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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Summer is over. School will be starting. Actually in my job the month before school starts is very busy getting ready for the new year. This is my last year to get ready for school to start. I retire in 10 months. Speaking of getting ready, have you entered your baskets into the State Fair of Oklahoma. Find information inside about how to do register.

If you gather any wild weaving materials now is the time to start looking for them. I have been watching my willow patch and there are a lot of sticks that are growing straight and long just hollering to be woven into a basket. In the next couple of weeks I will get a shed delivered for my basket shop. Can you imagine the look I got when the guy at the shed company asked what I wanted to use the shed for. I told him basket weaving. The said that was a first. It will have a build-in workbench and a wall ready for hanging reed on. Can't wait.

Be sure to let Marcia or me know if you plan to attend the August 18th guild meeting so we have enough materials. We have a speaker coming to tell us all about Positive Tomorrows and how they use our baskets and what it means to their participants who get them.

It's also time to let Marcia know if you want to be part of the first ever Saturday basket demo at the fair. This is always a fun time and being on Saturday this year we should have a lot of people stopping to ask about weaving so we need a lot of people to help us. You just sit and weave on whatever you want and people watch you and ask questions.

See you soon. Janet

BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. The meeting dates are in transition for the 2017 year and are listed on page 6. Meetings generally start at 10 with weaving a project then the business meeting coincides with lunch at 12 noon. We finish the business meeting with a basket raffle and door prize drawing followed by more weaving time. Everyone brings a covered dish to share at lunch. If you did not order a project kit come anyway and bring whatever you want to weave on. Bring finished projects to show and tell. We are usually done by 2-3.

Guild Project for August 18, 2018

Positive Tomorrow's Basket

Our project for August is a basket that will be filled with kitchen items and given to Positive Tomorrows. We will have a couple of baskets to



choose from to make. You will take your basket home and fill it with kitchen items and bring it to the October 20th guild meeting. We encourage you to take a kit or 2 home to make and fill so we have that many more baskets to give to Positive Tomorrows. If you want to make the basket at the guild meeting and or want kits to take home please contact Marcia Balleweg at mballeweg@yahoo.com or Janet Newman at dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net about the number of kits you want. So we have enough supplies available.

For the first time we will have a representative from Positive Tomorrows to talk to us about how they use the baskets we give them each year. Please make it a point to be apart of this meeting.

BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Vickie Gildon

Secretary: Fran Cates

Treasurer: Marcia Balleweg

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

Newsletter: Janet Newman

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BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma Minutes, June 16, 2018

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Oklahoma City, OK

The meeting started at 10:00 am with Brenda McKinnon from Texas teaching a Cork basket.

At 12:05 President Janet Newman began the business meeting while members enjoyed their lunch.

The May Newsletter had no minutes to be approved.

BWGOK Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2018

Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$10194.95
Expenses	
Flowers Becky Walker Funeral	\$94.90
Office Depot – ink	\$85.59
Expo Center 2019 deposit	\$302.50
Reimburse M. Balleweg beginners class	\$29.56
Walmart	\$21.83
USPS	\$7.90
SecureCare Self Storage 6 months	\$344.00
GoDaddy email renewal 3 years	\$430.92
Total Expenses	
Deposits	\$196.00
Balance as of May 31, 2018	\$9162.75

Old Business

A. Weaver's Weekend: The catalog is now online.

B. Membership: Janet Newman, 85 paid members

C. Projects: Vickie Gildon

a. August 18: Positive Tomorrows Basket with Speaker from Positive Tomorrows

b. September 8: Volunteers help with Bandana Basket Class for the museum

c. September 15: State Fair Demo, 1-5, volunteers get fair ticket and parking tickets

Minutes continued:

- d. October: 20: Door Hanging Basket
- e. October 26-28: Weavers Weekend, Shawnee, OK
- f. December 15: Christmas Party

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 12:35.

LOOKING FOR PARTNERS

I want to start going to the DFW area Basket Guild meeting which meet the second Saturday of the odd months. They meet at the North Richland Hills Library in North Richland Hills, Texas. I will be leaving from the Oklahoma City area. If anyone would like to meet and go with me please let me know.

Also in October of 2019 I will be traveling to Jill Choate's Western Pleasure Basket Retreat in Sandpoint, Idaho. This retreat features Jill's baskets and the location is at a working horse ranch. Let me know if you would like to attend and travel together.

Along these same lines, if you are going to a retreat outside of Oklahoma or are taking classes somewhere outside of our guild meetings and would like to find a partner to travel with let me know far enough ahead so it can be posted in the newsletter and maybe you can find companions to go to new locations with. I know there are some big retreats around the country that people go to. Let me know about what your are doing even if not looking for someone to go with. Send me information about where you went and what you wove so you can share what you have done. Just send to Janet at dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net.



The catalog is online. Deadline for registration is August 15th. This is not the end of being able to register. It is the deadline that the committee has to make the decision as to what classes will make and which have to be canceled so instructors can start getting ready to teach.

The guild quilt is progressing and will be finished in time for the retreat. It will go as a silent auction but will be done a little differently than other items. More

on that at the retreat. This is a quilt made from t-shirts collected over the years by members. Debbie Shorter and several others are working on the quilt. It will have a center block with the date of this year's retreat.

Remember to make your hotel accommodations. There is information online about hotels and RV parking at the Expo Center.

It is a big help to the membership person when next year's membership dues are paid with your retreat registration. You can also pay dues at the retreat. Just find Janet Newman at the retreat if you wish to pay next years dues and get that out of the way.

Registration Deadline to enter baskets in the Fair is August 15th.

Be sure to go online and get registered to enter your best baskets made this year in the fair. When you go to the fair website go to Creative Arts Contests. Print out the guidelines. Then go and register as an Exhibitor. The Basket entries category number is 3521. Look for that number and you can find Basket Weaving easier. You can enter 2 baskets in Traditional and 2 baskets in Non-Traditional. There are different categories in the two classes.

Remember to let Marcia Balleweg know if you want to be a part of the basket weaving demo at the fair on September 15th from 1 to 5. She will see that you get a ticket to enter the fair free and a pass to park in special exhibitor parking that is a lot closer. You can come when the fair opens to walk and eat all you want, then demo from 1 to 5 and then take in the even events all with the same free ticket. Can't beat that.

The demo is a great time to gather names and addresses of people for our beginner's class. So be sure to let Marcia know you want to be a part of the demo so she can get your tickets to you early.



BasketWeavers Having Birthdays

August, September

*Happy
Birthday
to all of you!!*

Shilling	Cecilia	8/14
McKinnon	Brenda	8/16
Gregg	Charlotte	8/17
Lewis	Rebecca	8/20
Hobbs	Karen	8/22
Loutsch	Maggie	8/23
Walker	Becky	8/31
Marichal	Karen	9/5
Worman	Cindy	9/8
Horsey	Pat	9/8
Tibbetts	Sybil	9/23
Jordan	Denilgn	9/28
Steel	Susan	9/30

Someone Needs Special Weaving

I received an email from someone who wants to commission a person to weave a straw hat. If interested, please contact Janet Newman and I will get you their information.