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PRESIDENT's NOTES

I think summer is finally here. Why do we go from cool to hot every year. Hope everyone's allergies are better. I went to the lake last night to gather dried grasses for the project last night and noticed my allergies knew I was outdoors. If you are sensitive to things from nature you might take some allergy medication before the guild meeting. We are going to have a great time with Virgil telling us about his experiences weaving with natural materials. I have some unusual items that you will find interesting for making embellishments.

The retreat catalog could be out as soon as this weekend. There are 13 instructors and 43 classes. I must say the selection committee did a wonderful job of picking out the classes. It will be an exciting time.

We will be displaying baskets again this year at the Midwest City Library. Please bring baskets to this guild meeting to put on display. Page 9 has the information needed to have your baskets shown.

Be sure to check out our basket pattern from Jill Choate. That's on page 8.

In your leisure time this summer remember to weave a basket for the Positive Tomorrows project.

Have a great summer and remember to watch the dates for meetings during the rest of the year.

See you June 18th. Janet

June Guild Project

Weaving with Natural Materials & Creating Natural Embellishments

For the project Virgil Staggs will talk about weaving with local native plants that are usable for making baskets. He will have several plants there to see and tell what parts are used and where to



look for them. He will talk about natural dyes from plants and trees as well. The green brier basket he talked about at the last meeting did not work and he will tell you why.

After the lunch/business meeting Janet Newman will share natural embellishments for baskets and gourds. She will have many unusual items to, some from Africa and tell you have to get



them. Then Janet will lead you in making some embellishments from local items found in nature like grasses, milkweed pods and dried flowers. If you have a glue gun and extension cord please bring them. Janet has several to share.



BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Virgil Staggs

Secretary: Jo Ann Miller

Treasurer: Pat Horsey

Historian:

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

Newsletter: Janet Newman

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BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. The meeting dates are in transition for the 2016 year and are listed on page 7. Meetings generally start with weaving a project then the business meeting coincides with lunch at 12 noon. We finish the business meeting with a basket raffle and door prize drawing followed by more weaving time. Everyone brings a covered dish to share at lunch. If you did not order a project kit come anyway and bring whatever you want to weave on. Bring finished projects to show and tell. We are usually done by 2-3.

**Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 9, 2016**

At 10:00 am supplies/kits for the Mini Herb Basket were handed out and the weaving started. We had 20 members attending this meeting and 6 new members from the Beginners class! This is exciting!

Virgil Staggs conducted the business meeting at 11:36.

The March Beginner's Class had 22 weavers and 9 became members of the guild.

The minutes were approved as printed in the March 2016 newsletter. Motion – Pat Horsey; Linda Tickle –second, It passed.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved

Expenses:		Deposits:
*Retreat Band-aids	\$295.00	\$210.00
Storage Unit -6 months	<u>297.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$592.00	\$240.00

Ending Balance \$11,089.69

*Band-Aids with the guild logo will be ordered for the retreat Welcome Bags.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Weavers Weekend:

- Co-Chairs will be Becky Walker and Diane Wilson.
- Janet Newman will be creating the catalog.
- Donations - Mary Lee & Linda Parmele.
- We will have a Teachers' Market Place
- 5 Vendors, 13 instructors, and 43 classes.
- All of this depends on registration. All volunteers are welcomed.

2. Midwest City Library Basket Display:

Bring your baskets to the June 18th meeting. Must have a tag attached to the basket with your name & phone numbers. Must have a 3x5 card with the basket name, the maker's name, the material used to make the basket. **Add: For Sale or Not for Sale on the card.** Sue Ybright will take the baskets home. July 1st Sue and volunteers will set up the display in the MWC library. Baskets can be picked up at the August 13 meeting.

2. Projects:

June 18 – natural materials and embellishments – Native plants, milk weed pods, etc. Taught by Virgil Staggs and Janet Newman

August 13 Twill bottom basket – Marcia Balleweg

October 8 – Bring Positive Tomorrows basket filled with kitchen supplies/tools, etc.

Project: Handle Embellishments on paint sticks. Taught by Janet Newman

December 17 –Christmas Ornament plus a drawing for a basket exchange for the Christmas party.

*** For 2017 Meetings have been changed to even months- except Beginner's Class will be in March!

3. Membership – Janet Newman – We have 92 members.

4. Business Cards will be available for the Weavers Weekend in the Welcome Bags

NEW BUSINESS:

1. State Fair Demo:

Volunteers have signed up for September 20th from 4-8:00. Maria Balleweg will have the tickets at the August meeting. There is free parking @ the fair.

2. Christmas Party – December 17th basket exchange. More discussion to follow.

Raffle – basket was won Bobbi Shackleford

Door prize – Shelley Olyaie

Meeting adjourned Motion by Susan Ybright passed @ 12:03

Back to weaving the Mini Herb Basket.



Basket Weavers Having Birthdays

May, June & July

Sue Yinging June 12

Nancy Trait-Lira June 22

Weavers Weekend Update

I know everyone has been anxiously awaiting for this year's conference catalog to appear, and I have wonderful news. Janet has the catalog ready and it is now in the hands of the guild's webmistress!! It won't be long now!

We have selected a variety of baskets as well as instructors. Some are familiar faces and some are brand new to our Weaver's Weekend. You will not have any trouble finding baskets to make but only trouble deciding which ones!



Again this year, we are meeting in the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center in Shawnee, OK on October 21-23, 2016. Lunches will be catered on Friday and Saturday, and we will once again have our knife sharpener and our chair massage person. Of course, there will be the Market Place on Saturday evening, our silent auction and raffle drawing.

This year I am co-chairing with Diane Wilson from Texas and she will graciously be handling the registration for the conference. Thank you, Diane!

Looking forward to seeing you in October!

Becky Walker

Weaver's Weekend Co-Chair, 2016

2017 Dates for Weavers Weekend: October 27, 28, 29

Watch also for our sister retreat in Houston, Texas with the Texas Basket Weavers Association.

BASKET PALOOZA

January 19-22, 2017

More information will be out in late July.

NEW MEETING DATES & Calendar of Events

For 2016

- June 18: Natural Materials for weaving and embellishing baskets taught by Virgil Staggs and Janet Newman.
- August 13: Marcia Balleweg will teach a twill bottom. We will concentrate on the bottom and not a finished basket unless there is time.
- September 10: SeptemberFest at the Oklahoma Historical Society, basket demo open to all guild members.
- October 8: Bring Positive Tomorrow Baskets filled with kitchen items. Project is a Sampling of basket handle embellishments taught by Janet Newman.
- October 21-23: Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
- December 17: Christmas Party, Basket Exchange and Christmas Ornament.

Calendar of Events for 2017

- February 18 (third weekend) Easter Basket
- March 18 (third weekend) Beginners Class
- April 15 (third weekend)
- June 24 (fourth weekend)
- August 19 (third weekend)
- September 9 (third weekend) SemtemberFest at the History Center
- October 21 (third weekend) Bring Positive Tomorrows baskets.
- October 27-29 Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
- December 16 (third weekend) Christmas Party



Oklahoma Historical Society

collect, preserve, share

Septemberfest at the Oklahoma History Center

Join the Oklahoma History Center and the Governor's Mansion for the 19th Annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to all of the activities and the museum are free for the entire day. Along the Red River Journey, visitors will enjoy interaction with living historians representing WWII, cowboys, land run participants, nineteenth century American Indians, antebellum musicians, the Civil War, and more! We will bring the past to life with learning stations, hands-on activities, demonstrations and more. The adventure continues inside the History Center with live performances, storytelling, and unique exhibits about Oklahoma. Come early, stay late, and celebrate Oklahoma at Septemberfest. This event is free and registration is not required. For more information, please contact education@okhistory.org or (405) 522-3602.

This is an annual basket weaving demonstration event for the guild. We always have several people who weave at this event. Come for the entire day or part of it. Entry is free. Bring something to weave on and talk to people as they walk around the History Center. There will be many crafts demonstrated. It is a fun and interesting time for all.

Pioneer Family Fun Day, Pioneer Woman Museum

June 18, 2016

Visit the Pioneer Woman Museum and Statue for Pioneer Family Fun Day. A new theme will be introduced each week with come and go activities designed for ages five and up. No age restriction. The cost is \$5 per family of up to six people.

Location

Pioneer Woman Statue and Museum

Phone: (580) 765-6108

701 Monument Rd., Ponca City, OK 74604 United States

Website: <http://www.okhistory.org/sites/pioneerwoman.php>

YAH! IT'S VACATION TIME — That means weaving time

WEAVING HAPPENINGS AROUND THE COUNTRY

2016

- HGA Convergence 2016 Conference - The Wisconsin Center - Milwaukee, WI - July 30, 2016 - August 6, 2016
- Weave the Wind—25th Annual Missouri Basketweavers Guild Convention, Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel, Clayton, Missouri, August 4-7, 2016, www.basketweavers.org
- Camp Tuck-A-Basket—Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Association, Normal, IL www.llbwa.com , September 9-11, 2016
- A Weaving Odyssey - Central PA Basket Weavers' Guild - Aspire Gettysburg Hotel - Gettysburg, PA - September 15, 2016 - September 18, 2016
- Weaving Your Cares Behind Retreat - Travelodge - Bedford, Pennsylvania - October 21, 2016 - October 23, 2016, www.bedfordbasketguild.com
- Association of Michigan Basketmakers Annual Conference— Lansing, MI, October 19-23, 2016, www.michiganbasketmakers.com
- West Virginia Basketmakers Convention - Harrison County 4-H and Recreation Facility - Clarksburg, WV - November 4, 2016 - November 6, 2016

2017

- Gilders Weave 2017—Tide Water Basketry Guild, Newport, News, VA, January 12-15, 2017, www.tidewaterbasketguild.org
- Texas Basket Weavers Association's 2017 Basketpalooza - Houston Marriott West Loop - Houston, TX - January 19, 2017 - January 22, 2017, www.texasbasketweavers.com
- NCBA 2017 Convention "Weaving Mania", Durham, NC, March 16-19, 2017, ncbasketmakers.com/convention.html
- Weaving in the Wild, Wild West, Western Pleasure Basket Retreat—Sandpoint, ID, May4-7, 2017. Retreat is limited to 20 students, www.jchoatebasketry.com/pages/western-pleasure-basket-retreat.
- Treadle Lightly - ANWG 2017 Northwest Weavers' Conference - University of Victoria - Victoria, British Columbia - June 28, 2017 - July 2, 2017, www.anwgconference2017.com
- Tradition and Innovation in Basketry IX, July 18-23, 2017, Tacoma, WA, www.nationalbasketry.org/tradition-innovation-in-basketry-iv-tacoma-washington/
- Association of Michigan Basketmakers Annual Convention, Bellaire, MI, October 25-29, 2017, www.michiganbasketmakers.com

PIPE DREAMS POCKET

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- 1) Add 33 stakes into the 3" slotted base evenly spaced. Start by inserting 4 dyed stakes " at four corner points on base, mark with pencil.
- 2) Fill in 8 stakes between each section (32). The last spoke will be added when the spokes are upset to give an odd number of spokes enabling a continuous weave.
- 3) Using waxed linen twine for three rows around stakes at base line.



- 4) Upset the stakes so that they form over the PVC pipe.
- 5) Begin the weave with a tapered dyed 1/4" FO color of your choice for 6" begin two/ two continuous twill for the duration of the basket.
- 6) When you reach approximately 8" insert the handle into the basket and weave with it as part of the stakes. This method is MUCH easier than waiting until the end of the basket to insert the handle on wet weave.
- 7) Weave until you reach the 11" marker then taper the row to finish.
- 8) Scarf the ends of 1/2" FO for rims overlapping at least one inch for inner rim and outer rim.
- 9) Make a rim sandwich with two rims (inner/outer) and seagrass for the rim filler. Using tie wraps secure every fourth stake.
- 10) Lash with waxed linen.

Materials required:

3" slotted round base
33-1/4" flat oval stakes @24"
Waxed linen twine and lashing
1/2" FR for rim
2" bushel handle

PVC pipe for mold 4"

A big thanks to Jill Choate for allowing her pattern to be reprinted here.

Midwest City Library Display

Remember to bring baskets to the June guild meeting to be taken to the Midwest City Library to be displayed during the month of July. The library has several glass display cases and have asked us to show off our baskets. Sue Ybright will collect the baskets at the June 18th guild meeting and bring them back to be picked up at the August 13th meeting. We need at least 40 baskets. Please attach a tag to the basket with you name and phone number. Also include with each basket a 3x5 card to be displayed with the basket that lists the:

Basket Name

Maker's Name

Material Used

If the basket is for sale or not

If for sale put the price on the back of the card.



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Basket Joke:

One day at the end of class the teacher has the class go home and think of a story and then conclude with the moral of the story. The following day the teacher asks for the first volunteer to tell their story. Little Suzy raises her hand. "My dad owns a farm and every Sunday we load the chicken eggs on the truck and drive into town to sell them at the market. Well, one Sunday we hit a big bump and all the eggs flew out of the basket and onto the road. "The teacher asks for the moral of the story. Suzy replies, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." "Next is little Lucy. "Well my dad owns a farm too and every week we take the chicken eggs and put them in the incubator. Last week-end only 8 of the 12 eggs hatched. "the teacher asks for the moral of the story. Lucy replies, "Don't count your eggs before they're hatched.