

GUILDERS' WEAVE 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 14th for Guilders' Weave participants at the rate of **\$129.00**, 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 \$129 per night.

Be sure to mention Guilders' Weave 2026 or Tidewater Basketry Guild to get 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.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS INCLUDE:

- *Beautiful, quality accommodations, completely NO SMOKING!
- *Deluxe room, two double beds or one king bed, same low price (\$129/night). Rollaway bed is available in king size rooms only.
- *FREE buffet 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" refrigerator 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 now through December 14th

*Meeting rooms all on ground floor, all together in one convenient area (banquet dining room, classrooms, separate hospitality room, separate vendor's room for The Country Seat, separate room for masseuse, luxurious restrooms, and a wide lavish hallway with high quality furniture for our convenience)

REGISTRATION:

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 are a first-time attendee 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.

Registration will be on Thursday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.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.

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.

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. Tickets are \$1 donation each or 6 for \$5 or \$20 for an arm's length. There is a chance you can win free tickets too!!

CLASSROOMS

ALL DRINKS must have a sealed lid on the container except for the classes of water provided by the hotel. 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. Lunch--\$45 each day. Banquet--\$55 per person. 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 Tina Plageman at 252-435-2918 for details OR send an email to GuildersWeave2026@gmail.com by December 1st.

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Join us immediately following marketplace in the dining room for an hour of fun. This year it will be all new and exciting and you do not want to miss it!! A cash bar will be available.

VENDOR

We are happy to have Angie from The Country Seat join us as our vendor again this year. She comes to us from Kempton, PA and owns & operates a long-time family business. Visit the website to see the huge variety of items she has. www.countryseat.com. If you would like to place an order before Guilders' Weave, give her a call at (610) 756-6124.

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

Shepard's Knife Sharpening from Moyock, NC will be with us again this year. It is a good time to get your basket shears, kitchen knives, outdoor gardening tools, and other items 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, contact Tina at 252-435-2918 or email GuildersWeave2026@gmail.com and she will do her best to get you hooked up with a roomie.