TIDEWATER BASKETRY GUILD TIDINGS

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the President's Pen

Susie Waters

Hello friends,

I want to thank everyone for your support these last four years as your president. I know that everyone will support Tina and Juli in the future keeping our guild going strong.

Susie

Yellow Stone National Park

From our new President Tina

I want to thank each and every one of you that emailed votes in and voted in person for me as your new president of TBG. I'm looking forward to bringing new ideas to the guild and to expand our community service. Together we can spread our joy of basket weaving. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or ideas.....I'm only a phone call or email away.

Tina

Congratulations to new officers President Tina Plageman and Secretary, Juli Graboski! Thank you for volunteering you time and effort to keep our guild running smoothly.

Tina and Juli

Vice President's Corner

In a blink of an eye, summer is gone, and fall is here!! It sure went by quickly. The cooler temperatures for us here in the Tidewater area sure feel nice.

Now it's time to weave up some holiday gifts for friends and family. Everyone can find a use for a basket, and it will be treasured because it's handmade by YOU! If you are looking for a quick, easy and useful basket, a muffin/breadbasket is the perfect choice. Add a holiday hand towel and you have a nice gift. The only thing to make it extra special is if it filled with home baked goodies!!

LOOKING BACK

Our guild members enjoyed summer by getting together a few times for weaving, eating, and fellowship. We sure had a fun time!

In July, we have no monthly meeting but, a group met at the Hampton church and wove a 3D basket with Tina.

On July 27th we met to put together our 2026 calendar. Thanks to Susie, Juli, Jennifer, Sherry, Anna, Rami, and Tina for bringing ideas and samples to the meeting and finding a time in the upcoming year to offer their time and talents to our guild members. Be sure to check out our website for upcoming events and classes.

August 2nd took us to the backside of Va. Beach, all the way out there in the Blackwater area, to Marsha's house for our annual pool party. Good food, good friends, and good weaving was what was happening on that day!! Thank you, Marsha, for your hospitality and welcoming us to your backyard.

August 8th and 9th, Peggy McCarson made her way up north from Florida to spend a weekend with us. She is a talented basket designer, and we saw first-hand the beauty in what she comes up with.

September 7th was our monthly meeting. Elections were held and members wove up a cute little fall harvest basket with Tina.

On September 26th and 27th, we welcomed Susan Baxter (and Eric) to the guild as our third visiting teacher to close out 2025. Her designs are absolutely stunning, and it showed with her classes filling up quickly.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 4th and 5th, members of TBG will be at the Newport News Fall Festival. They will display their baskets, demonstrate basket weaving, and share information about the guild. If you're in the area, check out the festival and stop by to say "hi"!

October 25th is our Fall Open to the Public class at the Hampton church. Tell your friends and family. It's a great time to learn to weave with no other commitments!!

November 2nd is our monthly meeting at our Larchmont church. We will be collecting food for the church's food drive AND weaving a 4" tobacco basket ornament. It's a make one/take one class.

Francis Land House is reopening November 16th

December 7th at the home of Rose Glen in Yorktown is our annual Christmas party. There will be lots of great food and fun!! Take a wrapped basket related $25 gift and play along in the stealing.

Are you new weaver that is eager to learn new techniques? We will be offering a class just for you!! Look for more information at a meeting or on the website.

Guilder's Weave 2026

165 registrations the first day!

Please check the website for the link to make your hotel reservations and other information as it becomes available. There is also information about teacher's offering kits if you don't get into all those classes!

Where have you been weaving?

TBG members that attended A Weaving Odyssey in Gettysburg, PA with the Central PA Basket Weavers Guild

Weaving with Tina in Moyock
(be careful apparently you can lose your legs and feet!)

Kindred Weavers
Juli Graboski, Secretary

At the end of July, Becky Butler and I attended the 18th Annual Gathering of the Seat Weavers' Guild, situated this year in New Kent, VA. This is a national guild that moves its Gathering to a new location in the US each year. We felt so lucky to catch up with these amazing artisans in our own back yard, with Jen Cardwell of JC Caning as our host. The displays and demonstrations were amazing in detail and variety. This is where cane really shines. The makers were friendly and so informative. The pinnacle of the experience for Becky and I was the OTP opportunity to make our own woven benches. Becky chose shaker tape and I went with the fiber rush option. It felt like basketry, and yet quite different. My gratitude goes out to Mary Beth Lodge, who hails from Ohio. She's kindly guided me through the process and used her expert eye to ensure I got it right. We can't wait to cross paths with these talented folks again. Anyone for the 19th Gathering in Indiana next year?

I had the pleasure of teaching a workshop for "The 3rd Space" in Highland County, VA. Students worked on individualized projects. The four students were all returning students and made wonderful projects

Judith Saunders

Meredith Macdonald, a longtime member of TBG when in Virginia Beach and now on the Eastern Shore since 2022, taught a medium market basket class through the Academy of Lifetime Learning (ALL) for their Fall Semester. ALL is an all-volunteer organization offering a variety of classes throughout the Eastern Shore. This may have been ALL's first basket class offered with a 6-student limit that filled immediately with a waiting list. I had students as far N. as Chincoteague and S. to Cape Charles meeting at Tasley's new Fire Department facility for 3 hours on 3 Thursdays in September. What a great place to weave baskets with meeting rooms and a kitchen!! First time for them hosting basket weavers. 😊 For those students that finished their baskets early, I gave them materials for making reindeer that last class. All finished their baskets; said they had a great time and want more to weave. I think they are hooked. I am calling them the Eastern Shore Weavers!!!- Meredith

Eastern Shore Weavers

Don't forget OTP is coming up soon!
Bring your friends and neighbors.
Registration form on the website!

TIDEWATER BASKETRY GUILD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC CLASSES

Saturday, October 25, 2025
Fox Hill Central United Methodist Church
501 Beach Lane, Hampton
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cost $25

Qualified instructors will help you through the entire process. By the end of the day, you will go home with a completed basket. The Market Baskets pictured below are from an OTP class. We provide you the opportunity to join our guild and learn to create many, more treasured baskets. You must be 18 years old to register. Cost $25.00 for materials.

For more information contact Rose at rglen1@verizon.net

Membership

Dear Fellow basket Weavers,

At this time of the year, it is imperative that a notice be put in the newsletter about membership and membership renewal.

Over the summer, many fine folks joined the Tidewater Basketry Guild and we had some minor confusion. Hopefully that has been resolved and everyone understands where we are in the cycle. Those wonderful new members do not need to renew at this time; their membership is valid through September 2026. Now some folks sent in a renewal as well and that renewal is being applied to take them through 2027. Phew

Now we address all the treasured members who have been with us awhile. It is time for you to renew your membership for the October 2025 through September 2026. If your information is the same as it was, you can just send me a check for $20 with a post it or note for whose membership is being paid for.

When we finish with all these renewals, we will be able to say our organization is glittering gold with all the talented and enthusiastic weavers amongst us. Take care of renewal post haste, we want to knock our numbers out of the water.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Sandy Doyle

Membership Chair

812 Adrian Drive

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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
2025-26

President..... Tina Plageman
Vice President.....TBD
Secretary..... Juli Graboski
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.....TBD
Guilders Weave 2026..... Tina Plageman

Tiding's is posted quarterly

Deadline Dates	Publication Dates
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 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