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the President's Pen

Susie Waters

I hope all had a great Christmas!

I know we are looking forward to GW 25 in a few weeks. Anna and her team have worked very hard to make this a great event.

Our first UFO of 2025 is due at our meeting on Jan. 5th in Hampton. If you cannot attend, please email me a picture of your completed basket.

We have a great calendar of events and I know Tina will be adding more visiting teachers soon.

Have a safe New Year and see you soon,

Susie Waters

Vice President's Corner

LOOKING BACK

As we approached the holiday season, things slowed down a bit for us.

In October, we had no monthly guild meeting because we volunteered at the Newport News Fall Festival. Thank you to those who volunteered to

help Susie on Saturday and Tina on Sunday. There were a lot of beautiful baskets on display both days and our guild members shared information on our guild and the upcoming Open to the Public class. At the end of the month, we were at the Ruritan club in Suffolk to weave the feathered pumpkin. Those that signed up were warned that they would have hundreds and hundreds of feathers to put on and, boy were they surprised to find out that it was the truth!!

We were sad to say that we had to cancel classes with Judith Saunders due to a low number of sign-ups.

In November, we had a huge turnout for the Open to the Public class. Guild members made an angel with Susie at the monthly meeting and Jennifer had members at her house to weave the huge "BABS" basket.

Our annual Christmas party was cancelled this year. We were sorry to hear that Cindy was still battling pneumonia and just wasn't up to hosting a party and so many of our members were away for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we say goodbye to another year, we want our members to know that we have another busy year planned. Mark your calendars, but keep in mind that any of these dates/events could possibly change.

Here is a quick look at what is coming up in 2025:

JANUARY 5th--Meeting in Hampton offering a little surprise weaving activity with Susie.
Guilders Weave will be starting on Thursday the 16th and ending on Sunday the 19th.

FEBRUARY 2nd--Meeting in Norfolk with Show and Tell from GW.

MARCH 2nd--Meeting in Hampton with Anna teaching a wire framed wreath. NCBA is the 13th-16th.

APRIL 6th--Meeting in Norfolk with Juli teaching a woven fish. NCBA show and tell.
26th--Open to the Public and a class with Tina offering a woven trash can.

MAY 4th--Meeting in Hampton with Tina teaching a Bandana basket.

JUNE 1st--Meeting in Norfolk offering a small Hearth basket.
6th and 7th---visiting teacher Linda Elschlager.

JULY--NO MONTHLY MEETING
12th in Hampton, Tina will teach a "3-D look" basket.
26th and 27th, visiting teacher Sue Muldoon.

AUGUST 2nd--Pool Party at Marsha's house.
8th and 9th---visiting teacher Peggy McCarson.

SEPTEMBER 7th--meeting in Hampton. Elections and a Fall Harvest basket will be offered.
Date TBD--Visiting teacher, Susan Baxter.

OCTOBER 4th and 5th--Newport News Fall Festival.
18th--OTP and a bread basket with Tina.

NOVEMBER 2nd--Meeting in Norfolk. Food drive for the church. A tobacco basket ornament or a random weave angel.
Date TBD--Visiting Teacher is Mona from August Moon Basket Supplies

DECEMBER 7th--Christmas Party at Rose Glen's house

See you in 2025!
Tina!



Guilders Weave 2025

It's Weaving Time Somewhere ... 15 days but who's counting!!!!

Since we only have a few days until ZERO HOUR, I thought I would send out some helpful information. It is a lot, so hold onto your hat, hopefully a tie-dyed hat 😊

Check-in: Extra hotel staff will be working to ensure rooms are ready. However, if you are an early arrival, the hotel staff will hold your luggage in a precheck-in area behind the registration desk. You will be provided a "luggage hold" ticket as you wait for your room to be available.

Requesting special arrangements at check-in (such as being on the same level as another set of friends) will cause additional waiting time for your room. So please be prepared to wait longer for room availability.

Room Keys: For your safety and the safety of all guests, your room keys will allow you to enter the elevator and stop at your floor only. You will need to coordinate with other friends staying on different floors to visit each other.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDE:

- Beautiful, quality accommodations, completely NO SMOKING!
- For those Attendees STAYING AT THE MARRIOTT.... FREE breakfast included with each room guest (up to four per room)
- Complementary 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 damage. Make sure you DISPLAY your Hotel Tag on your rearview mirror.
- 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)
- Please note: There is NO microwave in the room.

Event Registration: Registration opens at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 16th in the lobby by the weaving rooms. Times are 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Friday morning 7:00 – 7:45am.

- You must always wear a student name tag in the event areas during the weekend.
- If you are a first-time student this year, you will be given a free neck wallet at registration.
- If you have lost or misplaced your neck wallet, replacements will be available for purchase.
- On arrival, please check in at our Guilders' Weave registration table to pick up your welcome bag and name tag.

Memorabilia: Memorabilia will be available for pick up during registration. Same area...

Hotel Restaurant: The hotel restaurant will have extended lunch hours on Thursday to accommodate our registration and class schedules. Additionally, the restaurant is offering a GW Special Dinner on Thursday and Friday nights. Look for the particulars displayed in the restaurant area.

Breakfasts 6:30 – 8:00 am: Friday morning, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning breakfast is served in the Rotunda for guests staying in the Marriott. This is included with your GW attendee negotiated room rates.

The Country Seat - Our VENDOR! - Please welcome Angie Wagner!

The Country Seat is our sole vendor – vending from Thursday through Sunday morning! 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. Contact them in advance for large orders that you may need, and they will do their best to support your requests.

First Time Attendee Orientation/Tour: Meet Rose Glen in the Rotunda at 4:45 pm! We have 24 First-Time Attendees, and you will get a chance to hear first-hand about where to go, what to look for and a few highlights of the event.

Hospitality Room: The hospitality room is located just past the vendor room. Stop in and enjoy some of the snacks donated by our fellow weavers. If you would like to provide something for the hospitality room, please consider apples, bananas, oranges, snack size bags of chips, granola bars, trail mix, cakes, cookies, candy and, CHOCOLATE! All items must be individually pre-packaged. We welcome home baked items, but please package these in individual zip-lock snack bags. Bottled water will be available.

Pre-Order Kits: Pre-ordered kits will be available for pick up Friday prior to Teacher Marketplace, approximately 5:30 pm at the Registration Desk. There's a lot of loot to haul... so be prepared!

Teacher Marketplace: Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Teachers and registered participants will be selling items you may not have yet seen. Participants will be setting up their wares at their assigned tables in BOTH class areas. Be sure to check it out... lots to see, lots to buy ...who knows what you will find!

Bingo: Friday night approximately 8:30 p.m., after Teacher Marketplace. Join us immediately following marketplace in the dining room for an hour of fun. Cash Bar will be available.

Raffle Tables: Saturday evening drawings!! Special thanks to Christy Newman, Carol Ann Blair, and company for running our wonderful raffle! Please consider donating a **basket-related item** (or two) for the raffle! Bring your cash or checks! The more tickets you purchase, the more chances to win!!

Do not forget your address labels for the raffle tickets...labels make it much easier to put your name on the ticket ... especially for those of us purchasing "mass quantities"!!

GW Gift Card Raffle Basket: Our number one raffle item and it depends on you!! Each event we offer a handwoven basket (thank you Tina!) filled with donated gift cards. GW2024 had over \$1100.00 from various vendors (food, visa, gas, amazon, basket suppliers. the list goes on) and in various amounts. *Please consider donating. No amount is too small and all locations, store fronts, vendors, etc. are welcome and appreciated.*

Basket Swap Event: Saturday evening, after the raffle drawings are awarded. The basket swap is a wonderful community exchange for weavers to give and receive a hand-woven basket with another weaver. 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. This is always a fun and rewarding activity. We hope you will participate!

Masseuse: Carol Ivey is back again! She will be offering sign-ups for chair/table massages in the coatroom (across from registration)

Knife Sharpener: Saturday ONLY.....Thanks to Tina for obtaining a new knife/scissor sharpener. Items will be sharpened the same day. To have your item(s) sharpened, put your name and cell number on a piece of paper, place the paper and your items in a self-provided large Ziploc bag. You will receive them back in the same bag.

Classes: Classes begin **PROMPTLY!**

- Thursday at 6:00 pm
- Friday at 8:00 am
- Saturday at 8:00 am
- Sunday at 8:00 am
- 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.
- Teachers do NOT sell items during class. Selling in class disrupts the lesson and takes the attention away from the students. Please be respectful of your fellow weavers. If you are interested in something, please attend teacher marketplace.

The Infamous "I Don't Want It, You Can Have It" Table: *Back by popular demand So popular even other guild events have instituted this!*

If you have weaving related items that you no longer want, feel free to donate them to the I Don't Want It Table. Items on this table are free for the taking. Past items have included weaving materials (dyed, natural, flat, round, vines, paper, cordage), books, patterns, handles, basket do-dads, basket bits and bobs, completed baskets, tools, and some items I'm still not

sure what they were, let alone what they were used for.... But one item was cool looking and it is still sitting in my craft closet Please consider donating, it's like a treasure hunt!

(While it's a "first come, first served" table, we do ask that you be mindful of other attendees and their desire to discover exciting things).

Open Weave Area: Located Table 3, Classroom 2..... We have designated table space inside classroom 2 as an open weave area. Feel free to weave a kit or finish a class basket. Be a part of the event....

I hope that answers most of your questions. Please refer to the email that was sent in December incase I missed anything. See you all very soon.

Anna

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WEAVING?

Tina continues to share her love of weaving not only with our Guild Members in Moyock but with new Weavers teaching in Dare County on the Outer Banks. Look at all these happy weavers and beautiful baskets below! Do you recognize a few current members?





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:
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Deadline Dates

December 15
March 15
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September 15

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January 01
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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 at GW! Christy