

OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma

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Dedicated to the preservation, promotion and education of the art of basketry.

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President's Comments

The weatherman is predicting another week of rain, when will it end? This time last year we were wishing for rain, now we want it to go away. I almost got my yard work done today before it started to rain. For the past three weeks I have done my yard work between rain showers. Oh well!

First of all I wish to thank Pat, Joan and Joan's sister (Gus Shaver) for manning the booth at the Cleveland County Pioneer Expo. And for all of us who did not make it, I understand you missed a great time.

Congratulations, to those who had a basket accepted into Fiberworks. It was a great show.

Hope all had a good time at Branson. I know we did.

The retreat is coming along. Hope you are making plans to attend.

Septemberfest will be here before long, (September 1st).

The website is still a work in progress. Hope you have taken a look at it. Go to www.okbasketweaversguild.com.

Entries for the Oklahoma State Fair are due by August 15th. The letter I received from the State Fair board said you could download the premium division and enter online at www.okstatefair.com, but the last time I checked the website, the entry forms were not available. The Oklahoma State Fair is September 13th-23rd. The Tulsa State Fair is September 27th-October 7th.

Thomas R. Galbraith

BWGOK Officers

President	Tom Galbraith
Vice President	Jo Ann Miller
Secretary	Pat Horsey
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Historian	Kathryn Kelley
Librarian	Jo Ann Miller
Newsletter	Janet Newman
Membership	Marcia Balleweg

July Guild Project

Our next meeting will be held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum on July 14th at 10 a.m. The project will be a muffin basket to be donated to Positive Tomorrows. The basket, which is made at the guild meeting, is taken home to be filled with kitchen items and brought back to the September meeting. At the September meeting, the baskets will be wrapped in plastic and a BWGOK donation tag will be attached. Please do not put any kind of food or perishable items in the baskets.

Positive Tomorrows is an organization for abused women who are starting over. All guild members are encouraged to participate. If unable to attend the July meeting, any type basket can be made at home, filled and brought to the September meeting. Nancy Trait-Lira will deliver the baskets to Positive Tomorrows.

Jo Ann Miller has offered to put kits together. Cost of a pattern and kit is \$8. Please contact Jo Ann at jam19482@aol.com or 918-853-8788 if you want to order a kit. Plan to bring 1/2" colored reed for your basket and to share with others. Kits will not come with colored or smoked reed.

If you want to bring your own materials, the pattern uses 5/8" flat for stakes, 1/2" flat for weavers in dyed, natural or smoked, 3/8" flat for rim row, #3 round for twining around base, 1/2" flat oval for rims, 1/4" flat dyed, natural or smoked for lashing material and seagrass for filler.

June

Judy Appleton
Fran Cates
Janell Hopkins
Katheryn Kelley
Shirley Mount
Nancy Trait-Lira
David Weeks

July

Judy Keller
DeLavon Lyford
Susie Powell
Judy Keller

Happy
Birthday



Minutes for May 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Tom Gailbraith, President. Tom welcomed all members and visitor, Carol White, to the meeting.

The minutes of March 10, 2007 were amended and approved as printed in the newsletter. The amendment was to add the names of the beginner weavers attending the class. We were happy to welcome Elnora Dotson, Barbara Gissandaner, Gianna Dontoni, and Ann Marie Ericksen.

Treasurer Report by Lee Rose

Receipts	
Dues	\$150
Expenses	
Postage	\$83.85
Jeff McBride WebSite	\$150.00
New Checks	\$15.84

Balance as of May 12, 2007 \$ 2663.25

Marcia Balleweg won the basket raffle.

Committee Reports

October Retreat. The committee selected 12 instructors and 28 classes for the retreat.

Old Business

Web Site by Tom Gailbraith. Tom has spoken with Jeff McBride, a web designer, to design a new web site for our guild. It will cost \$150 with \$15 each time something new is added. Tom might learn to add the newsletter and make minor changes. Pat Horsey is working on placing our library of basket patterns on disk to be placed on the web site. There will be a chat area where instructors may post their classes and Bio for a small fee. There was discussion on having links to members' web site. The guild decided to place the October Retreat catalog on our web site with color pictures of the baskets.

New Business

Happy Weavers Weekend 2008 by Tom President. The concept started out as Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri but Missouri has never been involved. This is the year Oklahoma is suppose to host the March Retreat. Pat Horsey shared that Marty Bartlett and Billy Owens might be interested in hosting in Missouri but did not know anything else. This was tabled until we see what Missouri comes up with.

Marcia Balleweg has had our banner redone because there was a misspelling on it.



Weaving class at Mary Sorrells. They always have a good time.



Minutes Continues:

Fiberworks. Fiber Works is asking for \$200 for the basket section. In November 2006 the Guild sent a check for \$150 toward the basket section of the show. Pauline Asbury talked about last year where no traditional baskets were selected and the problems with original design. There was a lot of discussion on what is original design. The Guild voted to not send the extra \$50 this year. Our calendar will be marked in November 2007 to discuss Fiberworks for 2008. This is the time of the year they ask for our donation.

Miscellaneous Business

Tulsa State Fair. This fair is September 27 to October 7, 2007. The guild voted and passed to give \$25 to the Basket Weaving section. Motion made by Mary Sorrells and second by Marcia Balleweg.

Announcements

Karen Scott passed out a flyer on anyone interested in demonstrating basket weaving at Mountain View Free Fair, Centennial Event August 3 or 4, 2007. If anyone is interested please contact Jack Parker, 4340 NW 19th Street, Oklahoma City, Ok 73107 or jack@okbuffalotours.com. Phone: 405-947-5179

Dusty Davis announced the Midwest City Public Library is offering basket weaving classes the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 1:30 – 4. The Library has been funding the supplies. The program (Mid Del Basket Weaving) needs instructors. Please contact Dusty Davis at 405-736-6982 or dstyd@sbcglobal.net.

Marcia Balleweg announced the Basket Workshop in St Louis, Missouri will be having Jo Ann Kelly Catsos July 28 -30, 2007 and Martha Weatherbee Jun 21 – 24, 2007. Contact Tony Stubblefield if interested and for more information. Tony Stubblefield, 5655 Tholozan Ave, St Louis, MO 63109. Phone: 314-353-4248

Trip to Ireland to weave September 30 – October 7, 2007 with Vincent Mae Cearan. Information at www.irish-culture.ch.

Oklahoma State Fair: The Guild will demonstrate basket weaving on September 19 during the day and September 21 during the evening. If anyone is interested, please contact Marcia Balleweg.

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has asked for another donation. The Guild tabled to our next meeting.

Tom Gailbraith announced the City Arts Center is offering a class on natural dying on fabric and maybe reed in June and July. For information go to www.cityartscenter.org.

Meeting adjourned.

Jo Ann Miller started her weaving class demonstrating several different types of weaving stitches.

Upcoming Classes In The Area

Mary Sorrells passes along that the First Monday Weaver's Group in Tulsa meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Helmerich Library on the first Monday of each month. Anyone is welcome to join them at these weavings. When the first Monday is a holiday, the group meets on the second Monday. Contact Mary at (918) 251-6396. Mary has a new website at www.theartbasketgallery.com.

Monday, June 11 - Open weave at Mary's home studio, 2317 W. Jackson, Broken Arrow, OK 74012 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Class fee - \$10.00 plus supplies

July 12, 19, 26 - Beginning basket weaving class at Waterworks Art Studio, 1710 Charles Page Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Class fee \$10.00 plus supplies.

July 23 - Open weave at Mary's home studio, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Class fee - \$10.00 plus supplies

August 2, 9, 16 - Continuation of Beginning Basket weaving class at Waterworks Art Studio, 1710 Charles Page Avenue, Tulsa, OK - Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

August 13 - Open weave at Mary's home studio, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Class fee: \$10.00 plus supplies.

August 27 - Open Weave cancelled for this date.



Marty Bartlett saw to it that Tom Galbraith had a wonderful birthday on stage in Branson at the Branson Brothers Theater. Tom is the one in the middle.

Marcia Balleweg, of Oklahoma Basket Supply, has open weaving any day there is no class scheduled. The shop is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the class schedule at www.oklahomabasketsupply.com or call (405) 356-2224 for more information.

Scheduled classes at Oklahoma Basket Supply:

July 13 - Melon Basket with Braided Handle from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost \$28. All levels.

July 21 - Single Wine Caddy with "Cherokee Wheels" from 12:30 to 4:30. Cost \$22.00. All levels.

August 4 - Rainbow Cat from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost \$35.00. Level is advanced beginner.

August 11 - Market Basket with Cross Stitch Embellishment from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost \$22.00. All levels.



Mary Garnett also celebrated a birthday in Branson. Was it number 88? You go girl!



Joan Galbraith had lots of fun in Branson.

CHAIR SEATWEAVERS UNITE TO FORM GUILD-- Nelsonville, OH

Jump on the Band Wagon! Help establish the very first United States National Chair Seat Weavers Guild during the weekend of July 13-15, 2007 in Nelsonville, Ohio. Become a Charter Member of this guild and promote the nearly lost art of chair caning -- help to bind and weave together the fabric of the craft.

Do you cane chairs for a living, hobby or just for the sheer enjoyment and tranquility that weaving can bring? Are you the owner of a Cane and Basket Supply Company and want to contribute in some way to promote this unique group of your customers? Are you anxious to join a guild, to belong to a like-minded group of interesting folks, to share techniques, and help promote this nearly lost art?

Never heard of a Chair Seat Weaver's Guild before? Well, now's your chance to get in on the ground floor to help establish and organize just such a group!

A few months ago, Mindy King, chair seatweaving expert from Ohio, remarked on the Seatweaving Forum (<http://disc.server.com/Indices/220033.html>) that she'd like to see a guild start up so we could all band together to form a cohesive national group. One thing after another fell into place for our very first meeting to set up the North American Chair Weavers Guild. Mindy arranged the venue for the meeting so we can write the constitution, elect officers, establish goals for the group and plan our first real "conference," "workshop" or "convention" in 2008!

This planning and organizational meeting will be held on July 13, 14 & 15, 2007 in Nelsonville, Ohio at Robbins Crossing, a recreation 1800's village in Nelsonville on the campus of Hocking College, about 60 miles from Columbus, Ohio. Special rate rooms are blocked off for attendees of this group at a near-by hotel. Check with the folks in your state listing on the Furniture Repair Directory on WickerWoman.com to see about carpooling and roommate situation; www.WickerWoman.com/repairdirectory_seatweaving.html.

Pre-registration is required, space is limited, and registration closes July 1, 2007. Contact Mindy King, ASAP for registration packet and hotel/camping information. Also contact her if you want to be a member of the guild, but can't make this first organizational meeting. PDF registration form is available on Mindy's website; www.ChairWeaver.com

Bring your organizational skills, your CPA, accounting, tax or office expertise to help us establish the very first chair seating guild in America! (that we know of, anyway). We appreciate any and all help to further advertise and promote this very unique group! Thanks to everyone for taking us so far already! If you are unable to attend the formation meeting, but want to be a Charter Member of the Guild, be sure to let Mindy know!

Contact:

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Judy Stone weaving at
Mary Sorrells' house.



2007 Calendar of Events BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma

July

July 14 - Guild Meeting
Positive Tomorrows Project

August

Newsletter
August 15 - deadline for entry applications to the
Oklahoma State Fair
August 24 - deadline for entry applications to the
Tulsa State Fair
August 31 - deadline for WeaversWeekend Retreat

September

September 8 - Guild Meeting
Bring filled baskets for Positive Tomorrows
Nominating Committee for Officers
September 8 - SeptemberFest
September 13 – 23, 2007 Oklahoma State Fair
September 19 & 21 - Demonstrations at the
Oklahoma State Fair
September 27 – October 7, 2007 Tulsa State Fair

October

Newsletter
October 26, 27, 28 - Oklahoma Weavers
Weekend Retreat

November

November -10 Guild Meeting
Election of President and Treasurer
Decision about Fiberworks donation
Bring Fair Baskets and Ribbons to show off

December

Newsletter



Katheryn Kelly in Branson.

Wichita's Fall Weave-In

by Teresa Eftink

The Basket Weavers On the Prairie guild out of Wichita, Kansas will be hosting a "Mini Weave-In" opportunity and would like to invite everyone to attend.

Candace Katz and Debbie Hurd will come to Wichita November 9-11, 2007.

They plan to teach and vend for 1 ½ days, probably all day Saturday until noon on Sunday. Candace and Debbie will be teaching from a new line of baskets and will vend with a focus on Christmas items.

If you are interested in attending this event or want more information, contact Teresa Eftink at:
teresa.eftink@mccconnell.af.mil or at 316-759-4084.



Rena Vickery teaching a coiling class in Branson.

501(c)(3)

by Linda Tickle

I am very pleased to share with guild members that the IRS has determined the BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma to be a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Being a recognized 501(c)(3) organization allows the guild to apply for and receive special grants and project funding that is open only to not-for-profit, educational groups. This determination does not mean that we are exempt from paying sales tax on merchandise purchased with guild funds or purchases made by members for use in the guild. BWGOK will need to file the required income tax forms for 501(c)(3) organizations but should be exempt from paying taxes unless our funds grow tremendously.

As our guild continues to grow, we need to remain focused on the vision provided to the IRS that BWGOK is dedicated to the education and preservation of the art of basket weaving.

Pioneer Woman Museum Folk Art Institute

by Peggy Brennan

Rebecca Brave, director of the Pioneer Woman Museum Folk Art Institute, is requesting applications for classes and workshops. You can email her for details at: brave@okhistory.org.

The museum is located in Ponca City, OK. The folk art institute began in 2006. Rebecca reports, "We had a very successful year with a total of 18 different workshops. We would like to offer more classes." Renewing Traditions previously reported that Rebecca had a successful basketry exhibit of old and contemporary baskets at the museum. Several of BWGOK and ONABA members participated in the exhibit by providing baskets, demonstrating, teaching and setting up the exhibit. The Pioneer Woman Museum Folk Art Institute is offering Oklahoma basket weavers many opportunities. Check them out.



Visit the guild web site.

www.okbasketweaversguild.com

What a Way to Spend a Rainy Afternoon

by Janet Newman

Take one of these rainy afternoons and surf the internet for basket weaving web sites. There is so much information to be had, not to mention free patterns. You could spend days on the internet. Check out these web sites:

www.fiberartsonline.com

This website has a lot of educational sites around the world.

www.basketmakers.com

Lots of free patterns, events, chat room, and tips.

www.wickerwoman.com

A wealth of information by Cathryn Peters.

<http://naturalfibersgroup.tripod.com>

Our own DeLavon Lyford's web site is listed here.

www.geocities.com/pineneedlegroup2002

Coiling with many different fibers.

www.gratiotlakebasketry.com/storeindex.html

Gratiot Lake has a free booklet on how to price your baskets and sell them.

If you are really desperate for something to do during the rain, try a new form of weaving at www.stringpage.com. Tablet weaving and Ply-Split Braiding are only two of the types of weaving covered.

www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/index.html is another interesting site. Have fun whether you are weaving or surfing.

Janet Newman



Mary Sorrells



Pauline Asbury



Marcia Balleweg

Baskets that made it into
Fiberworks 2007.

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