

HAPPY VALENTINE'S FROM BWGOK



The official newsletter of the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
Website: okbasketweaversguild.com Facebook: Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 17, 10AM, Bring a DISH!
Deadline to sign up for Feb. Twill Basket is FEB. 8th \$25
Notify Marcia - see notice below



**WHAT IS CUPID
TALKING ABOUT
THIS MONTH?**

IN THIS EDITION:

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about this month?

Officers Update
for February

Guild Basket Highlight
for the month of
February! NEW!!

Information Pages for
Contacts, Guild
Meetings, Special
Events, Tips & Tricks

Happy Valentine's Day Weavers!

This is an exciting month for baskets. Valentines represents images of hearts, twills, gift giving and making something for the special ones in your life!

Membership Drive PLEASE PASS THE WORD - Every year we give our members the option to pay for the next year of dues with the Basket Weavers Retreat. A few of you chose to pay through that option. But if you did not sign up or pay at the Retreat then you can click on the link below to pay your dues for 2024. Here is the link to go to the website and **pay \$25 for 2024.**

<https://www.okbasketweaversguild.com/Membership.html>
We are asking all members to **please be paid up by Feb. guild meeting Feb. 17th.** If you do not have access to the internet, we will accept dues at the first guild meeting of the year in Feb. by cash or check. Marcia Balleweg is our treasurer, (mballeweg@yahoo.com) and you must pay **ONLY** her. Our membership is growing every year, and we love that you all want to participate. Please tell your friends to join us.

OFFICERS UPDATE

THE LAST WORD: OFFICERS MET ON JAN. 31, 2024

The board met on Jan. 31st to tackle our library of basket patterns. If you are not aware we have a large collection of patterns that you can obtain a copy to make on your own to expand your skills, make a gift for someone or to enhance your collection. Our guild librarian & Co-VP Susan Steele susanstitches0@gmail.com handles the collection and would be more than happy to help you. The volunteers met to help categorize and sort the large volumes of paperwork. Plans to digitize the patterns are in the works to make it easier to share with members. Bear in mind some of the patterns are copyrighted so you must ask permission to teach or sell. Ask Susan for more info.

Check out the Calendar and info page for future meetings, basket classes, museum events to volunteer for and general information about the guild. IMPORTANT!



This comes from Mary Lee. She writes, "This is too cute not to share. Nancy, Susan, and I taught a beginner's class in Norman in Jan. One of the participants wrote back that her cat liked the basket so much she claimed it for her own."

***"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will."
---George Bernard Shaw***

FEBRUARY BASKET

TWILL WASTE BASKET or MAMMOUTH CAVE

DEADLINE: Feb. 8th to sign up, pick color and pay.



TWILL WASTE BASKET

Dimensions: 9" high x 10" diameter at top

Cost to guild members: \$25.00

Beginner friendly twill, but great for all weavers.

Choice of colors: blue, butternut or apple green.

Marcia Balleweg, Mail checks to Marcia Balleweg, 334180 E. 950 Rd., Wellston, OK 74881. If you have questions, please contact Marcia at mballeweg@yahoo.com

MAMMOTH CAVE BASKET

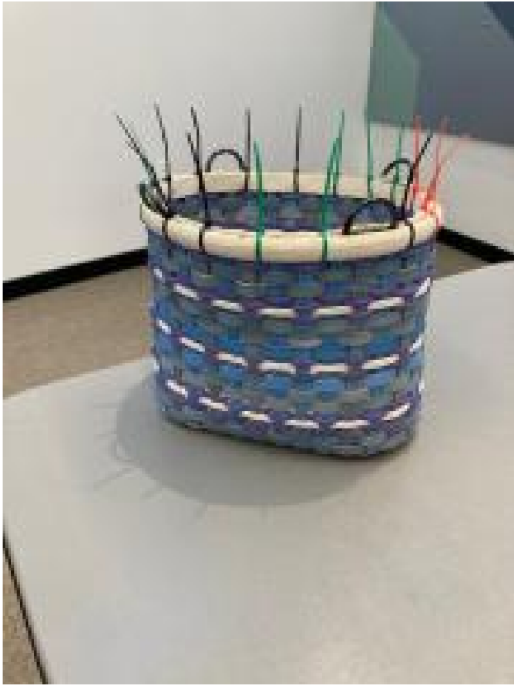


This basket's skill level is **ADVANCED**. The Mammoth Cave basket is a replica of a 3000 year old basket that was found in Mammoth Cave. It was a taller basket used by the southeast tribes as a sieve/sifter to separate the chaff from the grain. Later, Native Americans used this size (8"X 8", 3.5" tall) to sieve their corn. Checks for \$20 should be mailed to Mary Lee, 4106 Stratford Ln, Norman, OK 73072 by Feb. 8 deadline.

All new classes, baskets projects at meetings must be paid in full by the posted deadlines. It is a lot of work to color and cut reed for these projects and our volunteers/teachers need the time and funds to cover costs ahead of time. We ask that you only request ONE kit per offering to weave at the meeting.

Update on Bonnie Rideout Classes from Mary Lee

The class was a success! Bonnie Rideout taught 2 baskets in Norman. We had 21 who attended. Here are a few pictures from the day.



Thanks to all who attended. These are great opportunities for our members to have special weaving sessions and have these talented teachers come to our neck of the woods.



The McKinzie's Are Coming!
May 3rd & 4th, 2024 - 9AM
MUST PAY BY Feb. 17th to attend.

On Friday, May 3rd and Sat. May 4th, Jimmie Earl and Mary McKinzie will be in Norman at one of our libraries to teach the baskets shown. They are excellent teachers, and you will find them a pleasure. They make a great team and have plenty of patience. ***(A reminder flyer will be sent out before the event.)***

At the Feb. 17 meeting Mary Lee will have to collect your money for these baskets so please be prepared to choose your basket/s and pay at the meeting. **OR mail to Mary by Feb. 29th.**

Checks should be made out to Mary McKinzie and dated May 4, 2024. The McKinzie's require a 2-month prepayment on kits since they will be traveling from Illinois and have to be sure that their trip will be well attended and thus, profitable.

NOTE: There are Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced choices.

If you cannot attend the meeting and want to attend the McKinzie classes, please mail your class choices and payment to:

Mary Lee at 4106 Stratford Ln., Norman, OK 73072 **by Feb. 29.**

Thanks, your cooperation with these requests helps a lot.

Beginner Baskets



Rum-pa-pum
Color choices available

Make this charming project for a fun holiday treat! This basket has matching dyed spokes and weavers, and is woven over a class mold. The drum design is completed with gold or silver buttons, matching cord, and a set of wooden drumsticks.

\$65

6 hours

All Levels

7" diameter x 7" high

Beginner Baskets



Snowy Treat
Blue Space-Dyed

This small wintery basket is a nice size for a gift or to store your own treats. It has a wood base and is woven with blue space-dyed reed. The playful snowflakes add the perfect finishing touch.

\$35

4 hours

All Levels

6" diameter X 4" high



Streamers

This colorful basket could have many uses. It features a solid woven base using assorted colors of spokes and natural fillers. This is a no stress, fun project. A variety of color choices will be available for the leather handles.

\$45

6 hours

All Levels

12" x 8" x 4" high to Rim

6" high with Handles

Intermediate Baskets



Down By the Sea
Color choices available

Make this charming project with a beachy vibe! This basket starts with triple twining and features a continuous twill weave with dyed round reed as an accent. It is woven over a class mold. Tie on a beachy embellishment or leave it off to let the twill shine.

\$52

6 hours

Intermediate

7" diameter x 6" high

Intermediate Baskets



McClintock
Color choices available

This big basket is woven using dyed and natural reed for a lovely two-toned effect. The handle is a rectangular hoop, which gives the basket a unique shape. The V-stitch handle wrap is the ideal finishing touch.

\$75

8 hours

Intermediate

19" x 12" x 6" high to Rim

9" high with Handle



Terina
Black and Natural

This dramatic basket features bright white X's on a black background around the basket. The final design accent is a unique black suede handle wrap with matching white X's. This striking small market basket with a solid woven base is both decorative and useful.

\$48

8 hours

Intermediate

11" x 6" x 5" high to Rim

10" high with Handle

Advanced Baskets



Jadzia

Color choices available

Inside this square double wall basket, the spokes and weavers are natural, topped with rows of dyed reed. Placement of natural and dyed reed on the outside creates an eye-catching pattern. Black leather handles and wooden spool feet accented with black yarn provide finishing touches.

\$80

8 hours

Advanced

13" x 13" x 10" high to Rim

13" high with Handles



Janus

Color choices available

This charming oval double wall basket is woven on a double slotted wood base and has a solid dyed interior. The exterior features two striking sections of coordinating randing framed by triple twining dyed to match the interior color.

\$70

8 hours

Advanced

10" x 8" x 5" high to Rim



Tripoli

Color choices available

This fun basket features a braid done with a choice of 3 colors of reed, or 2 colors of reed and a strand of seagrass. It has a wood base and is woven over a class mold. The natural weaving makes the colorful braid pop.

\$66

8 hours

Advanced

7" diameter X 9" high to Rim



GUILD MEETING DATES

We start at 10AM

February 17 - Classroom A and B

March 16 - Classroom A and B

April 20 - Classroom A and B

June 15 - Classroom A and B

August 17 - Annie Oakley Society Center

October 12 - Classroom A and B

December 14 - Classroom A and B

Please mark your calendars to attend. Remember, watch for deadlines to pay for kit, invite new members to join, bring a dish to share and enjoy the fun!

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Volunteer Classes are important!

This is our agreement with the museum and we have an obligation to teach the public for our usage of the museum. Please volunteer to help us keep our meetings at the museum.

Volunteer Classes coming up!

**Teach Beginners
Basket Class,
April 27, 2024.**

**Demonstration/activity
table at Chuck Wagon
Festival,
May 25 – 26, 2024.**

- **Teach Basket Class,
date TBD, 2024.**

- **Demonstration table
at National Day of the
Cowboy, July 27, 2024.**

**Volunteers are needed.
Sign up today!**



Basket of the Month

BONUS: LOOK FOR THE FREE PATTERN ATTACHMENT TO THE NEWSLETTER!