

# WELCOME TO SPRING FROM BWGOK



The official newsletter of the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma  
Website: [okbasketweaversguild.com](http://okbasketweaversguild.com) Facebook: Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma

**NEXT MEETING: April 18th, 10AM, Bring a DISH!**

**SPRING IS HERE  
TIME TO INSPIRE OTHERS  
AND WEAVE A NEW BASKET**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER - WE NEED YOU MAY 23/24TH**

## APRIL GUILD MEETING

IF YOU ORDERED THE APRIL BASKET  
IT IS A CANDACE KATZ PATTERN,  
"AHURA". IT IS WOVEN ON  
A 6" SLOTTED BASE AND  
IS 9" (AT ITS WIDEST DIAMETER)  
BY 10" TALL.

YOUR INSTRUCTORS  
MARY LEE & SUSAN STEELE



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# OFFICERS UPDATE

## THE LAST WORD

### Exciting New Basket Lineup for 2026

We are thrilled to announce a new selection of baskets that will be crafted during the guild meetings in 2026.

The newsletter will be distributed the month when the guild meetings take place. Please keep an eye out for email bulletins containing important details about class sign-ups and payment information.

### Important Reminders

- Check the calendar for the dates and times of upcoming guild meetings.
- All new classes and basket projects must be paid in full by the specified deadlines.
- Since it takes considerable effort to color and cut the reed for these projects, our volunteers and teachers require the necessary time and funds to manage costs in advance.
- We kindly request that you limit your request to one kit per offering to weave during the meeting.



Change is good!

We have some changes going on at the museum this year. Next up is the Chuck Wagon Festival on May 23/24th.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

**WE NEED YOU!**

*My therapist told me in order to achieve true inner peace*

*I needed to finish what I start.*

*So I finished two bags of M&Ms and a cupcake.*

*I feel better already.*

*Now go finish that basket you started!*



**NATIONAL  
COWBOY  
& WESTERN HERITAGE  
MUSEUM®**  
*The West Begins Here™*

**CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL  
MAY 23 & 24TH  
10 AM TO 4 PM**

**WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THE UPCOMING  
ANNUAL CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL AND  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE SIGN A CONTRACT  
WITH THE MUSEUM EVERY YEAR  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CHOICE OF  
PUBLIC EVENTS AS PART OF OUR  
OBLIGATION FOR THE USE OF THEIR  
BEAUTIFUL FACILITIES TO PROMOTE  
THE AGE OLD SKILL OF WEAVING.**

**THIS YEAR THEY CHOSE THE  
CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL.**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH DAY.**

**YOU CAN WORK MORNING OR AFTERNOON.**

**ENJOY THE DAY HELPING FAMILIES  
PAPER WEAVE BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS.**

**THIS IS A MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT,  
EASY TO INSTRUCT AND FUN!**

**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL**

**INCLUDES CHUCK WAGON AND INDIGENOUS FOOD SAMPLES, MUSICAL AND  
STAGE ENTERTAINMENT, KIDS CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES, DEMONSTRATING ARTISTS,  
HISTORICAL RE-ENACTORS, WESTERN DANCE, AND MORE!  
WE HOPE TO REACH 6,000+ GUESTS OVER THE TWO DAYS! THE AUDIENCE  
CONSISTS OF FAMILIES AND KIDS OF ALL AGES AND FOODIES ALIKE.**

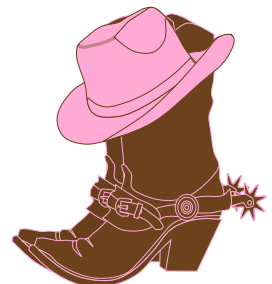
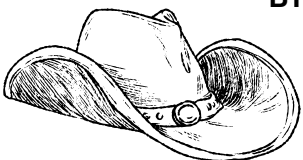
**IN ORDER TO WORK WITH CHILDREN AT THE FESTIVAL YOU WILL BE REQUIRED  
TO FILL OUT A BACKGROUND CHECK THAT IS PAID FOR BY THE MUSEUM.**

**THE LINK IS EASY TO FOLLOW BUT NEEDS TO BE DONE ASAP.**

**ON THE FORM YOU CAN ASK FOR A COPY TO BE SENT TO YOU  
FOR YOUR RECORDS AND ANY FUTURE EVENTS.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY AND NOTIFY LORRAINE AT 918.706.3307  
BY TEXT. FEEL FREE TO CALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.**

**LET ME KNOW WHICH DAY AND WHAT HOURS  
YOU WISH TO WORK.**



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**ON THE FIRST PAGE, SELECT "CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL" FROM THE DEPARTMENT DROP DOWN MENU.  
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PROCESS.**

**The APRIL basket is a  
Candice Katz pattern, “Ahura”.  
Instructors: Mary Lee & Susan Steele**

**Cost of Kit: \$20**

**Sign up at - FEB 21st MEETING**

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IS 9" (AT ITS WIDEST DIAMETER) BY 10" TALL.  
THE KIT IS \$20 AND YOU MAY SIGN UP AND PAY  
FOR IT AT THE FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

**OR SEND A CHECK TO:**

**MARY LEE**

**4106 STRATFORD LN**

**NORMAN, OK 73072**

**405-329-6253**

**LEEFAM77@COX.NET**



**If you cannot  
attend  
the guild  
meeting then  
you will  
have to contact  
the teacher  
and mail  
payment  
to order  
your kit. The  
deadline for  
this kit is  
APRIL 2nd.**



**Deadline  
April 2  
for a kit**

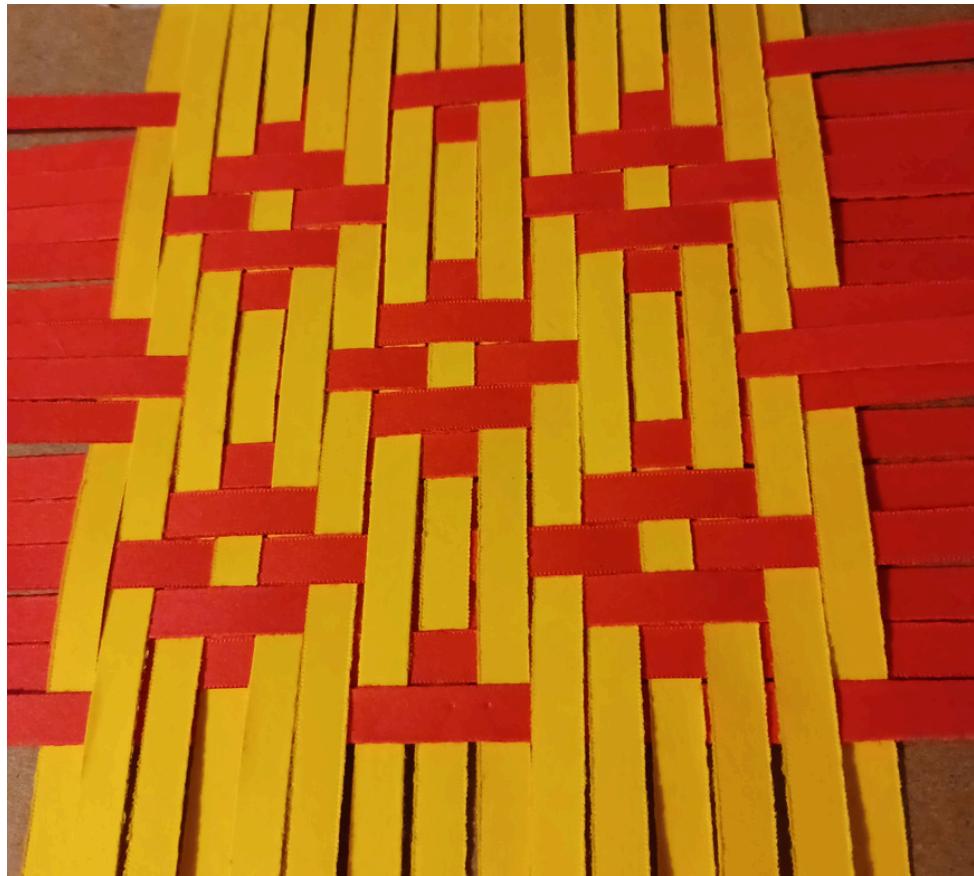
# Paper Weaving with Lorraine Kit \$10 June 20th

**DEADLINE:** Please reserve your kit  
before June 20<sup>th</sup>, call/text Lorraine  
at 918.706.3307

You can pay at the guild meeting.

Galaxy A32 5G

Creative paper weaving  
with fun, easy patterns  
that turn out beautiful.  
This skill teaches you how  
to do a twill pattern. You  
can incorporate the  
design into your baskets  
as a weave or an  
embellishment. Fun to  
share with family and  
friends to inspire  
weaving.  
You will have enough to  
make two creations.  
More patterns available.  
There will be a cool  
surprise in your kit!



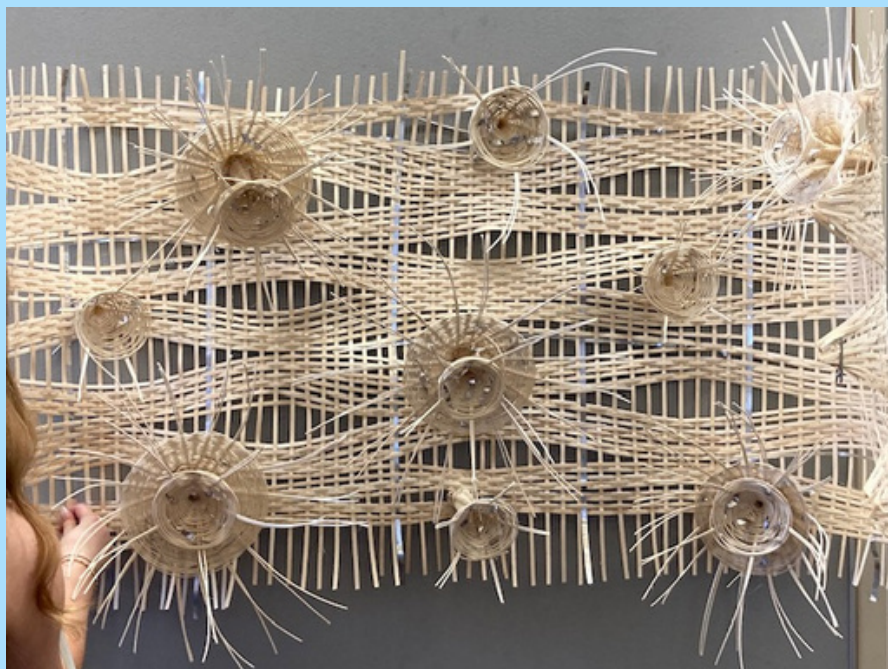
# Weaving at the OU School of Architecture

February 2026 opened another opportunity to teach 90 Freshmen Architecture Lab students at the University of Oklahoma to weave baskets.

Basket weavers: Marcia, Sue, Nancy, Maggie, Susan, and Mary, taught the students to weave a double wall round reed basket, a flat reed square basket, and a cornucopia.

After studying the science of storm events at the National Weather Center in Norman, students were assigned a specific storm i.e., tornado, hurricane, wind, etc. to use as a concept for the development of a drawing followed by a woven model that depicted the science of their storm.

The students were given three weeks to complete and present their models to faculty for evaluation. Students were required to dress for success and present their models as if they were presenting to a client in their future, professional careers. You can see how hard working, creative, and productive they are AND they were a delight to teach.









# LET'S MAKE A QUILT

There are a number of talented people in the guild who make quilts. We would like to have someone volunteer to make a t-shirt quilt to be raffled in a separate drawing at the 2026 basket weaver's

guild retreat in October. We need people to bring old basketweaving shirts, patches and t-shirts to the April meeting so our volunteer quilter has time to make the quilt. The shirts do not have to be Oklahoma shirts. Any state shirts will do or ones that say a phrase like, "Basketweaving is My Therapy". If you would like to make the quilt please contact Janet Newman as soon as possible.

Text at 405-812-4454 or email at [dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net). If you have shirts, bring them to the April guild meeting. Lets make this a fun surprise for one lucky person at the retreat.

# BWVGOK CALENDAR

**2026 BASKETS  
TO WEAVE AND  
FUTURE EVENTS**



## **SPECIAL EVENTS AND NOTICES**

Please check the calendar for events, special dates and any changes in the guild meetings for this year. Since we use the museum for our meetings, sometimes we come up with conflicts and have to change a date so be sure to check the calendar.

## **GUILD MEETINGS 2026**

**MARCH 14TH  
BEGINNERS  
CLASS**

**APRIL 18TH**



**JUNE 20TH**



**AUGUST 15TH  
POSITIVE TOMORROWS**



**OCTOBER 10TH**



**NOVEMBER 21ST**



# BWGOK CALENDAR

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2026

**BEGINNERS  
CLASS  
MARCH 14TH**

**STATE FAIR  
SEPT 24TH  
(MAYBE)**

**CHUCK  
WAGON  
FESTIVAL  
MAY 23/24**

**BWGOK  
WEAVERS  
WEEKEND  
OCT 23/24/25**



**WE HAVE SO MANY  
TALENTED BASKET MAKERS  
IN OUR GUILD!  
WE WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE  
YOU AND YOUR BASKET.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT A PICTURE OF  
YOUR FAVORITE CREATION AND A PIC OF YOU!  
SEND PICS TO LORRAINE  
BY EMAIL TO:  
MYMAILBOX@OLP.NET**

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## Mission Statement

We are dedicated to preserving, promoting, and educating people in the art of basketry.



BASKET WEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA  
FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
MINUTES

WELCOME BY MARY LEE.

JANET NEWMAN RESIGNED VIA LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP ON FEBRUARY 17, 2026  
SHE WILL CONTINUE HER WHEATLAND CLASSES, AND TEACHING AT THE GUILD MEETINGS

NEW MEMBERS:

BRIAN GIBONEY AND

KIMBERLY WAGEMAN-PRACK

BETH HARVEY IS A NEW MEMBER WHO REGISTERED ONLINE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED  
IN TEACHING AT A GUILD MEETING.

RENEWAL:

MICHELE COLLINS

DIANA HOLSTON

SUE WILL SEND MONEY TO MARCIA AND MEMBERSHIP INFO TO JANET NEWMAN

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 \$4002.95

EXPENSES TOTAL \$7939.79

DEPOSITS \$8096.93

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 \$4160.10

SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF SEPT 30, 2025 \$1239.62

NO WITHDRAWALS

DEPOSITS \$197.02

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 \$1436.64

NEW BUSINESS:

WE VOTED ON SPONSORSHIP FOR THE STATE FAIR PRIZE IN THE BASKETWEAVING CATEGORY.

RENA V. MADE A MOTION TO SPONSOR. ALL APPROVED

DIANN SCHWARTFEGER MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE STATE FAIR DEMONSTRATION  
SEGMENT AT THE STATE FAIR; DIANA HOLSTON SECONDED AND ALL APPROVED.

APRIL BASKET SIGN UP DEADLINE IS APRIL 2ND.

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS:

MARCH 14 – BEGINNER'S CLASS

BEGINNING CLASS SIGN UP:

RENA VICKERY, DIANA HOLSTON, CARIE, LUANN JUENGEL, DIANE SCHWERTFEGER.

MARY LEE ENCOURAGED US TO INVITE FRIENDS AND SEND NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESSES  
TO MARCIA SO SHE CAN SEND AN INVITATION AND GET A TOTAL COUNT FOR KITS.

**BASKET WEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA  
FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
MINUTES (PAGE 2)**

**APRIL 18 – AHURA BASKET WITH SUSAN AND MARY  
MAY 24, 25 - CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
JUNE 20 – BASKET CLASS TAUGHT BY LORRAINE  
AUGUST 15 – POSITIVE TOMORROW BASKET, OUR SERVICE PROJECT  
SEPTEMBER 24 – TENTATIVE – STATE FAIR DEMO  
OCTOBER 10 – BASKET CLASS TAUGHT BY MARCIA  
OCTOBER 23-25 - WEAVERS WEEKEND IN SHAWNEE  
NOVEMBER 21 – HOLIDAY PARTY AND BASKET CLASS TAUGHT BY JANET**

**POSTING, PROCEDURE, DISCUSSION OF RESPONSIBILITIES, RECRUITING FOR ELECTING A  
NEW PRESIDENT; EFFECTIVE UNTIL OCTOBER 2027.**

**DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT  
PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS.  
DIRECT AND COORDINATE THE PROGRAM AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GUILD  
MEETING ACCORDING TO THE BY-LAWS.  
PREPARE A WRITTEN AGENDA FOR ALL MEETINGS.  
CREATE AND DISSOLVE COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY  
BECAUSE THE PRESIDENTS' OFFICE IS VACATED WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER  
EFFECTIVE NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 2027.**

**OLD BUSINESS:  
ADJOURNMENT: CALLED AT 12:30 PM**

**SJS**