



HAPPY VALENTINE'S FROM BWGOK



The official newsletter of the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
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NEXT MEETING: Feb. 15th, 10AM, Bring a DISH!

**WE JUST LOVE
TO WEAVE!**



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Happy Valentine's Weavers!

The holiday season is upon us, and we have changes coming up for the New Year!

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 2025. Here is the link to go to the website and **pay \$25 for 2025.**

<https://www.okbasketweaversguild.com/Membership.html>
We are asking all members to **please be paid up by Feb. 15th online or at the guild meeting.** 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 (mballeweg@yahoo.com) is our treasurer, 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 TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 6TH, 2025

The BWGOK Retreat was a success this year with lots of weavers enjoying the craft. Great suppliers and vendors were in attendance and the sales/deals were great. Thank you to our committee for all of their hard work, sweat and tears. Just kidding, ladies do not sweat, we sparkle! The Shawnee Expo Center has been a great venue for our purposes, and we propose to continue to schedule future retreats at this location. They were very attentive to our needs this year and we appreciate all of their hard work. A BIG THANK YOU to all of our sponsors and donations that everyone enjoyed. The food was tasty as usual.

We have a new line up of baskets to make this year at the guild meetings. The newsletter is sent out at the first of the guild meeting month and we want you to watch for email bulletins with information about class sign ups and payments.

CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR DATES/TIMES of FUTURE GUILD MEETINGS.

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.

***Gratitude opens the door, the power, the wisdom,
the creativity of the universe. YOU open the door
through gratitude.***

Deepak Chopra

February 15th Guild Project

The February project is called Handy Caddy. It is a 10" x 5" x 4.5" high basket. There are several bases available on a first-come first-serve basis. Some are for silverware and napkins. Others, like the picture shows, have a section with holes to put tools in. The basket has a slotted bottom for flat spokes. It is a simple basket to weave. Everyone should be able to finish it. There will be several colors to choose from. There should be plenty of kits but there is a limited number of bases. Nineteen people signed up at the last guild meeting.



IF YOU WANT A KIT AND HAVE NOT RESERVED ONE, PLEASE DO SO BY FEBRUARY 8TH. COST OF THE KITS IS \$35. PAY AT THE GUILD MEETING. CONTACT JANET NEWMAN AT 405-812-4454 OR DNJN3227@SBCGLOBAL.NET TO ORDER YOUR KIT.

**SEE
ATTACHED
FILE FOR
ARTICLE
ON
GOURDS
FROM JANET**



**SEE
ATTACHED
FILES FOR
ARTICLE
AND
COLOR
CHARTS**

REED DYING WITH RIT DYES BY JANET NEWMAN

THERE IS A FILE ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER THAT SHOWS FORMULAS FOR DYING ANYTHING WITH RIT DYE. I LIKE THIS SHEET BECAUSE IT LISTS THE AMOUNTS FOR POWDERED DYE AND FOR LIQUID DYE.

THERE IS A FILE ONLINE AT RIT DYE THAT JUST LISTS THE AMOUNTS AND DOES NOT SAY LIQUID OR POWDER. I USE BOTH POWDER AND LIQUID DEPENDING ON WHAT I HAVE ON HAND OR CAN FIND IN THE STORES. THE ONLINE FILE HAS A PICTURE OF THE COLORS WHICH IS VERY HELPFUL. I WILL USE BOTH FILES. THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO DYE REED. I USE A BIG POT ON MY KITCHEN STOVE. ALL UTENSILS FOR DYEING NEED TO BE USED JUST FOR DYEING. ABOUT A CUP OF SALT IS ADDED TO THE DYE POT WITH THE DYE. THE WATER NEEDS TO BE HOT BUT NOT BOILING. THEN WHEN I RINSE, I USE WHITE VINEGAR. RECENTLY I HAVE STARTED USING RETAYNE TO SET THE DYE. RETAYNE IS A COMMERCIAL FABRIC COLOR FIXATIVE PRODUCT. IT IS A LITTLE EXPENSIVE BUT ONLY TAKES A VERY SMALL AMOUNT. IT IS GOOD TO PUT IN YOUR WATER TUB WHEN WEAVING. IT WILL SET THE DYE IN REED YOU HAVE BOUGHT AND DON'T KNOW THE COLORING PROCESS USED.

BWGOK CALENDAR

DECEMBER BASKET

The Christmas party was a success with everyone enjoying treats, games and weaving! This basket was selected from a wonderful basket maker, Billie Ruth Sudduth who has passed on too soon. It was to honor one of our members, Nancy Rimassa who passed this last year.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please check the calendar for events, special dates and any changes in the guild meetings for this year. Since we use the museum for our meetings, sometimes we come up with conflicts and have to change a date so be sure to check the calendar.

GUILD MEETINGS 2025

**FEBRUARY
15TH**

**APRIL
19TH**

**JUNE
14TH**

**AUGUST
16TH**

**OCTOBER
11TH**

**DECEMBER
20TH**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR!

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**Classes coming up!
or VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

We will post any
upcoming special
events on this page
with dates and times.

Watch for future
announcements!

***DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE
ATTACHED FILES
FOR AN ARTICLE ON GOURDS, RIT DYE CHARTS
AND GOOD INFORMATION.***