



OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

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Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma

April, 2009

President's Letter

Dear Members,

We enjoyed our South Texas winter where the weather was really nice and the people were very friendly. I had a fun time meeting and teaching the winter Texans from the north. They were all beginners, but made lovely baskets. Some of them are going to enter them in their fairs and contests.

Be thinking about what baskets you have to send to Waurika for our "Baskets of Oklahoma" exhibit in August. Bring them to the July meeting. I will take and pick up baskets from northeastern Oklahoma, and will need someone to pick up the baskets from central Oklahoma. Any volunteers? Do we have any members who would represent our guild at the opening August 14th? It would be nice if some of us were there. I have to be in Kansas City for a family wedding on August 15th.

We seem to have two meetings with no projects. Is anyone willing to teach something at these meetings? I thought we had set up our yearly schedule last November. I don't know quite how this happened. But if you have a basket you would be willing to teach, let us know. We need more people who would try their hand at teaching. Our guild members are easy to teach, because they are all experienced weavers. See you in May!

Sincerely,

Mary

Schedule of Events

May 9, Meeting: Make Positive Tomorrow Baskets with Janet Newman. Article on Page 3.

May 14, 15 and 16, 2009: Silver Dollar City 11th Annual Basket Workshop and Seminar in Branson, Mo.

June 5, 2009: Deadline for material for June newsletter.

July 11, 2009: No project scheduled at this time.

August 7, 2009: Deadline for material for August newsletter.

September 12, Meeting: Bring filled Positive Tomorrow Baskets.

October 9, 2009: Deadline for material for October newsletter.

October 23, 24, and 25: BWGOK Weavers Weekend Retreat in Hinton, Ok.

November 14, Meeting: Election of President and Treasurer. Christmas ornament with Joan Galbraith.

December 11, 2009: Deadline for material for December newsletter.

BWGOK Officers

President	Mary Sorrells
Vice President	Janell Hopkins
Secretary	Pat Horsey
Treasurer	Linda Tickle

Volunteer Positions

Librarian	Marcia Balleweg
Historian	Kathryn Kelley
Newsletter	Vivian Havenstrite

Meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The meetings are held the second Saturday of every odd month at 10 am.

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 are weaving. We are usually done by 2 pm. Then cleanup!

Minutes for March 14, 2009 Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting

Linda Tickle, Treasurer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting was approved as written with the change on the checking account balance. The balance was changed to \$3604.71.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

Newsletter printing	\$115.60
Table Rental	100.00
Newsletter postage	50.40
Beginners class	22.00
Office supplies	21.18
Retreat supplies	67.79

Deposits:

Membership due	\$695.00
Raffle	36.00

Total	\$376.97	\$731.00	Balance \$3959.74
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Retreat Committee Report:

Report was given by Pat Horsey since Janet Newman was absent. This year the selection committee consisted of Jewel Cowan, Margaret Smith, Mary Garnett, Mike and Linda Tickle and I. I did not vote. The first round of selection is done without knowing the instructor, just a picture and description of the basket. They selected a keep or no keep. The ones with the highest 2 rating were selected for the retreat. The rest of the selections were to fill in the time frame for weaving. Having 116 baskets to select from, the committee decided to start classes on Friday at 1pm. The committee selected 47 baskets and 14 instructors. There will be 4 new instructors this year. There will be no Potluck dinner for Friday, but one sign up for Friday dinner with the registration. The lodge rooms will be first come basis. Would like to have at least 3 persons in a room. The retreat will offer a long sleeved navy blue T shirt for the first time. It will be embroidery with our logo and the year on it. The shirt may be ordered at the time of registration. The guild pays for instructor's lodging and meals. There will be 3 vendors. A side note, I had a call from Jill Choates to submit baskets for our retreat but it was 2 weeks post closing.

Old Business:

Beginners Class has 30 individuals signed up for today.

Web site: Marcia Balleweg has spoken to Pat Felt, the lady who handles our web site. The guild needs a new server by April. Marcia had three servers for the guild to look at. The guild selected Go Daddy. The cost is \$5.94/month. We will do a 3 year contract. Marcia will make the changes. She also suggested adding to our web site a list of instructors with contact information. Margaret Smith suggested adding pictures of our last retreat and other events the guild has done. No motions were made.

Positive Tomorrows: We received a very nice thank you letter from them for our donation of baskets.

New Business:

Beginner's Class: Linda Tickle informed the guild that she and Pat Horsey have done the Beginner's Class for the last 4 years. Next year would like to have another committee take over. She also suggested having more than one Beginner class a year and maybe offer an intermediate class for a fee. Tabled to next meeting.

Marcia Balleweg suggested doing our beginners and other similar classes on off guild Saturdays. Linda Tickle will include an article in the newsletter.

Announcements:

Marcia Balleweg announced that Billy Owen will be teaching at her shop. Check her web site if interested. Billy has 2 morning open slots and 1 for afternoon.

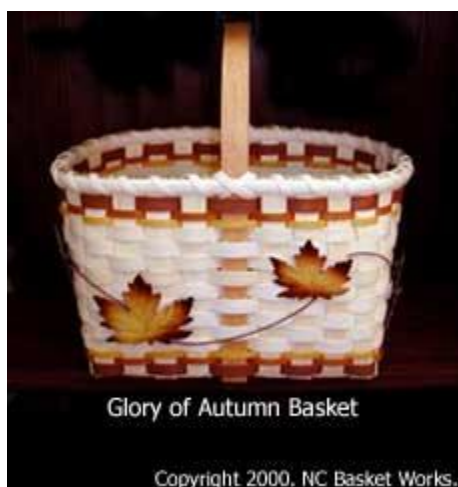
Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher will be offering kids days on April 17 and 18, 2009. They have asked us to demonstrate basket weaving. April 17 the demonstration is 9 – 2:30 and the 18th from 10 – 5. Lunch is furnished. Please contact Joan Galbraith if interested.

Basket Raffle: Pat Horsey won the basket submitted by Judy Stone.

Meeting adjourned.

From Janet Newman:

Our May project is a market basket for **Positive Tomorrows**. This is an organization that helps abused women when they start a new life on their own. They are given a basket made by the Guild that is full of kitchen items. A pattern will be provided courtesy of Suzanne Moore's NC Basket Works. You bring the supplies and weave the basket at the Guild meeting. Take the basket home and fill it with kitchen items and bring it back to the July meeting. It will be wrapped in cellophane and a tag will be attached that says it was donated by the BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma. Please bring all supplies for your basket to the meeting. If you need an 8" x 12" D Handle or colored reed, you can order it from Oklahoma Basket Supply. Contact Marcia Balleweg at 405-356-2224. Please contact me at 405-789-4540 if you need the natural reed to make the basket, so you do not have to buy full coils. There will be a small fee for the natural reed. I will bring the natural reed and an assortment of leaves to decorate your baskets. The baskets can be any color. They do not have to be Autumn. If you get the chance, please **thank Suzanne Moore** for letting us use her pattern. **Thank you also Janet, for the article.**



The Glory of Autumn

Pattern Compliments Of:

Suzanne Moore's NC Basket Works

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Materials

8 X 12 'D' handle
1/4" FF - dyed rust and gold
1/4" FF - natural-lacing & rim row
1/2" FF - dyed medium brown
2 Painted Metal Autumn Leaves for front of basket*

1/2" FF - natural for weavers
3/4" FF - spokes
Seagrass - rim filler
1/2" FO - rims
#2R brown to connect leaves (optional)

Cut 8 spokes from 3/4" FF each 28" long and 7 spokes from 3/4" FF each 30" long. Soak briefly. Mark the center of the handle and a few of the spokes.

Lay 3 spokes horizontal (30" long) **under** the handle and 4 on top of the handle. Weave in vertically 4 spokes on each side of handle. Base measures 8" x 10". Upset the spokes. Weave the following rows start and stop.

1 row 1/2" FF brown (this will be **outside** the handle)

1 row 1/4" FF rust

1 row 1/4" FF gold

9 rows 1/2" FF natural

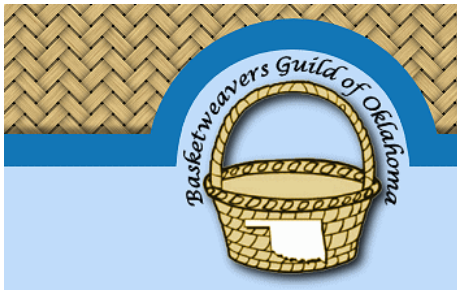
1 row 1/4" gold

1 row 1/4" F rust

1 row 1/2" FF brown

Pack well. Cut and tuck in the usual manner. Rim with 1/2" FO, seagrass between rims, and lash with 1/4" FF.

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 – 21, 2009

Martha Wetherbee, Shaker Basketmaker and Historian, will be teaching a 2 day workshop of the Bushwacker Basket in Unionville IN. Contact Kathy Sparks (812) 988-2377 or elmshoot@aol.com

April 24, May 9 and 30, 2009

St. Louis, MO. Area. Contact Wendy Reary at www.stlbasketry.com or (314) 843-5005

May 1, 2 and 3, 2009,

Flo Hoppe Classes at Oklahoma Basket Supply in Wellston, OK. Contact Marcia (405) 356-2224 or www.oklahomabasketsupply.com

July 17 – 18, 2009

Gibson-Curry White Oak Basket Workshop in Fairway, KS. Contact: BettyBaskets-2009@hotmail.com or (816) 797-7797 for more information.

August 6-9, 2009

Missouri Basketweavers Guild's 18th Annual Convention, Independence, Missouri. Mbg.unionpoint.net

October 3 and 4, 2009

Kansas City Indian Art Market & Cultural Festival. Invitation to Native American artists and crafters to display and sell their wares while celebrating their heritage. Website www.kcindianfest.com

February 13-20, 2010 Basket Weaving Cruise Feb 13, 2010

Join us and cruise to the Caribbean and enjoy 7 fun filled days. You can weave, relax, sightsee, and soak in the total experience. This 7 day cruise aboard the new Carnival Dream will sail from Port Canaveral, FL, and visit the ports of Nassau, Bahamas, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. Three days at sea will allow for weaving with these 7 amazing teachers: Anne Bowers, Sandy Bulgrin, Flo Hoppe, Debbie Hurd, Sue Kamin, Candace Katz and Karen Zane.

Come with us for a great time shared with fellow weavers, family, friends and teachers. We can tell you that knitters, scrap bookers, golfers, young people and seniors cruise, so why not basket weavers?! Visit our website www.basketweavingcruise.com for pictures and a schedule of classes plus teacher bios. If you don't have internet access, contact us for a brochure (262) 835-4041.

Sandy Bulgrin and Lucille Prudden