



OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

Letter from our President, Mary Sorrells

Dear Members:

What a wonderful retreat we had in October at Red Rock Canyon! Special thanks to Janet Newman and her committee for all the work they put into it. I thought it was the best retreat we have ever had! We are now a regional retreat as more and more weavers are coming from out of state. This year, we had weavers from as far away as Texas, Kansas, Arkansas and Ohio. Our instructors came from Arkansas, Texas Georgia, Indiana and Oklahoma.

Keep in mind this week that we will be electing a couple of officers for the next two years. The newly elected Vice-president will need to conduct the next two meetings.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas is not far away. Thanksgiving will find us in Corpus Christi followed by one day at home and then on to Branson for four days. We will be leaving for the Rio Grande Valley on December 23, and will return to Broken Arrow about April 4, 2009. I will be teaching at the various trailer parks in the Hidalgo County area around McAllen during the winter months.

We need to plan the projects for the meetings on Saturday, so that the yearly schedule can be announced in the January newsletter. Be thinking about what you want to learn and bring ideas for projects to the meeting. Some weavers come from far away to attend meetings that have projects that they are interested in.

See you Saturday.

Mary

A Special Thank You for Unicef

Every year, at our retreat, you will find Karen Scott trick or treating for Unicef. Karen had her Unicef box at this year's retreat, too.

She wants to thank all her generous weaving buddies for contributing a total of \$47.75 this year. "Considering that to save the eyesight of a child, it takes 3 cents for a dose of Vitamin A, we, as a group have done outstanding. Thanks to you all!"

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Officers

President: Mary Sorrells

Vice President: Jo Ann Miller

Secretary: Pat Horsey

Treasurer: Linda Tickle

Librarian: Jo Ann Miller

Historian: Kathryn Kelley

Newsletter: Marcia Balenveg

Schedule of Events

November Meeting: Nov. 8, 2008 at 10:00 am
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, OKC
At 1:30 pm, guild members are invited to attend a program at the museum. Details are in the schedule for the Crafts in America exhibit on page 3.

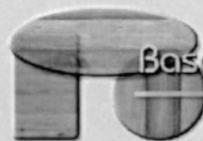
January Meeting: Jan. 10, 2009 at 10:00 am

March Meeting: March 14, 2009 at 10:00 am

Easter, April 12, 2009

May Meeting: May 8, 2009

Silver Dollar City Basketweaving Seminar, May 14, 15 and 16, 2009.



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Minutes for September 13, 2008

Mary Sorrells, President, called the meeting to order. There were four new people present.

The minutes of July meeting were approved with the following correction. The beginning balance on July 1, 2008 should be \$3037.86

Treasurer's Report:

July 10 balance	\$3290.86
Deposits made	\$4168.50
Payments made	
Newsletter & Postage	\$127.79
Canyon Camp Deposit for 2009	\$700.00
Scott's Printing - newsletter	\$133.73
Membership overpayment	\$5.00
Pioneer Equipment - tables	\$525.64
Stamps	\$33.60
Total	\$1525.76
Balance as of 9 Sept 2008	\$5933.60

Committee Reports:

Retreat: Janet Newman reminded everyone to bring bedding, towels and flashlight and not to forget about the Trash to Treasure sale. Must pre-order lunch for Sunday. She stated that class confirmation and kit orders going out. She has 92 individuals signed up for the retreat.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mary Sorrells asked if anyone interested in volunteering to help with weeping willow basket weaving at the Wildlife Conservation event in Guthrie at the Lazy E Arena September 26 - 28. Will be doing demo teaching.

Miscellaneous Business:

Karen Scott spoke about the 29th International Festival, September 26 -28, 2008 at Lawton. She stated that 25,000 people attend.

Marcia Balleweg informed the guild that Jennie Kirby won Best of Show in California. She also stated that there was only one coiled basket entered.

Joan Galbraith said 45 people signed up for beginner class at the September Fest. Mike & Linda Tickle, Tom & Joan Galbraith, Pat Horsey, Janet Newman, and Jewel Cowan demonstrated.

Only one day of basket weaving demonstration at the State Fair on September 16, 2008 from 4 - 8PM.

Retreat Donations: Basket Weave quilt, and other quilts plus an apron with basket material.

Meeting Adjourn

Janet Newman started gourd jewelry project.

Minutes submitted by P. Horsey

CRAFT IN AMERICA Expanding Traditions

“Handcrafted objects have been created by every civilization since the beginning of time. These items are not only essential to daily existence; they are a culture’s tribute to its own character and place in history. Craft serves as a bridge between individuals, communities and the environment. Follow this journey to the origins, artists and techniques of American craft.”

This quote is taken from the brochure describing the Craft in America exhibit on display at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum now through January 18, 2009. The museum will have a number of programs in conjunction with the exhibit. These activities include:

November 7 - 6:30 to 8:00 pm Craft in America Lecture Series
Jo Lauria, Curator of “CRAFT IN America: Expanding Traditions” and co-author of *Craft in America: Celebrating Two Centuries of Artists and Objects*, Los Angeles

November 8 - 1:30 to 3:00 pm GUILD MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THIS EVENT FREE OF CHARGE
Screening of *Northwest Native Basketweavers: Honoring Our Heritage* documentary in the Theater with discussion to follow, with Penny Phillips, independent filmmaker and co-producer of *Northwest Native Basketweavers*.

Penny Phillips is principal in Mimbres Fever Productions, a Los Angeles-based film company that produces documentary films about American Indian art and artists. *Northwest Native Basketweavers* was released in December 2006. It was co-produced by Phillips and Wasco basketmaker and “Craft in America” artist Pat Courtney Gold.

November 9, 23 and 30, 2008 - 1:00 pm
OETA, Oklahoma’s Public Broadcasting Service provider, rebroadcasts the three part “Craft in America” series. Consult programming guide.

December 6, 7 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Jewelry Trunk Show at the Museum Store

January 5, 2009 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm Craft in America Lecture Series
Anne Gochenour, Curator of Contemporary Craft at the Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock

January 10, 2009 - 1:30 to 3:30 pm Craft in America Lecture Series
Jan Yager, Artist and mixed-media jeweler, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Yager is featured in Episode 2: “Landscape,” of the PBS-TV “Craft in America” series.

You can find out more at
www.nationalcowboymuseum.or and
www.craftinamerica.org.

Hope you all get a chance to see this wonderful exhibit.

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2009 WEAVERS WEEKND

Our 9th Annual Weavers Weekend Retreat was a great success! We had our largest gathering ever and a new facility this year.

Canyon Camp in Hinton is in a beautiful location and the folks at the camp were very friendly and very willing to help.

We want to thank everyone who came to the retreat and all who worked hard to make this weekend happen.

There is a long list of people who donated items for our silent auction and raffle that deserve a big round of applause. Through their donations, we were able to raise funds to offset some of the expenses incurred to make this retreat a success.

I know this is not a complete list. If your name did not get on this list, please know that we appreciate everything you did to make our retreat a

great one!

Debbie Hurd
Candace Katz
Marcia Balleweg
Janet Newman
Pat Horsey
Brenda McKinnon
DFW Guild
Tom & Joan Galbraith
Mary Sorrells
Karen Hobs
Shirley Hill
Mickey Sherman
VI Reed & Cane
MS Creations
Karen Scott
Wahleah Walker
Jewel Cowan
National Basketry Organization
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Pat O'Neal
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JoAnn Miller
Royalwood
Laura Lee Zanger
Shirley Hill
Lee Rose
Vickie Gildon
Jackie Thomas
Norene Barker
Julie Gates
Sarah Lewis
Janell Hopkins
Pauline Asbury
Judy Appleton
Suzie Smith
Pat O'Neill
Mickey Sherman
Clara Perkins
Nancy Boevers
Shirley Hill
Karen Hobbs

If you have any pictures of the weekend, please email them as jpeg format to Marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com. We would like to put a retreat album on our website.