DECEMBER 2007

OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma

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President: Mary Sorrells

Vice President: Jo Ann Miller

Secretary: Pat Horsey
Treasurer: Linda Tickle

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Newsletter: Marcia Balleweg

REMINDER: Next guild meeting will be held on Jan. 12, 2008 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, 1700 NE 63rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. The meeting will start at 10:00 am.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Congratulations to Tom for successfully completing two years as our president! You did a great job, Tom, and I will try to be a good president, too.

It is an honor to be asked to serve, and I am looking forward to two more super years for the Guild.

Bob and I are leaving for Corpus Christi for Thanksgiving, so I won't have time to work on a 10 X 10 basket before we leave. When we get back, that will be my first weaving project.

One of our sons lives in Corpus Christi, and the other lives in Sacramento. We are going to California for Christmas and are

staying over for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! May the weather be nice and sunny in January next year.

Last year we had to cancel our January meeting because of the icy conditions on the roads. Hope to see you on January 12 with a couple of 10 X 10 baskets in your hands.

Love, Mary Sorrells



December

Jacqueline Angerbauer
Sherri Beyrer
Dusty Davis
Mary Edmondson
Calvin Garnett
Orm Greene
Joan Hatfield
Jo Ann Miller
Karen Scott

<u>January</u>

Georgia Hardt Jo Miller Debbie Shorter Linda Sirkel Mike Tickle Diane Wilson

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BASKETWEAVERS GUILD AND JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OKC TO PARTNER

The Oklahoma Basket Weavers Guild and the 2008 Oklahoma City Junior League Provisional Class will make and assemble over 40 baskets for Rebuilding Together, a local non-profit organization that rebuilds lives and neighborhoods by making homes safe, secure and weatherproof for low-income senior citizens in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

Welcome Home baskets will be given to each recipient of Rebuilding Together's 2008 Annual Work Day. Baskets will be designed and woven by members of the Basket Weavers Guild and filled by Junior League members with a variety of goodies such as dish towels, flash lights and senior service items like the Senior Survival Kit, a phone book that lists area organizations which assists seniors such as Mobile Meals and libraries with large print books.

Once the baskets are assembled, Junior League Provisional members will deliver the baskets to each homeowner.

Guild members are requested to weave a 10 inch basket similar

to the type made for our Positive Tomorrows project. Bring your basket to the January or March meeting. If you are unable to deliver your basket on these dates, contact Tom Galbraith for a drop off point in OKC or Mary Sorrells in Tulsa.

If you would like to join other guild members in weaving for this project, The Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City has graciously provided us with a classroom on February 2, 2008. Contact Tom Galbraith for details at gbartraders@sbcglobal.net

Minutes of BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma meeting, Nov. 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Tom Galbraith. 17 members were present for the meeting. The minutes of the Sept. 8 meeting were read and approved with one correction made by Treasurer Lee Rose.

Date	Name	Income	Expense	Balance	Committee Reports:
9/8	Beginning Balance			\$5,176.34	Janet Newman was not present to report on the Weavers
9/8	Raffle Weavers Weekend	\$54.00		\$5,230.34	Weekend Retreat but emailed a report to Tom. Tom reported that the weekend was a success with a profit of \$268.83.
10/1	Registrations Weavers Weekend	\$1,395.00		\$6, <mark>625.3</mark> 4	Marcia read an email from a member from Texas who at-
10/29	Raffles, etc.	\$674.00		\$7,299.34 \$7,299.34	tended our retreat thanking the guild for a wonderful event, stating she "had more fun at your retreat than I did at the NC
Check #	Paid to			\$7,299.34	convention." Thanks, Jackie.
#510	Janet Newman Louis Page WW Regis-		\$28.22	\$7,271.12	Old Business:
#511	tration Refund Karen Zane (Pat Horsey)		\$65.00	\$7,206.12	Donation to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage for
#512	kit) Mary-Smith Stokes (Pat		\$45.00	\$7,161.12	our meeting room was discussed. Marcia Balleweg made a motion and it was seconded by Mary Sorrells to continue
#513	Horsey's kit) Lea Candler		\$29.00	\$7,132.12	making a donation each year. \$300.00 was approved by the membership with the donation to be put on the November
#514	(Registration Refund) Liz Mitchell		\$95.00	\$7,037.12	meeting agenda each year and the members to approve the \$300.00 amount.
#515	(Registration Refund)		\$40.00	\$6,997.12	yoodida amaanti
#516	Janet Newman		\$42.10	\$6,955.0 <mark>2</mark>	Grant committee: Jo Ann Miller reported that HUD offers a
#517	Jeff McBride Oklahoma Christian		\$50.00 \$4,258.2	\$6,905.02	free grant writing program each year and she would like to attend the next session. She volunteered to be on the grant
#518	Camp?Conference		0	\$2,646.82	committee but does not want the chair position.
#519	Quik Print		\$85.62	\$2,561.20	' '

Web site update: Tom G. reported that our library is now on the website. He received a letter from Jeff McBride who is the website designer. He recommends we change our website name because he thinks it is too long. He also suggests we change to a .org instead of .com. Discussion followed with Tom and Lee reporting that our website is working as it because they both spoke with a woman who wanted information about learning weaving while she was in OK visiting. She is from Germany and found us on the web. She will be here Dec. Jan and Feb. Members decided to leave our web name as okbasketweavers guild and change to a .org if this name is available. Tom will check with Mr. McBride. Tom has been given administrator privileges to our website and Mike Tickle will be made moderator of the Forum.

New Business:

Filing cabinet: A motion was made and seconded and carried to purchase a filing cabinet to store guild historical paperwork. Marcia agreed to purchase and place the cabinet in her shop.

Library: Discussion about the use of library on the website included providing membership ID numbers to members in order to show they are eligible to use the library and there will be a trial period of 4 months for a new procedure for use of the library. This procedure will be published in the newsletter and members can order patterns form Jo Ann by sending a SASE 9"x12" envelope.

Election of Officers:

Mike Tickle, Chair of election committee, introduced the candidates for President: Tom Galbraith and Mary Sorrells. Tom withdrew his name from consideration. Mike announced there was only one candidate for Treasurer, Linda Tickle. Mary Sorrells was elected President by acclimation. Linda Tickle was elected Treasurer by acclimation. Both candidates will take office immediately following this meeting.

Basket Drawing:

Onita Lynch brought the basket for the drawing this month and Karen Scott was the winner. She will provide the basket for the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. Jo Ann Miller provided the project following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Balleweg in Pat Horsey's absence.

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ARTRAIN VISITS OKC

Margaret Smith and Carol White taught children from the Norman public Library how to do single wall Cherokee baskets at the 3rd Annual Norman Public Library Native American Festival from 1 pm to 6 pm on November 11, 2007. There seemed to be about twenty five children who did a basket.

Margaret was one of the selected local artists to demonstrate for the Artrain USA www.artrainusa.org on Dec. 2, 2007 from 1 pm to 4pm for their stop in Norman, OK. She displayed a few baskets and demonstrated to both children as well as adults how to twill weave on a small mat

This is the last year of the Artrain. The Artrain with its 71 contemporary artworks by 54 living Native American artist was in Norman on November 30 –Dec 4, 2007 and open to the public Dec. 1, 2, and 4 and Norman Public Schools Monday, Dec 3. The exhibition entitled Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture is making its final tour and is the nation's only traveling art museum on a train!

There are five cars that make up the Artrain USA and exhibit works by Oklahoma

residents and respected Native American artists. Norman was one of only two stops the train will make while traveling through the state.



Margaret Smith and Carol White with student.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE JANUARY (CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL BEFORE SENDING IN DUES)

Dues for 2008 are due in January 2008. There is a membership application included in this issue.

You may mail you dues to

Marcia Balleweg
P.O. Box 647
Wellston, OK 74881
or pay them at the January meeting.

This year, we are starting something new. Members will now be receiving Membership Cards. These will be mailed to you upon receipt of your dues. Please complete the member form so we can update our records with your correct information. You do not need to include your birth year on this application. We

only want to know

your birth month and day so we can wish you a Happy Birthday!

For those new members who joined us at the 2007 Weavers Weekend, you are paid up for 2008. Your dues were included in your registration fee. I will try to indicate this on your newsletter mailing label.

BASKET WEAVING EVENTS ACROSS OUR STATE

- Mary Sorrells will hold an open weave at her home on Dec. 10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Contact Mary at 918025106396 or marysorrells@cox.net.
- Bernice Kopel is having Open House on Jan. 19 at 1105 S Ridge Dr., Stillwater OK, 74074. All baskets she will teach in the spring semester will be on display. Questions? Call 405-377-3379. Be there between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm to register for classes.
- Rena Vickery has classes listed on EDMONDOK.com under Parks & Recreation heading, Register for Recreation Programs using RecExpress.
- Contact Karen Scott for details on her February double wall class in Duncan at <u>klsweave@sbcglobal.net</u> or 580-252-4711.

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WWW.OKBASKETWEAVERSGUILD.COM

Check your mailing label before sending in your dues!!

BWG LIBRARY CORNER

Basket patterns galore and not enough time to weave them. The Guild's pattern library is now online. Pat Horsey conquered Pattern Mountain by scanning the pictures for the website. Thank you! Thank You!

You can see all the patterns at www.okbasketweavers.com

Our web designer, Jeff McBride, spent more time than expected adding the patterns to the website! Thank you Jeff!

FOR MEMBERS ONLY: Patterns can be checked out at the meetings and from online requests. Policy will be set by the guild after some experience with the online pattern books.

The guild owns an oval mold. If anyone knows the whereabouts, please let me know.

Contact Jo Ann Miller at Jam19482@aol.com for more information or to check out a pattern.