



TIDINGS

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the President's Pen

Susie Waters

Happy Fall Y'all,

I hope everyone is enjoying these cooler days—I know I am.

Everyone knows what fall means—festivals and more festivals.

What does that mean to us---more opportunities to volunteer.

This starts right away with this weekend at the Newport News Food Truck Festival ---our first time at this event and one of our members is also selling her baskets. Thank you Juli and Nancy for volunteering to work this event.

Then a few weeks later, we have the NN Fall Festival on October 5th and 6th. These events help spread the word of our basket guild and we hope to get attendees for our Open to the Public event on November 2nd in Hampton. Again, where we need volunteers.

I see a theme here!

Other volunteer events---thank you for those are making a market basket for the Hampton Church---return to me by November 2nd. I will make tags for them and give to the church.

Also, I am asking all to bring non-perishable food items to our Norfolk November 3rd meeting to help this church. The church is requesting shelf stable milk to be included with items needing milk. Also requesting pasta, canned vegetables, soups and snack items. When buying canned items look for the kind with the pop top to open. Not everyone may have access to a can opener.

I want to thank Judy Townsend for her wonderful job as Treasurer for the last 4 years. Shirley Murphy is taking over and I know she will do a wonderful job as well.

Again, I want to thank each and every one of you for helping me.

I hope to see you all soon,

Susie Waters

Vice President's Corner

Wow!! Where has the summer gone!! It sure slipped by in the blink of an eye. I had big plans of weaving lots of baskets on the hot days, but I can count on both hands the number of baskets I actually finished!

The guild had their annual calendar meeting back in July and there are lots of weaving opportunities coming in 2025! I am excited to say that we have 4 visiting teachers coming next year. Linda Elschlager, Peggy McCarson, Susan Baxter and Mona (from August Moon Basketry).

LOOKING BACK

On June 29th, several guild members gathered at Larchmont United Methodist Church and enjoyed a day of weaving and fellowship with Tina in her Americana class. What a big, beautiful basket it was!!

We took a break from general meetings for July and hope that everyone enjoyed some time with family and friends.

July 20th, guild members wove Indian Corn with Robin and Susan.

July 28th a group of members met up at LUMC in Norfolk with ideas and baskets to put together our calendar for 2025. We are going to be busy!! We will welcome a few new member teachers to lead us after monthly meetings. You can look forward to weaving a wreath, a fish, a trash can, a cracker basket, a basket incorporating beads, a random weave angel, and a bread basket.....along with the beautiful options the visiting teachers will offer!!

What a hot day it was for our pool party on Aug. 3rd! Approximately 15 guild members made their way to Rose Glen's house in Yorktown. We enjoyed a catered pulled pork BBQ lunch, the pool to cool off in, and the fun of weaving a rain stick. While weaving, we were all hanging on to hope that we could shake the finished sticks enough to bring us some rain.

The BABS class scheduled for August 17th was rescheduled for November 2nd.

Elections were held during our Sept. 8th meeting. Thank you, Judy Townsend, for the four years you served as our guild treasurer. You will be missed! Congratulations to Shirley Murphy for being our new/again treasurer. Welcome back!! Y'all are stuck with me for another year or two, as I am once again, going to be your Vice President and do my best to bring new and exciting teachers and classes to TBG.

Sept. 8th also had guild members turning a wire witch's hat frame into a cute Santa hat. Challenge basket bases were handed out to those that want to participate in the activity.

Sept. 21st, guild members represented TBG at the Food Truck Festival held at the NN airport. This is a new event for us and we will share the craft of basketweaving to the public.

Sept. 28th we were at the Crittenden Ruritan Club in Suffolk to weave the Feathered Pumpkin with Tina and Rami.

LOOKING FORWARD

There will be no monthly meeting for October because the guild will be set up at the Newport News Fall Festival. If you're in the area, stop by and say hi!!

October 18th and 19th, Judith Saunders will be here to teach members bias weave using her beautiful water color papers. Check out the website for more information.

Nov. 2nd the OTP class is in Hampton. Susie and Sherry will teach the elbow basket and others will be making the BABS basket with Jennifer.

Nov. 3rd is our monthly meeting, the Challenge Basket is due, and Susie will be teaching a cute little angel.

December 1st is our annual Christmas party at Cindy Stanton's home.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING?



Judy and Carol weaving with Tina, beautiful baskets ladies! Love the colors.



Shannon, Angie Cheryl, and Sarah working with Tina on these colorful baskets! Beautiful baskets and Smiles!



GUILDER'S WEAVE 2025.....

It's Weaving Time Somewhere.....

(cue the music!)

16-19 January 2025

Marriott at City Center, Newport News VA

GW 25 Registrations have been rolling in like a tidal wave! At the time of this writing, we already have 159 students registered and I haven't even checked today's mail! Even the Post Office employees are commenting....

If you are still contemplating attending, please send in your registrations ...now. We are assigning classes on 25 September!

Be sure to include all four pages of your registration, your registration fee for \$145. Include additional funds for the boxed lunch or guests who will be enjoying our lunch buffets and banquet. Please include your self-addressed stamped envelope! Once class assignments have been made, we will be putting together your letters with your classes and class fee information. Our plan is to send your letters to out the first week of October.

Memorabilia: We have already received quite a few orders. You don't have to wait until the deadline to send in your selections for shirts. Your order needs to be in hand by 15-November. You can find the selection of shirts.... long sleeve, short sleeve, and sweatshirts online. Lots of choices and beautiful colors for those who love bold and for those who prefer a more subdued approach! All shirts have the embroidered GW logo. Sizing charts

are alongside the images of the shirts to help ensure you choose the right size.

Room Reservations: We have exceeded our required minimum of room nights! Thanks to all who reserved early. It's one more item that can be checked off our list. If you haven't reserved your room yet, please do so. We would like to have an accurate count as early as possible, and we want to ensure the number of blocked rooms is adequate for the number of reservations requested. Don't wait!

Hotel link is on the GW webpage. Book your group rate for Guilders Weave 2025

Roommate requests: If you are in need of sharing expenses and would like to find a roommate, please contact Tina (witchie24@mchsi.com).

Hotel Restaurant and Meal Planning during GW 2025: Tina and I met with the Marriott's Executive Chef, Restaurant Manager and Senior Catering Manager in August. The staff is eager to support our party and is prepared to offer special hours and meals for the basket weaving crowd! The wonderfully delicious meals for our buffet lunches and banquet are back on the menu, to include the fan favorite... **Baked Potato Bar!** Restaurant hours will be extended on Thursday afternoon to accommodate the influx of hotel guests during registration and enable us to grab a pay as you go late lunch/early dinner before classes start. The restaurant will also be offering a GW special menu at a special price for Thursday and Friday night's dinner. These are pay as you go and not a part of the registration fee. Please consider taking advantage of the hotel restaurant. The food is very good and the location could not be more convenient! I hear a Marriott Burger and black truffle fries calling my name.....

I Don't Want IT, You Can Have It Table: Back by popular demand! If you have any items you would like "pass along" Trust me, there is someone who would love to take those items off your hands and off our table! Bring your items and who knows? You just might find some gems yourself.

Items We Need Help With:

GW 25 Theme Basket: Don't forget our GW 25 Theme Basket! We need your gift card contributions! Any denomination and stores are welcome! Please hand them in to me or Tina for inclusion in our large raffle basket. Last year's gift card basket totaled more than \$1100 in value! Let's make this one just as robust or an even larger amount!! (I know where I'm putting my raffle tickets!!) we can only do this with your help! –

Raffle donations and Door prizes! We need your help with this one too! Clean out your craft closet, your stash of kits, your bigger stash of bases and reed...all basket related items are welcome. You can hand these off to me or Tina. I'm keeping my trunk empty in hopes of filling it up with basket related donations each time we are together!!

Plastic bags (grocery store style) and Paper bags (grocery store style): I'm in need of both types of bags... clean bags and if the paper ones have handles – great! These will be used to bundle the memorabilia items (plastic) and your kit orders (paper). If you have any to spare, please bring them to the meetings and classes. I am happy to take them immediately.

Thanks in advance for your help! – I've asked some of our members to head up certain functions that require a group effort Wrapping tables, oversight of memorabilia, registration, etc. Either they or I will be reaching out for help in getting things done that ensure a fun and successful event.

More requests will be made for volunteers as we get closer.

I can't wait to see you all!

Anna

Membership

Dear Fellow basket weavers,

Here it is the day it's due and I am madly working to get this letter off to the newsletter 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



<https://www.darearts.org/artauction>

Our Judith Saunders is at it again! Some of you may remember I was lucky enough to win her copper/paper basket last year in this wonderful fund raiser. Here is a picture of the piece Judith has in the auction.

My piece "Multiple Steps" will be available in Dare Arts annual fundraiser The Great Art Heist Oct. 6-25.



Christy

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 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're 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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Treasurer..... Shirley Murphy
Membership.....Sandy Doyle
Historian..... Cindy Stanton
Communications..... Christy Newman
Webmaster..... Christy Newman/Cindy Stanton
Refreshments.....Shannon Lovvorn
Open to the Public..... Rose Glen/Shirley Murphy
Member At Large.....Laura White
Guilders Weave 2025.....Anna Donnelly

Tiding's is posted quarterly

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

Pumpkin Class was held Sep. 28th here's a few pictures..



Debi



Rami



Cindy



Barbara



Tina



Donna



Kim



Debbie



Kristi