



# OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

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Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma

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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

Here we are at August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are busy getting baskets together for the upcoming show in Waurika. The Fiber Artists of Oklahoma requested information on the show. They want to advertise it among their members. Judy Stone and I will be taking the baskets to Waurika the second week of August and Vickie Gildon and I will be picking them up on August 20.

The fairs are both upcoming! Consider entering, as many people walk by and see the exhibits. It's a good way to let people know that we exist.

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**September Project**

**Small and Large Cornucopia**

**Teacher: Janell Hopkins**

**Janell will supply reed for \$3.00, or weavers may bring their own.**

**Small Cornucopia - #2 and #3 RR (round reed)**

**Large Cornucopia - #3 and #4 RR**

**You may contact Janell at 405-391-5818 or [Janell@mcloudteleco.com](mailto:Janell@mcloudteleco.com) for any questions.**

### Schedule of Events

**September 12, Meeting: Bring Positive Tomorrow Baskets. Small & Large Cornucopias with Janell Hopkins.**

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

**Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting.**

Minutes of meeting on July 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Sorrells at 10:15 am. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter. The treasurer's report was read by Linda Tickle. Our ending balance was \$3583.37. Details of the treasurer's report will be published in the next newsletter.

Old business:

Anyone who brought a Positive Tomorrows' basket can give them to Marcia Balleweg. She will store them until the Sept. meeting when all who wish to participate in this project should bring their filled baskets.

Waurika Library exhibit is scheduled for August, opening on Aug. 16. The library will advertise this exhibit for 3 weeks. They will publish 3 consecutive news articles with one describing the exhibit, one telling of BWGOK history and one telling about our members Vickie Guildon and Vikie Jeffrey who will be demonstrating at the library during the exhibit. Get your baskets to Vickie Guildon or Mary Sorrells for delivery to the library.

The Heartland Blind group's weaving project was a success. Jo Ann Miller, Janet Newman, Pat Horsey and Rena Vickery assisted the blind students in weaving a basket.

Weaver's Weekend Retreat catalog is in the mail and on the web. A motion was made by Tom Galbraith and seconded by Marcia Balleweg to give the retreat a budget of \$1500.00 for miscellaneous expenses. Marcia had a t-shirt sample at the meeting for everyone to see.

New business:

Tulsa State Fair book is now online. Go to [www.tulsastatefair.com](http://www.tulsastatefair.com) for your applications. Oklahoma State Fair book can be found at [www.okstatefair.com](http://www.okstatefair.com). Deadline for application is Aug. 15. A signup list was sent around for volunteers for basketweaving demo at the OK State Fair on Sept. 18 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Septemberfest is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 this year. Tom Galbraith asked for volunteers for demonstration at the History Center.

Fiberworks has asked that our members submit baskets for consideration to their show next year.

Submissions from basketweavers have dropped in the past few years and they are inviting us to participate again.

Wildlife Federation Expo is Sept. 25, 26 and 27 at the Lazy E Arena. Janet Newman has volunteered to coordinate with them and needs 7 to 8 volunteers to help her. There will be small weaving projects with willow on Sept. 26 and 27. Friday, Sept. 25 will have a demonstration for school children.

BWG Library discussion: Marcia Balleweg asked for discussion on the operation of the online library.

Members discussed and voted in the following items:

1. Can check out a limit of 6 patterns with a maximum of 2 month check out.
2. Must have current membership.
3. A table of postage will be published on the webpage for the library and each member who wished to check out patterns will send a self addressed, stamped envelope to the librarian with their request for patterns. They can mail them back or return them to a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and Janell Hopkins led the weaving project this month.

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Balleweg.

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Bob and I are busy packing up our five bedrooms with two attics house, after 31 years of living here. Both kids grew up and left their stuff. It's been a real challenge to get it decluttered and ready to show. We have bought a house in Corpus Christi to be near to one of our sons. The other one lives in Sacramento, and it is much too expensive to live there. So we are becoming Texans. The address of our new home is: 5522 Kenith Circle, Corpus Christi, Texas 78413. There are pictures of it on zillow.com. It is a one story, four bedroom house. We close on it on August 11<sup>th</sup>. You can reach me at [www.theartbasketgallery.com](http://www.theartbasketgallery.com). Or at least for a while longer at: [marysorrells@cox.net](mailto:marysorrells@cox.net). Our house in Broken Arrow went on the market yesterday. Our rental house sold and we closed on it last week.

I will be teaching in the Rio Grande Valley again this winter beginning December 15 and ending March 2. If you get tired of the cold this winter, come south and visit us. We would love to see you again.

I am not sure if I will be at the September meeting. In case I will not be able to make it, I would like to say that I have enjoyed being your president and all your friendship! Baskets weavers are so fun to be around. They are all friendly and helpful.

The Fiber Artists of Oklahoma have formed an auxiliary group in Tulsa and are meeting once a year in Stroud—halfway between the two big cities. I would like to suggest again that the Basketweavers do something similar. The Tulsa area has many fine weavers who would join the guild if some of the meetings were held in Tulsa. I think we are missing out on this great group by having all the meetings in OK City. This suggestion was met with total rejection when I brought it up two years ago, but I still think you need to consider it. There are some fine weavers in the Lawton area, too. They would enjoy a meeting in their town. It would encourage them to join the guild.

Tulsa weavers who are retired meet once a month at the Peggy Helmerich library from 10:00-2:00 p.m. on the first Monday or the second Monday if the library is closed for a holiday. This group is called: First Monday Weavers. All weavers are invited to attend.

There are several teachers in the Tulsa area as well as Tahlequah and Muscogee who have regular classes and groups that would enjoy attending, also.

Here's to a great show in Waurika!

Sincerely,

Mary

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **September 14-October 15, 2009**

Fiber Focus 2009. A nine-state juried biennial exhibit. Entry postmark deadline: July 7, 2009. Download entry form: <http://www.artstlouis.org/callforentries.html> or robin@artstlouis.org

##### **September 17-27, 2009**

2009 Oklahoma State Fair.

##### **September 25 – 27**

Wildlife Federation Expo – Lazy E Arena. Contact Janet Newman @ [dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.

##### **October 1 – 11, 2009**

2009 Tulsa State Fair. Website: [www.tulsastatefair.com](http://www.tulsastatefair.com) for the premium book and entry forms.

##### **February 13-20, 2010**

Basket Weaving Cruise. Website: [www.basketweavingcruise.com](http://www.basketweavingcruise.com) for pictures and a schedule of classes plus teacher bios. If you don't have internet access, contact Sandy Bulgrin or Lucille Prudden for a brochure (262) 835-4041.

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**Tulsa State Fair 2009      Department: Fine Arts  
Basket Weaving – Division 1026**

<b>01 – Traditional</b>	<b>03 - Twilled variations</b>	<b>05 – Coiled</b>	<b>07 - Non-Traditional/contemporary</b>
<b>02 - Ribbed</b>	<b>04 - Double walled</b>	<b>06 - Gathered materials</b>	<b>08 - Non-wood</b>

**Competitive Exhibits Adult Division  
Entry Information  
Entry Deadline Friday, August 21, 2009  
Online entry deadline is Friday, August 28, 2009**

A \$4.00 processing fee for each entry. Entry forms must be completely filled out, or they will not be accepted. The premium book and entry forms are available at: [www.tulsastatefair.com](http://www.tulsastatefair.com)

**Entry Take-in  
Lower Level Quik-Trip Center**

Basketweaving entries accepted, Saturday, September 19, 2009, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Entry Release  
Lower Level Quik-Trip Center**

Monday, October 2, 2009, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm. Must have claim tags to pick-up entries.

**All items not picked up on Monday, October 1, 2009, will be given to charity on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.**