since I had never been to the Marriott before. I was early and no one was in this large room except a nice gentleman, who I assumed was the husband of a basketeer since men didn't weave. He asked me some questions about my experience, and I answered 2. He responded with "2 years?" Of course, my response was, "basket #2", with pride in my voice. I soon learned that this gentleman was Billy Owens and we were going to be making a bicycle basket with reed he had made from his oak trees. He showed me where to sit because even though he moved around this was the spot where he hung out. I really don't know who made basket #2 ... very little of me and a lot of Billy, but that basket still sits on my bicycle. It is a wonderful reminder of the nine years I have had making friends along with baskets and I still sit near the teacher at Guilders Weave.

I have served as TBG treasurer for four years and most likely you will find me at the registration table at Guilders' Weave. I am currently one of the Members at Large for TBG.

Upon my retirement, the charge was on, the bucket list was ready, and the location had been discovered. A return to basket weaving was one of those things to be explored now that there weren't any other distractions to prevent the classes, the time and the expense. My husband and I found a weeklong Nantucket class at John C. Campbell. It was a great start taught by Joni-Dee and David Ross. He had always been interested in whaling and all things Nantucket, so it was right up his alley.

Finding the Guild, we signed up for Guilders' Weave, and the rabbit hole started. We have been exploring ever since. I have been willing to try a variety of techniques, teachers and material. He stayed with Nantucket's. I started attending meetings, was asked to help with membership, and on it goes.

Now we suffer with the common malady of too many baskets, what to do with them, where to store them, how to give them away and yet how to make more. I love the challenges provided, the new techniques to figure out, the instructions to interpret, and the simple beauty of a well woven basket.

New people, great contacts and monthly fun encourage all of us to come together and find new ways to think, make our fingers work and see just how nimble our brain is (or isn't). Hope to see you soon.

I am currently serving as the TBG membership person.



Cyndi Wheeler

For those of you who may not know me I am Cyndi Wheeler. I have lived in the Hampton Roads area most of my life. I grew up in Virginia Beach, got married and moved to Chesapeake. I have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

I have done a little bit of just about everything craft wise. I have always enjoyed crafting. About 9 years ago I was on Facebook and came across a group of basket weavers. I had never done basket weaving before and I thought it would be fun to try to attend

a class, so I reached out. Lo and behold Tina responded to me. I attended a class she was offering. I was afraid I wouldn't be able to do what needed to be done, but Tina reassured me that everything would be fine. I made a Beach Tote in that class, and I was hooked. I enjoyed it so much I couldn't wait to attend another class. And since then, I have been weaving whenever I can. I particularly like a challenge and weaving something new and different.

I found TBG last year when I went to Guilders Weave to shop at Country Seat. Everyone convinced me to join and here I am. I have loved every minute.

I am currently serving as the Vice President of TBG.

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



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!

TBG OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS 2025-26

President.....Tina Plageman
Vice President.....Cyndi Wheeler
Secretary..... Juli Graboski
Treasurer.....Shirley Murphy
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Townsend/Kim Voska
Guilders Weave 2027...Angie Salerno/Tina
Plageman

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December 15	January 01
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



***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 to the end?

Count the smores and the 1st one to email me the correct answer gets free raffle tickets at GW '27. Only new winners please, you know who you are.

