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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year everyone! I know it's already February, but this is our first newsletter of the new year. I hope everyone is surviving our cold winter. I see the daffodils coming up and am hoping they know more than the weatherman. I'm sure looking forward to spring!!

I'm also looking forward to our March 8 meeting. This meeting we have invited people who have expressed an interest in learning to weave. We have met them at various venues over the year. I hope that all our members will be there to greet these new basket weavers and help teach them the art of basket weaving. The guild will provide all the materials for our guests to weave a napkin basket. Please join us, bring your tools and a dish to share for lunch. See you in March!
Marcia

March Guild Meeting

During the March meeting we will hold our Beginner Class. New weavers will come to weave for the first time. We encourage guild members to come help out. We have about 30 weavers coming and would like to have one experienced weaver with each new weaver. Remember to bring extra food for lunch for the new weavers. Bring weaving tools also. More information can be found on pages 6 & 7.

Note from the Editor: Janet Newman

I'm sitting here finishing the newsletter while it is snowing, sleeting and thundering outside. Weather in Oklahoma is definitely interesting.

Many have asked about my house. Its coming along. The walls are back up and brick was put back on last Friday. We are waiting for cabinets to get here and carpet goes in on Monday. The painting is almost finished. We are going from a blue ocean theme to a lavender color with a metal tree on the main wall. It will be very pretty. I've had mixed feelings about going to court for the lady that hit the house. I had a stint as a juror this past week. My attitude came out and I was dismissed. Oh Well, I didn't want to be on the trial anyway.

Had a fun time in January at the Texas Basket Bonanza. I had a safe trip down. My GPS is what got me to the hotel as it was dark by the time I got into Huston. I must say that Texas does not know how to handle ice. Just a little bit of ice shut down the whole town. Then again you almost can't get anywhere without getting on a bridge. I was glad we had rooms in the hotel that the conference was in. We kept weaving without missing a heartbeat.

Once again I opened my mouth and got myself on the retreat committee for next year. Guess it is because the people in Texas are so much fun to be with. I must say they are truly movers and doers. Make plans to go to their conference in Round Rock, TX January 22-25, 2015. IKEA here I come. (IKEA has to be my favorite most store ever.)

Speaking of retreats, its time for me to start the catalog for our own retreat. I understand the selections have been made. I'm looking forward to seeing the choices. You however will have to wait a few more months. Is that mean of me? Guess so. I'll hurry with the catalog.
Janet

BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. The meetings are held the second Saturday of every odd month at 10:00AM. Meetings generally start with the business meeting followed by a basket raffle, then lunch. Everyone brings a covered dish. After lunch we work on the scheduled project or whatever you bring to weave on. We are usually done by 2-3.



CORK & CANVAS

Wine Tasting and Art Auction

Fundraiser benefitting Positive Tomorrows.

April 17, 2014, 6 - 9 p.m.

Save the date for our most fun, upbeat event of the year - Cork & Canvas is an evening of live music, wine pairings, delicious appetizers, and a great selection of silent and live auction items, and the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind masterpieces created by our talented students.

Tickets are \$45 each and include unlimited food, drink and fun. We hope you will join us! All proceeds benefit Positive Tomorrows, helping to break the cycle of homelessness—one family at a time. Nearly 100 children and their families receive intensive, life-changing help every year thanks to generous supporters, including those at Cork & Canvas.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Margaret Creighton at mcreighton@positivetomorrows.org or (405) 556-5082.

Purchase your tickets today by going to the web page: <http://www.positivetomorrows.org/CorkCanvas2014.aspx>

Heads up about Positive Tomorrows Project in September

Usually we make our Positive Tomorrows baskets at the July guide meeting and bring them filled to the September meeting. In order to have time for an extra project it was determined that Positive Tomorrows baskets would be done individually outside of a guild meeting and bring them to the September meeting already filled and ready to go. You are encouraged to make a muffin basket or a market basket but it is entirely up to you if you want to make something different.

Fill your basket to overflowing with kitchen items. Use things like bowls, coffee cups, stirring spoons, measuring cups, etc. Do not place anything in your basket that is food related, perishable or could spill and cause a mess.

At the September meeting the baskets will be wrapped in clear cellophane paper and tied with a ribbon. A card will be attached that says the basket was handmade and donated by the Oklahoma Basket Weavers Guild.

BWGOK Officers

Elected Positions

Volunteer Positions

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| President | Marcia Balleweg | Librarian | Marcia Balleweg |
| Vice President | Rena Vickery | Historian | Onita Lynch |
| Treasurer | Pat Horsey | Membership | Janet Newman |
| Secretary | Jo Ann Miller | Newsletter | Janet Newman |
| Newsletter submissions can be sent to: dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net | | | |

NEWS FROM TEXAS

In January 2014, the Texas Basket Weavers Association had a great Conference. It seemed people were smiling everywhere I looked. We learned many new techniques as well as learning new ways of improve former skills. I find it amazing that you can teach this old dog a few new tricks.

One of our members—James Carthel—was featured in an article in the Houston Chronicle. Needless to say, we had many visitors—some to meet James, some to learn about basket weaving, and some to purchase weaving materials.

Many of you who live in Oklahoma might chuckle to know that most of Houston shut down for a day or two during our January 2014 BaSkEt BoNaNzA! Conference. Even though most of the city's roadways were closed due to icy conditions (tough to navigate those several stories-tall overpasses), everyone who attended the Conference were weaving away in toasty conditions.

For those of you who were unable to attend our 2014 Conference—please note the dates and location for our 2015 Conference—January 22-25 in Round Rock, Texas (just North of Austin). We hope you will join us AND many of us will see you again at your 15th Annual Oklahoma Weavers Weekend in October, 2014.

Happy Weaving,

Linda Ormand

Calendar of Guild Projects

March: Beginners Class taught by Jo Ann Miller

May: Nantucket Rim Class taught by Mike Tickle

July: 6" x 6" Basket with a new technique taught by Shirley Hill. Make a Positive Tomorrow's basket at home. Plan a project to enter into the Oklahoma State Fair or the Tulsa fair.

August: Submit entries to the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa Fair.

September: Bring Positive Tomorrow's baskets back filled, Project to be determined, taught by Janet Newman

October: 24th-26th, 2014 Weavers Weekend Retreat

November: Election of officers

NAPKIN BASKET

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Materials:

5/8" FF-spokes
1/2" FF-weavers- inside and outside rim
3/16" -bottom retaining row and lasher
Seagrass - rim filler

Base 7" X 7" square, 3" high

Using 5/8" FF, cut 14 spokes of natural reed at 18" each

Wet spokes and mark wrong, (rough) side of all 18" reed spokes

Layout 7 of the 18" spokes horizontally.

Weave in the center vertical spoke beginning under the first Horizontal spoke

Square up the base to 7" X 7"

Leave about 3/8" space between spokes.

Weave with 3/16" around the square bottom one time, flattening the corners at an angle.

Upset spokes gently.

Sides:

Weave 6 start /stop rows of flat 1/2" reed.

The 6th row of 1/2" will be the under the rim row.

Pack your weavers down, square the corners, and cut and tuck spokes.

Rim with 1/2" flat reed inside and outside of rim, with sea grass between the rims, and lash with 3/16" flat oval reed.

Basket pattern for the Beginner's Class.
Bring a SMILE, TOOLS and HELPING HANDS.
Be prepared for a fun time.

Beginner's Class at the March Meeting

March is when the guild does a service project of teaching brand new weavers in our beginners class. Participants for the class will come from signing up at the fair, Septemberfest, and the Quilt Show. Friends, family and your students can also be invited. Please contact Jo Ann Miller if you are planning to bring someone to the class! We can not accommodate last minute people as they will not have a kit prepared. The project will once again be the napkin basket. The pattern is on the proceeding page. We need the help of all the guild members to work with the new weavers. It would be great if we could have one guild member with every one or two new weavers. Bring extra food items to the meeting so we have enough snacks for our guests. Let's all strive to make this a very positive experience for our new weavers and encourage them to become members. Plan on the class lasting 3 to 4 hours. Contact Jo Ann at jam19482@aol.com or 405-863-8789 if you wish to bring someone.

WEAVING WITH FRIENDS IN OKLAHOMA

Bring tools, lunch, a smile and a desire to share your weaving techniques.

Door Prize Drawings

The door prize drawings have been great fun. In order for them to continue, we need individuals to donate items that are new and would be of interest. They do not have to be basket related. If you have a kit or base that you thought was a great idea at the time you bought it but have just let it sit then bring it for the drawing. A completed basket would also make a good drawing prize. If you make any kind of craft items like crochet or knitting that would make a great drawing prize. Maybe if a couple of people brought completed baskets we could have a special drawing for the new weavers. What a surprise if they went home with two baskets. Bring items to the guild meeting in March. You can also let Mike Tickle, mtickle@cox.net or Janet Newman, dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net, know if you have items to donate. Lets keep this activity going.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Birthday (month and day only) _____

New Member _____ Interested in teaching at guild meeting? _____

Renewal _____ Interested in serving on a committee? _____

Membership is renewed each calendar year in January and your \$15.00 dues may be mailed to:

Janet Newman
3401 Eagle Lane
Bethany, OK 73008
members@okbasketweaversguild.com

Do you have a friend we can send guild information to?

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone # _____ E-mail address _____

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

The March meeting is the last time to renew your membership for the 2014 year and continue to receive newsletters without missing any. If you have not renewed please do so immediately. Anyone not paid after the March guild meeting will no longer receive newsletters. There is a form on the preceding page to mail in or go to the guild webpage and pay through PayPal. Cost of membership is \$15.

www.okbasketweaversguild.com/membership



Explanation of May Project Which is a Nantucket RIM

This article is reprinted from the November 2013 newsletter.

At the May guild meeting, Mike Tickle will show us how to rim a Nantucket basket. Everyone is encouraged to have a 5" Nantucket basket ready to rim. Nantucket baskets are made on a mold. Most of us do not have access to the molds. Mike has a number of 5" molds. You can use one for a month with a \$10 deposit. When you bring the mold back to the next guild meeting you will get your \$10 back which can then be used to buy the handle and rim which is made of cherry. Mike will answer any questions you have about how to make a Nantucket.

As you can see, I got mine made and I have never made a Nantucket. Basically you cut 6" spokes from 1/4" cane. Trim the last inch to inch and a half down to about half of the width. They will not fit into the slot in the base so will have to be sanded a little on the underside. Do not wet the spokes. I used 41 spokes in my basket. Use the screw and plastic washer to attach the base to the mold. Insert the spokes and evenly space them. Take a very long piece of narrow cane and do a continuous weave until you reach the top of the mold. Do not do anything else with the basket except take it off the mold. Mike will tell us how to finish the basket in May.



The molds will be available at the January and March guild meetings so everyone will have a chance to get a basket made before the May guild meeting. If you take a mold home be sure to bring it back to the next meeting. Bring your basket in May and Mike will have everything to finish the rim and attach the handle. This will be a great experience and lots of fun. Plus you get one of those lovely Nantucket baskets for \$10.

Membership Directories

Printed membership directories will be available at the March meeting. If you have had any changes in your email, address or phone number please send that information to Janet Newman at dnjn3227@sncblobal.net.

If you have a jump drive that belongs to the guild please bring it to the March meeting and I will update the directory on it.

Upcoming Classes for Pauline Asbury

Learn the heritage skill of basket weaving. You will leave with a basket handmade by you (all tools, materials, lesson and lunch included).

You choose the basket Class size is limited. We will need to know color and choice of basket prior to the day of class.



Susie Q



Melon

Pauline also has classes at the Buffalo Ranch in Hinton on March 10th and 17th, at the Pioneer Center in Weatherford March 13th and Warr Acres Senior Center March 27th. She can be contacted at: habasketry@cox.net or 405-722-1186

Available Basket Weaving Classes Around the State

Bethany: Janet Newman (e-mail: dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net; phone: 405-789-4540) Janet teaches at *Francis-Tuttle Career Tech*, OK Basket Supply.

Choctaw: Julie Gates (e-mail: gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com; phone: 405-305-1313 or 405-391-5498) Julie teaches at the Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center.

Duncan: Karen Scott (e-mail: klsweave@gmail.com; phone: 580-252-4711) Her classes are held at the *First United Methodist Church* in Duncan.

Edmond: Rena Vickery (e-mail: rscmv1958@cox.net; phone: 405-285-6643) Rena teaches at the Edmond “Mac” Center.

Hinton: Paulene Asbury (e-mail: habasketry@cox.net; phone: 405-722-1186)

Pauline teaches at the Buffalo Ranch in Hinton the 2nd Monday of each month. She also teaches at Christ Church in Yukon, the Nazarene Church in Mustang, Southern Hills Baptist Church in OKC and the Pioneer Center in Weatherford. You can check on her classes at [facebook.com/habasketry](https://www.facebook.com/habasketry).

Wellston: Marcia Balleweg (e-mail: marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com)

Marcia teaches at *Oklahoma Basket Supply* in Wellston and at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee. Her website, www.oklahomabasketsupply.com lists all her classes.

Gordon Cooper Technology Center, go to <http://gctech.augusoft.net/> to sign up.

Small Twill Heart Basket

Materials: 5 by 4 & 1/2" heart with 20 holes

#3 round reed

11/64" dyed reed

Cut 10 spokes 12" long from #3 round reed

Insert ends of spokes in two adjacent holes from back



to front



Taper the end of a long 11/64" dyed reed

Weave an over two under one consecutive weave for 8 rows taper and end over where you started.



Wet all spokes

Taking a spoke go behind two and out



Continue around basket



Crimp at tip of heart



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Next you go in front of two and in



Cut spokes at an angle past the next spoke.

Shape your basket and enjoy!



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Thank you Pauline for sharing another pattern with us.



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