



# OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

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## Letter from our President

Dear Members:

Here's some of the latest news in the basket weaving world! Fiberworks opened in Oklahoma City. One of my coiled gourd pieces was selected and is on display. There are four coiled gourds included in the show. There were only two baskets entered, both by me. Neither was chosen to be included in the show.

All of us who attended the Branson event had a great time weaving and socializing with our weaving friends. We all came home ready to try our newly learned techniques on our next pieces.

And now for the really big news!! I have been looking for a museum that would be interested in having a "Baskets of Oklahoma" exhibit like the one we had at the Pioneer Woman's Museum in Ponca City two years ago. And I have found one - The Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton would like to have such an exhibit in late 2009 or early 2010!! All Oklahoma basketweavers including beginners, intermediates, and experienced, can put their baskets in the exhibit.

We had a great exhibit in Ponca City, and I'm sure we will have one just as nice in Lawton. Be thinking about what you would like to include from your collection.

In July, we will be making the Positive Tomorrows baskets at the meeting. Then we will take them home to fill, and return them ready to be donated, to the meeting in September. These baskets have been very well appreciated by the recipients over the years. We made 40 baskets for the Jr. League project. Let's see if we can make as many for Positive Tomorrows.

Here's a challenge: There will be more members from the rest of the state than there are from Tulsa at the next meeting! Tulsans were at the last meeting in greater numbers than all of the rest of the state put together. Each one, recruit one, and we'll double our participation.

Here's hoping to see you at the July 12th meeting!  
Mary

## MEMBER NEWS

Karen Scott is a featured artist with the Heartland Guild. To read the article in its entirety, go to [http://www.geocities.com/heartland\\_guild/default.htm](http://www.geocities.com/heartland_guild/default.htm)

### "HOW THIS ALL GOT STARTED"

*"I was hooked before I ever wove a stitch!*

I saw a basket weaver demonstrating at a local craft show. I stood there and watched until I felt silly, and then walked around the show for awhile. It wasn't long until I found myself back in front of the same weaver feeling twice as silly as I stood there watching...again!

Soon after that craft show, a pattern arrived in the mail, and I found some rattan for thrice the price in Lawton OK. (It was official; I was a weaver.) At the next craft show I attended, a kind lady gave me a supplies catalog and I was really on my way!"

Included in the article, is a picture of Karen's Double Disk Purse.

### Officers

*President: Mary Sorrells*

*Vice President: Jo Ann Miller*

*Secretary: Pat Horsey*

*Treasurer: Linda Tickle*

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## Happy Birthday!!

### June

Nancy Hilsgen

Kathryn Kelley

Janell Hopkins

Nancy Trait-Lira

Judy Appleton

Fran Cates

Marilyn Pauling

David Weeks

Judy Mahle

### July

Linda Gordon

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### Minutes of BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma meeting of May 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Mary Sorrells. 12 members present. The minutes of the March 8 meeting was corrected to state "A motion was made and second to reserve the camp on July 1, 2008 for October 2009." Minutes were approved as appeared in the newsletter.

Date	Name	Income	Expense	Balance
3/12/08	Deposit	\$651.20		\$3461.24
5/3/08	Deposit	\$492.44		\$3953.68
Check #				
1005	Canyon Camp		\$700.00	3253.68
1006	J Newman: toner & paper		33.84	3219.84
1007	M. Balleweg: Newsletter		70.58	3149.26
1008	P. Horsey: Beginners Class		8.16	3081.10
1009	J. Newman: Postage		18.40	3064.70
1010	Ok. Basket Supply		51.70	3013.00
1011	Postage		15.09	2997.91

Linda Tickle states that TAG had dissolved and refunded \$342.44 to the guild.

#### Committee Reports:

Janet Newman submitted the following report in her absence. She needs for all who can to give an item for the silent auction or the raffle. She stated that the guild needs to make as much money as it can on the silent auction and raffle. There will be 40 classes offered by 16 instructors. The brochure will be 4 pages larger than in past years. Since it is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our guild, there will cake, and all of the following going on at once in the evening on Saturday: Trash to Treasure sale, Silent auction, Raffle, Teacher's Market, and the Scholarship drawing.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

#### Announcements:

Mary Sorrells reminded everyone that May 30, 2008 is Fiberworks

Nancy B was the winner of the basket raffle. She will provide a basket for July meeting. The meeting was adjourned. Mary Sorrells taught the Gretchen Border since Lee Rose was ill. Several members attended the class.

Submitted by Pat Horsey



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Here are Lee Rose's directions for the Gretchen Border. This border will complete the pattern that was printed in the last newsletter.

### **Gretchen Border**

Border

Using the 24 pieces of 66" #2RR, hairpin a piece around a spoke from the outside of the basket to the inside, going under two rows of the triple wale. (See picture). Pull the #2 RR to the inside with the ends even. Now repeat the hairpin step around the each spoke alternating "dyed and natural" until all spokes have been hair-pinned

Complete a locking row. Lay the basket on its side and start anywhere with a spoke and weave behind one spoke and out (toward the top). End in the same pattern and then tighten down this row before going on.

Tighten each row after you finish and before going on to the next row.

Mary Sorrell's, also recommends the Gretchen Border instructions in a book she has called BRAIDED BORDER BASKETS, by Genie Jackson.

### **July 12 Meeting - 10:00 am at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, OKC**

As Mary mentioned in her letter, we will make our Positive Tomorrows baskets at the July meeting. You can bring weaving materials sufficient to make the basket of your choice. Basket size should be somewhere between 8 and 10 inches diameter. Or you can bring some 1/2 inch flat and 1/4 inch flat oval, 1/2 inch flat oval for rim and some seagrass and I'll bring a pattern you can use.

### **Get Ready for the State Fair and the Tulsa Fair**

The dates for the Oklahoma State Fair will be September 11 - 21, 2008. Deadline for registration to enter your baskets or other Creative Arts is August 15, 2008. You can see the Rules and Regulations, make your application online or download an entry application at [http://www.okstatefair.com/creative\\_arts.asp](http://www.okstatefair.com/creative_arts.asp)

The Tulsa State Fair will be held September 25 - October 5, 2008. Look for entry regulations, contest applications and more at <http://www.tulsastatefair.com/fair/creativearts/creativeartsbook.asp>. Deadline for entry application is August 22, 2008.

### **Classes and Events**

Judy K. Wilson is coming to Oklahoma Basket Supply August 16 and 17, 2008. Judy will teach twining with waxed linen projects on Saturday and coiling projects on Sunday. Deposit to hold a place in class is \$60.00. Registration deadline for these classes is July 25. As of this writing, there are only a few places left. Go to Judy's website, <http://www.judykwilson.com/> to see all the wonderful baskets that Judy has to offer. For more information, contact Marcia Balleweg at [info@oklahomabasketsupply.com](mailto:info@oklahomabasketsupply.com) or 405-356-2224.



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## JUNIOR LEAGUE PROJECT

Here are the pictures Tom Galbraith took of the Ladies at the Junior League filling the baskets we made. Tom included a list of items they put in each basket.

- Bottle of Windex and a roll of paper towels
- Toothbrush
- 4pk. Light bulbs
- Bar of soap
- Box of facial tissue
- Shampoo, conditioner, bath/shower gel, sea salt scrub
- Hand cream, foot cream
- Body lotion
- Bath salt
- Pen
- Staple remover
- Antibacterial soap
- Pill box
- Eye drops
- Bottle of Cetaphil
- Throw pillow
- Water bottle
- Box of Kleenex
- Chap stick
- Flashlight
- Free passes to
  - Red Hawks baseball game
  - Oklahoma City National Memorial National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
  - Oklahoma History Center
  - Metro Transit bus pass
  - Various snack food

