

HAPPY SPRING FROM BWGOK



The official newsletter of the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
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NEXT MEETING: April 20th, 10AM, Bring a DISH!
Deadline to sign up for April Cathead Basket is April. 11th, \$15
Notify Mary - see notice below

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Weavers!

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for the month of April!

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SPRING TIME Weavers!

Who doesn't want to get out and enjoy all the beautiful blooms and nature waking up? Gear up for making baskets with all of our upcoming events starting with the next guild meeting on April 20th! See you there!



OFFICERS UPDATE

THE LAST WORD: APRIL UPDATE

Things are going well for the October Weavers Weekend. All "contracts" have been sent to instructors on classes that have been selected. Majority have responded with affirmation. We will have a very nice selection of beginning, intermediate and advanced level baskets to choose from. Details coming soon!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES UPDATE

We have the Chuckwagon Festival coming up and need volunteers!

National Day of the Cowboy - need volunteers!

See info below on a great weaving class coming up with Laura Lee Zanger!

Guild Library

If you are not aware we have a large collection of patterns being updated 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

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handles the collection and would be more than happy to help you. Bear in mind some of the patterns are copyrighted so you must ask permission to teach or sell. Ask Susan for more info.



Hey GUILD MEMBERS, we would like to show off your creative work!

If you have a basket or weaving project you would like to share please submit pictures in PDF and an explanation to be featured in the newsletter to the editor for a future issue. Thank you.

"You can't use up creativity. The more that you use, the more you have." –Maya Angelou "Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something, then you're more willing to take risks."

APRIL GUILD BASKET

CATHEAD BASKET

DEADLINE: April 11th to sign up and pay.

Cost to guild members: \$15.00

Mail checks to Mary Lee, 4106 Stratford Ln. Norman, OK 73072.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Lee.



The Shakers were prolific weavers in early America and designed this basket, known as the “Cat's head” because of the manner in which it is woven creates little “legs”. When flipped upside down it looks like the head of a cat with little ears. The project for our April 20th meeting will be learning to weave a cathead basket using natural and black reed. The technique is a challenge and if it is your first cathead basket you may not be totally happy with the result; but you will learn the technique and with practice you can improve your technique. The rim looks a little like a Wretched Gretchen, but it is not. It is a 3-rod wale that looks like a Gretchen, so it is easy to weave.

If you want to weave this basket, please send a \$15 check to Mary Lee at 4106 Stratford Ln, Norman, OK 73072 by April 11.



MAMMOTH CAVE BASKET from Feb.

Those of you who want to finish your Mammoth Cave Basket (from the Feb. meeting) you should bring the basket and reed to the April meeting.

After you have woven the cat legs on your cathead basket you will know how to finish on your own and can finish at home. Then Mary will show you how to finish the rim on your Mammoth Cave basket.

Please have the sides of your Mammoth Cave basket woven to the rim upon arrival.

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.

Beginners Class for 2024

The class was a success! We had a full house 30+. Thank you to all the experienced weavers who showed up to help out with the class. You are appreciated. We gained some new members from the class and look forward to seeing them at future guild meetings.



WOW!

fun



**nice to
meet you!**



Weaving at OU School of Architecture

In March Marcia, Nancy, and Mary spent 6 afternoons teaching a large group of University of Oklahoma architecture students to weave round and flat reed. The Freshmen students were taken to the National Weather Center in Norman and taught the science of different kinds of storms. The assignment was to then pick a storm, i.e. tornado, hurricane, lightning, etc. and create a physical structure using reed and the weaving skills that they learned to depict the science of the storm. After they learned weaving skills, they had the rest of the semester to create their model. We returned at the summation of the project to help critique their models. *Look at their wonderful creations!*



It was fascinating and as you will see in the photos, the students were creative and resourceful.

Can you tell which ones were the tornados? The hurricanes? The lightning storms? Do you see some that are actually examples of art?

The students were young, energetic, curious, friendly, and SMART; so, they were a pleasure to teach. Maybe some will someday want to weave baskets like we do. The other thing we got out of the experience was --- their generation is going to do great things. It was encouraging!



Thank You Marcia, Mary and Nancy for sharing this wonderful experience with us.

Chuckwagon Festival Update

By Janet Newman

It's time to think about volunteering for the Chuckwagon Festival. It is Memorial Weekend, May 25 & 26, 2024 from 9:30 to 4pm. This fun event is part of our contract fulfillment. Not only is it a time to give to society and children of all ages, you get a lot out of it too. You get free admission to the event. This includes foods of all kinds cooked over open fires. There is some of the best entertainment in Oklahoma.



If you want to work at this event you will need to do a background check. Anyone 18 years and older is required to complete a background check. This is because you will be working with kids. This is a very simple exercise. When I get your name that you want to work, I will send you a link to go to. The form is easy to fill out. You will get instructions on how to do it. We need 4 to 6 people each day. This way people can get a break when needed. More is even better. Even if you can only work a half day it helps. There will be a signup sheet at the guild meeting. If you can't be at the guild meeting and want to work, contact Janet. Janet cannot lead this event this year, so someone needs to step up and lead each day. This just means getting there a little early, setting up and staying to cleanup. Not a big, involved job. ~~If you want to lead this event, please let me know ASAP.~~

The biggest request we have is the need for reed. This can be scrap reed at least 20" long. Mostly we use flat but flat oval reed works too. Any size, any color is needed. This reed can be brought to the guild meeting on April 20th.

Please contact Janet if you have any questions. Contact information: dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net



**Laura Lee Zanger
Classes Coming
Sept. 13, 14, 15**

Deadline: June 10th to register -
see attached form to print,
and fill out your selections.

Laura Lee Zanger Proposals for 2024

In order to reserve a class with Laura Lee, complete the registration form and send with a check for \$35.00 to BWGOK, PO Box 647, Wellston, OK 74881.

Twill Treats (Revised 2012) Beginner Cherokee-style 1-3-5 Twill 12 designs & 4 sizes
All Levels kit \$65.00 (one square basket)

6"Wx6"Lx5"H 3"Wx9"Lx5"H 6"Wx9"Lx5"H 3"Wx6"Lx5"H



Star Cat Kit \$60 - 8" Diameter x 5.5"H



Feline Fun

3 base designs

Kit (for 1 basket) \$60.00

Calico (tan & black), Tom (orange and gold), Tabby (black and gray) 9" Diameter x 5.5"H



Thunder Snow Mat

Kit \$50.00 - 16" x 9.5"



Owl Eyes and Muscadine Rind Mat

Kit \$75 - 12.5" x 15"



Crossing Paths

Kit \$105.00 - 13"L x 13"W x 16"H



Ellie's Wedding Basket

Kit \$105 - 10"W x 14"L x 15.5"H



Cowee Burden Basket

13" Diameter x 12.5"H - Kit \$100



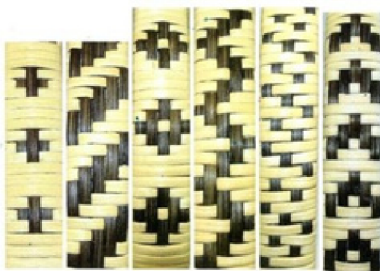
Blue Ridge Burden Basket

15" Diameter x 12.5"H - Kit \$100



Twill Handles

Kit \$30 For 7/8" Wide Handles



Safari Chic

Kit \$90 - 10" Diameter x 10"H



Luna Moth Tray

Kit \$70 - 11" x 12" x 2"H



Weaving Around the Blocks

Kit \$70 - Approx. Size 11' x 12" x 2"H



Snake Tray

Kit \$70 - 10"W x 11"L x 2"H



Spring Tray

Kit \$75 - 11" x 12" x 2"H



Christmas Poinsettias

Kit \$80 - 14" x 14" x 2.5"



Silent Night

Kit \$80 - 14" x 14" x 2.5"





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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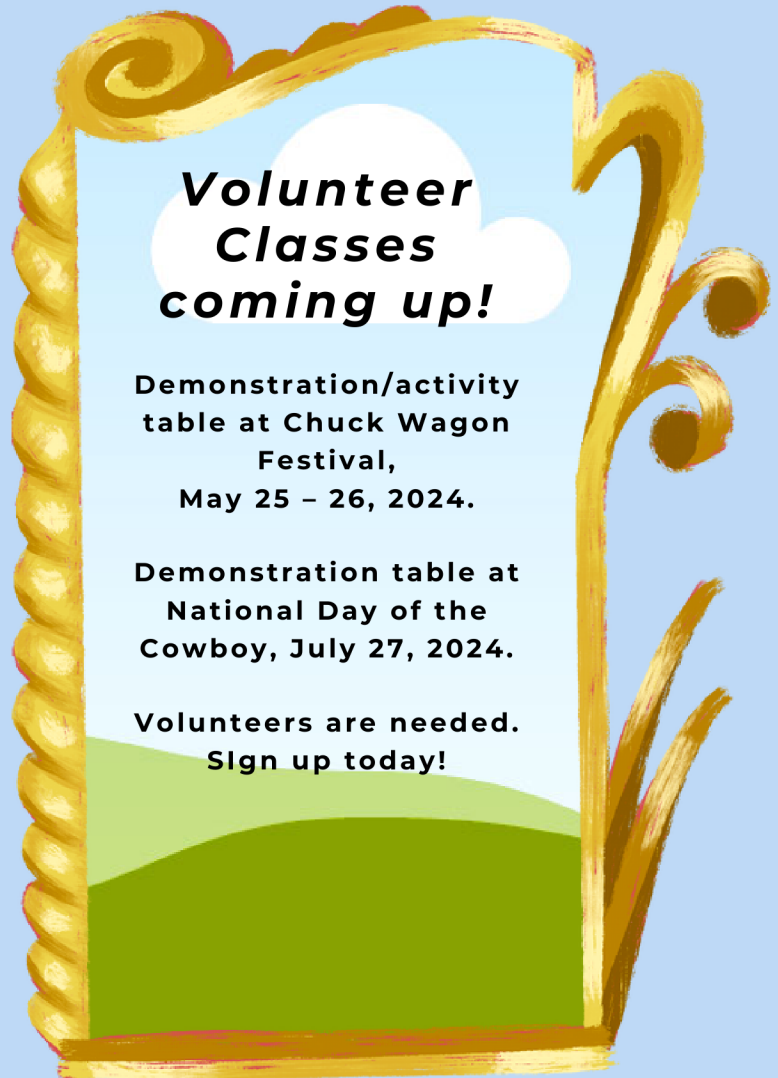
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Volunteer Classes are important!

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.



Basket of the Month

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