



OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

Letter from our President, Mary Sorrells

Dear Members:

Upcoming events - Bring Positive Tomorrows baskets to the September meeting. November meeting has the election of officers. Our programs coming up include Janet Newman teaching a jewelry project and the Crafts in America exhibit at the museum.

Our very own Marilyn Pauling and Sondra Mullins have baskets currently on exhibit at Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. They are part of the Gillies Art Show and will be displayed until mid-September. The museum is open from 10:00-5:00 every day except Monday. They are really beautiful and hopefully many of us will get to see them.

Mickey Sherman has donated several baby quilts that she has quilted on her longarm machine for the auctions and raffles at the retreat. Pat O'Neill has donated several of her paintings on wood. Mary Sorrells is making a basket weave quilt. I challenge every member to donate one item to the silent auction or to the raffle.

Save those odds and ends for the Trash to Treasure Sale at the retreat. Prices are cheap and it's fun to get a basket bargain!

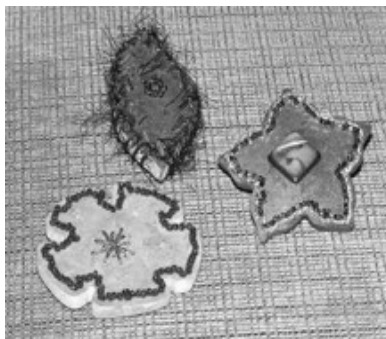
SEPTEMBER MEETING

Guild Project

Janet Newman will demo how to make gourd jewelry. Pre-cut shapes will be available along with a variety of embellishments. Pieces will be cleaned, sanded, and painted or stained. Different threads and fibers will be available to weave around the gourd pieces. Different techniques for weaving around the edges will be shown.

A variety of beads will be available to enhance your new piece of jewelry. Pieces can be finished into a pin or necklace. Two gourd pieces plus all necessary embellishments can be purchased for \$5. Additional gourd pieces can be purchased for \$3.

Please bring a small pair of pliers, thimble, beading needles and embroidery needles if you have them. Contact Janet at 405-789-4540 or dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net to reserve your gourd pieces. If you think you want more than two gourd pieces please let Janet know ahead of time.



Officers

President: Mary Sorrells

Vice President: Jo Ann Miller

Secretary: Pat Horsey

Treasurer: Linda Tickle

Librarian: Jo Ann Miller

Historian: Kathryn Kelley

Newsletter: Marcia Ballenveg

Schedule of Events

September Meeting: Sept. 13, 2008 at 10:00 am
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, OKC
Janet Newman will teach a gourd jewelry project. Look for details in the newsletter.

October Weavers Weekend: Oct. 24, 25, & 26 at
Canyon Camp, Hinton, OK

November Meeting: Nov. 8, 2008 at 10:00 am
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, OKC
Craft in America Exhibit at the museum from Oct. 11 to Jan. 18, 2009
<http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org/events/>
Election of Officers: Vice President & Secretary
Project to be announced.

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Minutes of BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting July 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Mary Sorrells. There were 30 members present. The following individuals were guests:

Nancy Boevers - Tulsa, New Member
Mickey Sherman -Tulsa, New Member
Sue Fish - Norman, New Member
Gwen Red Corn- Tulsa
Lori Crowson- Midwest City
Lisa Phillips - Midwest City

The minutes of May 19, 2008 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

Date	Name	Income	Expense	Balance
7/10/08	Deposit	\$40.00		\$39037.86
7/10/08	Deposit	\$253.00		\$3290.86

Committee Reports:

Janet Newman informed the guild that she has reserved Red Rock Canyon for 2009. We have all the rooms in the lodge. October 23, 24, 25, 2009 will be our 10th retreat dates. She also mentioned that the guild needs silent auction items. Marcia Balleweg offered to set up a carpool list for interested people going to the retreat. It will be on the guild web site.

Old Business:

There were many suggestions. It was mentioned to become involved with home school, teaching them basket weaving. Also become involved with Boy Scouts. It was suggested that we need good projects at our meetings and advertise early so people can plan.

New Business:

Mary Sorrells announced the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton might be interested in having a basket exhibit in late 2009 or early 2010. John Hernandez, a talented gourd artist is the interested in having this exhibit.

Joan Galbraith talked about the United Art might be a place to see about an exhibit or a source for grant money.

Septemberfest: September 6, 2008 at the Oklahoma History Center 9-5. Contact Tom Gilbraith if you are able to participate. Lunch will be provided. It was discussed that in the future allowing the children to weave that day.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mary Sorrells discussed improving the newsletter. She mentioned sending it out sooner, maybe publish in color, include a schedule of events, list our website address, and send an invoice to each person who does not renew membership. It was discussed to remove the birth-day list so more place is available but no motion was made. It was discussed that the Vice President needs to plan the projects earlier to be part of the newsletter.

Mary Sorrells discussed the chances of having Jill Choate come to Oklahoma to teach. There was much discussion.

Announcements:

The Oklahoma State Fair's last day to enter is August 15, 2008. Marcia informed the guild that September 16, 2008 from 4P - 8P will be the only time the guild will be demonstrating basket weaving. Interested individuals, please notify Marcia.

The Tulsa State Fair's last date to enter is August 22, 2008. There a \$4.00 per basket entry fee.

At our September meeting please remember to bring your filled Positive Tomorrow basket.

Janet Newman will be teaching a gourd project at the September meeting.

Marcia announced that there are grant writing classes through Oklahoma Tourism: July 22 & 23 - Vinita classes August 26 & 27- Okmulgee. Check out other classes at Travel Ok.com. The cost is \$40 for classes.

The basket raffle was won by Judy Stone.

The meeting was adjourned. Positive Tomorrow baskets were made.

Submitted by Pat Horsey

Septemberfest

Oklahomans are invited to attend Septemberfest, the annual family celebration hosted by the state's first family. The free event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6 on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion, 820 NE 23. Septemberfest features family entertainment, children's activities and interactive exhibits. It's the 12th year for the event. "This year is exceptionally special as it marks the 80th anniversary of Oklahoma's first home, the Governor's Mansion." In addition to Septemberfest activities at the Governor's Mansion and grounds, visitors can enjoy free admission to the Oklahoma History Center, across the street from the mansion. Pedestrian crosswalks will be available across NE 23.

Our guild will be demonstrating again this year. Please contact Tom Galbraith at gbartraders@sbcglobal.net or 405-732-4950 if you would like to help. Tom says the basket weavers will be located inside the History Center, so you can plan on air conditioning and a wonderful location. This year, members will be able to volunteer for a specific shift. Let Tom know what times you have available.

State Fair of Oklahoma

Please let Marcia Balleweg know if you would like to help with the basket weaving demonstration scheduled at the State Fair on September 16 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Contact Marcia at marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com or 405-823-5073. We will be at the fairgrounds only once this year, so please come out, spend some time meeting people interested in what we do, and enjoy the fair.

Upcoming Classes

Mary Sorrells will be teaching on Thursdays from Sept. 11 to Oct. 2 at the Broken Arrow Community Education site. The classes are from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Contact Mary for more info at marysorrells@cox.net

Fairs and Festivals

Pauline Asbury shares the following information. She has baskets at Northpark Mall in the Contemporary Art Gallery and she sells weekly at the OSU Farmer's Market. Pauline offers basket classes upon request. Contact her at 405-722-1186 or habasketry@cox.net.

Here are some Autumn Festivals to consider. You can sign up for booth space or go and shop.

Autumn Artsfest at Northpark Mall Show & Sale, Oct. 24 and 25.

Shawnee Mall Home for the Holidays Art Walk, Wine Festival, Antique Show and Trade Expo, Nov. 21, 22, and 23. Contact Phillip Mendoza for either show at 405-285-1944 or philkaren@peoplepc.com.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Jingle Bells Bazaar, 15400 N. Western Ave., OKC, Nov. 1. Contact Sarah Alstein at 405-216-5645.

Pictures from Branson

Mary Sorrells shares these pictures from this year's SDC basketweaving seminar.

It was great to see Bob and Kathryn Kelley there!



Jewel Cowan looks like she's having a good time.



Marcia Balleweg working on a double wall cathead.

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WEAVERS WEEKEND UPDATE DON'T FORGET! YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR "RIDE SHARE" ON THE EVENTS PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE WWW.OKBASKETWEAVERSGUILD.COM/EVENTS.HTML

Registration for the 2008 Oklahoma Weavers Weekend is progressing nicely. With students, instructors and spouses we have 74 people.

Some classes have filled or have been cancelled. All of Billy Owens and Marty Bartlett's classes have been cancelled. Class #6 Just for Fun Flowers is full. The following classes have one or two spots left: Class #5 Fast Track, #17 Cathead Basket with Braid, #20 Basket of Hope, #22 Duel, #27 OK State Coin, #31 Cherry Swirl and #36 Top of the Morning.

Remember to send in \$7.50 for Sunday lunch if you want it. The camp will only fix enough for the ones who pay. If you are planning to come as a couple, please get your registration in now as we have limited space for couples. We still need nice items for the silent auction, along with raffle and door prizes. Direct questions to

Janet Newman 405-789-4540 or dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net.

If you haven't had a chance to look up Canyon Camp yet, here is some interesting information. following is an excerpt from their website.

"Canyon Camp and Conference Center is located in a series of five red-rock canyons near Hinton, Oklahoma. Only 45 minutes from Oklahoma City, the center offers easy access to I-40. Canyon has been designated a National Natural Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior. Two of its five canyons contain unique plants and trees."

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